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EDITORIAL

Rumania, it seems, is blessed with oil; that's why she may be cursed.

The Finns made up their minds to quit fighting about as quickly as they made up their minds to fight.

The Allies, they tell us, will never yield until they are assured of a permanent and enduring peace. That's all very nice, but it sounds like a cemetery, doesn't it?

Why should this country worry about air raids? With autos killing a hundred citizens a day it's time we took a step forward and figured out another way to get rid of stupid people.

The financial wizards of the country are beginning to be worried about the huge stock of gold that the United States possesses. Some suggestions that a quick return to the gold standard is in order.

A fish in a New York aquarium has been asleep for nine years. Though this may be a special kind of fish, the report may provide a clue as to how a certain big fellow we've been after managed to get through several fishing seasons.

No matter how vehemently Governor James denies that the special session of the legislature will consider an alleged proposal by Senator Owlett to tax all incomes, the fact remains that the proposition had been considered by someone. Where there's smoke there's fire, and even from this distance we can detect the odor of something burning.

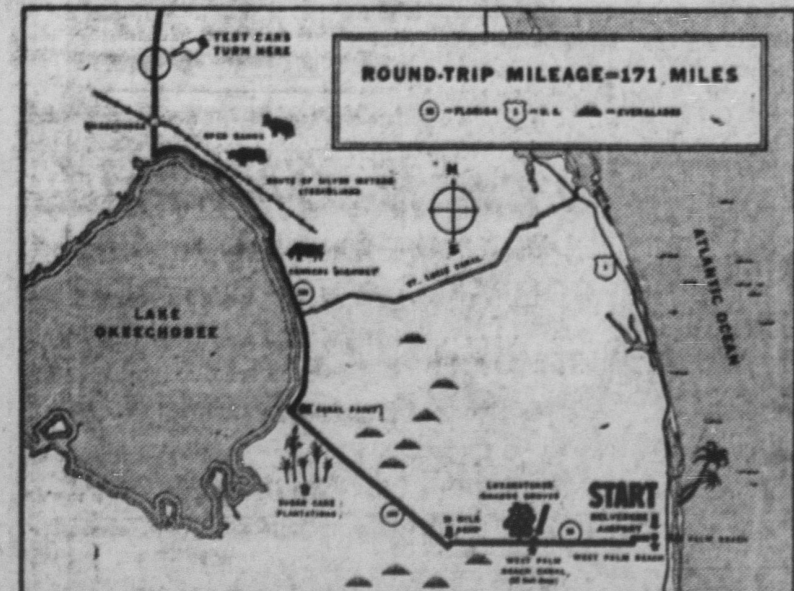
The standing of the various Republican candidates: Dewey, Taft, Vandenberg, etc., remains about the same, without either of the hopefuls being in a commanding position. It is improbable that the choice will not be apparent before the party meets in Philadelphia in June and it is doubtful if there will be an overwhelming demand behind any particular candidate, although this is subject to correction as the primaries reflect the opinion of voters in a number of States.

Early this month, at his home in New York, Edwin Markham died in his 88th year. In 1899 a San Francisco newspaperman published a poem, "The Man With the Hoe," bringing fame to the author and an estimate of \$250,000 in the following thirty-three years. Those who are not familiar with Mr. Markham's famous poem owe it to themselves to become acquainted with what is a telling indictment of the unfortunate victims of the "world's blind greed."

The few partisan objectors to the Federal census who continue in their effort to embarrass the Administration by shouts of "constitutional violation," should note what Republican Gov. Charles A. Sprague, Oregon's chief executive, has to say. Branding the census controversy as "petty politics," Governor Sprague continues: "The project is too important to be crippled by low-and-arrow politics. There ought to be cordial co-operation on the part of all the people in the assembling of this information. I regard the recent agitation as petty and ill-timed."

To allow bingo games to flourish or ban them as illegal gambling seems to be a matter for each county court to decide. Down in Lancaster they take it seriously. For instance a Lancaster county jury has just convicted one of its citizens of gambling with the popular bingo game. It was a test case arranged by various groups which have sponsored the game after the district attorney advised them they would be prosecuted.

Route of Fact-finding Florida Road Test



WEST PALM BEACH, FLA. 85 1/2 miles of asphalt-treated Florida lime rock road—extending west and north of here through Everglades, villages and open range—serve as proving-track in scientific fact-hunt sponsored by The Atlantic Refining Company. Each stock car in the test fleet averages more than 1000 miles daily to uncover important gasoline facts. (Adv.)

It won't be long now before a newspaper man will need all his intelligence to test the stories that the fishermen will tell.

When the war began in Europe, Canadian and American money was on a par for money order purposes, but the postoffice department will now sell a money order worth \$100 in Canada for \$88.

Since the establishment of the American safety zone, the nations in this hemisphere have sent two protests to the British government in regard to belligerent activity in the area delineated. The scuttling of the German steamer Hanover last week will be the third case if investigation shows that the safety zone had been violated. It should be understood that the neutrality zone is without standing in international law, but that it may become established if the American nations can enforce respect for it.

Over the Republican party throughout the campaign is going to hover the disconcerting shadow of Hoover, the Hoover who dragged them down to defeat in 1932 and 1936. Hoover is to typify what the Old Guard wants—and we all know what it wants; a return to the day of special privilege for the privileged few at the expense of poverty and want for the great army of the less fortunate. And the underprivileged citizens are going to know all about it and they are going to vote.

So far as we have been able to distinguish, there are two kinds of taxes—good taxes and bad taxes. Good taxes are those that levy upon other people and bad taxes are those that make us pay. Likewise, there is wise expenditure of public money and foolish expenditure. Wise expenditure promotes our idea of a public necessity (and maybe affords an opportunity for a little profit on the side), and foolish expenditures are those which, so far as we can judge, do not directly put cash, or benefits in our pockets. If you can thoroughly understand the distinction that we make in regards to taxes and expenditures, you will be able to understand a lot of squawking that you hear.

A dispatch from Berlin says that Germany denies any ambition to rule the seas, and Under Secretary of State Sumner Welles is said to have received assurances to this effect. Now, the question arises, assuming the report is correct, just exactly how much credit can any nation put in an assurance from Germany? We do not ask the question flippantly because the basic cause of the present war in Europe is the inability of Great Britain and France, through their officials, to put any faith whatever in the pledged word of the Hitler government. There will be no real peace until the governments of Europe can trust the promises of other governments. In short, as Secretary of State Cordell Hull insists, there must be faith in the pledged word and that faith must be based upon assurances that nations will live up to their agreements.

TAXES COME TO STAY

(From Williamsport Sun)

The public knows from sad experience that it is a lot easier to levy a tax than to dispense with it. Once a tax is applied, it is fairly safe to assume that it has "come to stay."

Two years ago, as they prepared for the campaign in which they succeeded in unseating the Pennsylvania "Little New Deal," the Republicans charged that the taxes levied under the Earle administration were ruinous in the effect upon business and industry in Pennsylvania.

When the Republicans took over the government, they discovered that things looked somewhat different from the inside than they had appeared from the outside.

The legislature, under Republican control and with the consent of the administration, re-enacted the "emergency taxes" which had been levied by the Democrats, continuing, in the name of necessity, the same taxes which they had attacked as "ruinous."

A Democratic member of the state senate voiced the effective observation that his party's opponents had made an interesting discovery—that some things done under the Earle administration may have been undesirable, but were none the less necessary.

Now it appears that the much discussed and assailed "emergency taxes" may be made permanent. The possibility of such action is reported by the Associated Press in its account of the meeting of the Joint State Government Commission, a group of state lawmakers, representing both parties, assembled at Hershey to work on plans for a special session of the legislature.

The "emergency taxes," which Pennsylvanians may discover have "come to stay," include the two-cent state tax on cigarettes, one cent on gasoline, 10 per cent liquor tax, eight mills personal property tax, eight mills on bank and trust company shares, and a group of corporation taxes including the 7 per cent, corporate net income, eight-mill emergency utility tax, and the levy on foreign and domestic loans.

PENNSYLVANIA GOES REBEL

(From the Pittsburgh Press)

Governor James, in a surprise announcement, has revealed he plans to proclaim November 28 as Thanksgiving Day in Pennsylvania this year, despite the fact that President Roosevelt already has said he will designate November 21 as the national holiday. Mr. James takes our fair state into the ranks of "rebel" commonwealths which are sticking to the "traditional" last Thursday of November.

Mr. James says he acted in response to "many requests." Mr. Roosevelt, last year, in advancing the observance a week, said he had acted in response to "many requests"—chiefly from retail stores, whose proprietors wanted to prolong the Christmas shopping season.

It all sounds pretty confusing to us. And we predict the Governor's action will create even more confusion, come November, particularly for business houses. Maybe Mr. James is trying to outdo Mr. Hoover—arrange for two turkeys in every oven. Seriously, the earlier Thanksgiving holiday—which traditionally marks the start of the Christmas shopping season—proved to be of great benefit. It extended the Christmas buying season, resulted in less congestion in the stores, relieved the strain upon sales people and otherwise encouraged more orderly and profitable shopping. Now the Governor—who claims to be helping business—upsets this condition for no reason at all. It's all a silly and deplorable decision.

FARMERS WARNED THAT WILD OATS ARE WEED

Wild oats, apparently cleanings from other grain, are being sold in some sections of the state this spring as Canadian black oats, according to County Agent R. C. Blaney.

These oats may be satisfactory for feeding purposes but for safety should be ground.

Where produced, wild oats are regarded as a very serious weed. For that reason, agronomists warn against sowing them under any condition.

Advertisement for Cole's Cold-Breakers, featuring a product that relieves colds and coughs.

Advertisement for The Office Cat, featuring a cat illustration and the text "A Little Nonsense Now and Then, Is Relished by the Wisest Men".

The Doctor Sends His Bill

For a year, you must allow You have shown neglectomy. And it's time you settled now For the tonsillectomy I performed on John in May. And that appendectomy On your wife on Labor Day. Kindly send a checktomy.

What's Wrong With America?

January 4—Bought an automobile today. Very easy terms. Swell car, with heater and everything. Must finish payments in eighteen months. February 4—Paid installment due on car. Bought a radio set on easy terms. Fine set, and payments will be small and monthly.

March 7—A little late with payment on car this month and will have to let the radio payment go over until April, as I bought a set of books and paid \$11 down. Very fine books.

April 15—Borrowed \$50 from the boss to meet car payment. The radio man came in to take away the set, but we put out the lights and weren't home. The chump hung around all evening and I couldn't see to read the books I bought.

June 1—Borrowed \$100 from Uncle George to pay the \$50 I borrowed from the boss, and also to meet the payment on the car. Got behind a little on the book payments, because I bought a piece of land on which I may put up a bungalow some day.

August 15—Somehow, I don't miss the radio set much. And you can get plenty of books at the public library. The thing that hurts is that Uncle George should be so mean. I told him I'd pay back the \$100 on August 1st, but you can't do the impossible, can you? I'm trying to arrange a character loan from the bank. If I can borrow \$250 I can get square again.

September 16—The bank says I have no character. What a bunch of crooks. September 30—The garage man is holding the car for that labor bill. What right have they to hold the car? It doesn't belong to me.

October 1—It wasn't any use. I had to let the car go. Anyway, I'd rather have that piece of land. They've given me a month's grace on that. Real estate people have more heart, after all.

November 15—Well, they can have their old land. Good riddance. Costs too much to build anyway. If I knew where to get \$30 to meet the payment on the piano, I'd be O. K. Bought a new car today on the "pay out of the income" basis.

December 2—No job available (can't understand). Everyone without work has money to go to the movies and beer parlors.

December 20—Furniture company backed up van and removed all my furniture. I paid every week on the furniture, for more than two years, and owe less than half of the cost. One rent for four months. Landlord was easy and the furniture company got there first. My wife and I moved with her parents. What a world.

December 25—Spent Christmas with wife's folks. Family consultation. Wife will stay with folks until I get a job. Folks are over-crowded and I am to room until I get work.

December 31—Living in a small room, \$3 a week, waiting for work. What is wrong with the United States, anyway? I am willing to work; no one wants to hire me. Shoes and clothes getting shabby. Thinking of enlisting in the Army or Navy, but worried about wife. What a year.

Life As It Is In Texas

Some boys in Kansas City were showing a Texas rancher the city. "What do you think of our stock yards?" they asked him. "Oh, they're all right, but we have branding corrals in Texas that are bigger," he said.

That night they put some snapping turtles in his bed. When he turned back the cover he asked what they were. "Missouri bed bugs," they replied. He peered at them a moment. "So they are," he decided. "Young uns, aren't they?"

One and a Half

One rainy day a Bellefonte woman allowed her young son to play with a few silver coins. He had one silver dollar and one half dollar which he persisted in calling two dollars. Finally she convinced him he had one dollar and a half. Later in the day a large dog trotted by with a small dog at its side. Sonny looking out of the door looked questioningly at his mother and said: "Dog and a half."

An Extravagant Start

The Nurse—"It's twins, sir." Young Husband—"Good heavens. And I told my wife we must begin in a small way."

Saturday Night Accolade

Teacher—"What is the Order of the Bath?" No answer. Teacher—"Come, some of you must know what the Order of the Bath is." Johnny—"Well, at our house it's Pop first, then Mom, then us kids and then the hired girl."

Not So Bad, After All

A man was smashed up in a railroad accident. The family received a wire saying: "Mr. Hess in a railroad wreck. Both legs, back and neck broken, and skull fractured." A few hours later a second dispatch arrived: "Not so bad as at first reported. One arm not broken."

No Close-up Feat

First Neighbor—"Did they take an x-ray photo of your wife's jaw at the hospital?" Second Neighbor—"They tried to, but they got a moving picture."

Good Way To Tell

Drunken Driver—"We're coming into a larger city." Drunk—"How do you know?" Driver—"We're hitting more people."

That's all, folks. Lady Godiva was some gambler—she put everything she had on a horse.

RELIEVES PAINS AND ACHEs

It doesn't matter in what part of the body your pain is—or what causes it—whether it be the most nerve-racking, head-splitting headache, neuralgia of face, head, neck, back or body, or the agony of neuritis. Loebert's Ka-No-Mor Capsules will quickly and effectively give instant relief. Nothing can equal Ka-No-Mor in pain caused by dizziness or slurred speech. They will check rheumatic pains or also a cold that is just starting. They quiet the nerves and bring rest to the pain-racked body.

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LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa:—

When my husband and I were married he said that everything we made would be divided on a fifty-fifty basis. At first he made a small salary and after the household bills were paid we divided what was left. I saved a good part of mine. But then the children were born and all of it disappeared and the fifty-fifty business was forgotten.

My husband is now making a good salary but he treats me as if I was one of the children. He has long since forgotten that "with all my worldly good" remark and never fails to let the family know who holds the purse strings. He doesn't limit his expenditures at all—says he makes the money and has a right to spend it as he chooses. Don't you think he has the wrong attitude about the matter.

ELSA B. Kansas.

ANSWER:

If your husband had made a contract with another man to run a business as equally sharing partners, he would consider himself dishonorable if he broke that contract. It would not matter that they did different kinds of work—some might do field work, the other office work, one might do the manual labor and the other furnish the brain power, but if they had agreed to share and share alike that is how it would be.

As I understand it, you and your husband made a marriage contract to share good fortune or bad fortune, as it came. Your part of the work consisted in making a home and bearing the babies, while his part was to provide the money to make a good home and healthy family possible. You have done your part and he has done his, so before God, to whom you spoke your vows, you are still partners and should share and share alike. That is how I see it.

Now, this does not mean that if your husband makes \$200 a month you are entitled to \$100 of it. You must remember that he has the responsibility of providing for his family, not only this year, but many years to come. Therefore, you will have to trust his judgment as to what part of that money shall be invested for the future. But you have a right to know what he spends on himself, just as he has a right to know how much you require. You should get your allowance and he should get his and both of you should be allowed to spend it as you see fit with no questions asked.

If you are a good manager, you should have the household money to manage and he should have the rest, after personal allowances are deducted to invest. But if you are real partners, as happy married people should be, there should be no bookkeeping over money matters. There should be no question over mine and thine but you should consider that what belongs to one is also the other's.

Unfortunately, there are some people who never enter matrimony with the idea of sharing anything. Cold men marry women who have property and they never realize that they have all of it in their own names. When a man shows that he and the wife will do well to keep her hands on what she has.

There are, also, women who are so extravagant that as long as they know there is an extra dollar in the bank they are dissatisfied until it is spent. They lose the grocery money in a bridge game and keep their husbands sweating over charge accounts. These women should be made to live within a reasonable allowance.

Such men and women as the above can never be real partners so they are not the people we have in mind when we say that the ideal married couple should be partners in every sense of the word. On such a basis the husband should realize that his wife has earned half his income just as surely as if she had worked in his office shoulder to shoulder with him.

LOUISA.

Sunday School Lesson

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sitting on it. The angel told them that Jesus, whom they sought, was not there, but had risen, even as he had said. After having seen with their own eyes that what the angel said was true, they were told to go quickly and tell his disciples that Christ had risen from the dead and would meet them in Galilee. Trembling with excitement, hardly able to comprehend what they had been and heard, bursting with joy in the fact that their Lord was not dead, these women ran at once to give the disciples news of what had happened. As they were running out of the garden, Jesus met them, called unto them and quieted them with the simple salutation, "All hail." They fell down at his feet and worshipped him.

The authenticity of the Christian faith stands or falls on the reality of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The written records of the gospels carry conviction, but there are other facts even more conducive to faith. The fact that the early followers of Jesus changed from the traditional day of worship to the first day of the week in recognition of some great occasion to be commemorated is noteworthy. The transformation

Query and Answer Column

PROBLEM—In an American war what famous and most decisive battle was fought nearly two weeks after the enemy had surrendered and peace had been signed? (Answer elsewhere in this department.)

R. L.—Why does food continue to cook after being placed in a fireless cooker?

Ans.—Food keeps on cooking as long as it is hot. Therefore, any way of keeping the food hot will keep it cooking. The fireless cooker merely keeps it hot by preventing the loss of heat from the kettle of food into the air.

W. S.—Is it true that we have an eye inside our brain?

Ans.—Yes. It is called the pineal gland. It has somewhat the same nerve connections and structure as an eye, and it corresponds to an organ found in many fossil lizards, and which may have been an actual eye on top of the head. But what the pineal gland actually is and just how it originated is still one of the mysteries of science.

J. F.—What was "Stonewall" Jackson's given name or names? And was he ever an officer in the United States army?

Ans.—"Stonewall" Jackson's full name was Thomas Jonathan Jackson.

F. Y.—Can you tell me who the Levites were?

Ans.—The Levites were the descendants of Levi and were selected as the guardians of the sanctuary of Israel and ministers of worship. This tribe included Moses and Aaron.

M. V.—Why is a certain kind of light called "limelight"?

Ans.—Lime light is a certain kind of artificial light produced by directing an oxyhydrogen flame against pure quicklime by means of a blowpipe. The light produced in this way is very intense.

P. D.—Is it true that "John Paul Jones" was an assumed name by this great naval commander of Revolutionary days?

Ans.—In a sense, yes. "John Paul" was his real name, by which he was known in Scotland, where he was born. After he came to and settled in America he added "Jones" to his name, and thereafter was known as "John Paul Jones."

H. B.—Was Victor Hugo an American, or was he an Italian?

Ans.—Neither one. Victor Hugo, the noted poet, was a Frenchman, born Feb. 26, 1802, and died in Paris, May 22, 1885.

E. P.—Where is the deepest part of the Atlantic Ocean?

Ans.—The greatest depth in the Atlantic Ocean is north of Puerto Rico, 30,096 feet (5.7 miles).

M. H. P.—What President left the largest estate?

Ans.—George Washington was the wealthiest President, leaving an estate valued at \$5,390,000.

G. A. K.—Who was the famous doctor who came to the United States many years ago to operate on the Armchair child?

Ans.—The Viennese bloodless surgeon, Dr. Adolf Lorenz, came to America to operate on Lillita Armour in 1902.

S. R.—What are cloves made of?

Ans.—Cloves are dried, unopened flower buds of an evergreen tree which is a native of the Molucca or Spice Islands. It is now cultivated in Sumatra, Jamaica, the West Indies, and Brazil. The buds are gathered by hand and dried, during which process they turn dark brown.

P. L. S.—What was the name of the ship that was burned while en route to New York with paintings for the World's Fair?

Ans.—On April 18, 1939, the French Line steamship Paris, which was ready to leave Havre with paintings and statuary for the World's Fair, was ruined by fire. Apparently the fire started in the bakery, where two ovens had been left going.

L. C.—What fish walks on its tail?

Ans.—The wahoo, a tropical game fish, when hooked walks on its tail along the surface of the water. It has an unusual backbone consisting of a latticework of bones which brace the spine in such a way that the fish cannot bend its body up or down.

T. S.—What amount did Japan pay the United States for sinking the Panay?

Ans.—The Japanese Government paid indemnity of \$2,214,007.36 for death, personal injury, and property losses sustained as a result of the attack on the U. S. S. Panay and American Merchant vessels on December 12, 1937.

M. B.—When and by whom was the popular song "O Johnny" written?

Ans.—The song was first published in 1917. The words are by Ed Rose and the music by A. Olman.

H. C.—When did Calvin Coolidge say "There is no right to strike against the public safety"?

Ans.—In a telegram to Samuel Gompers on the occasion of the Boston police strike, September 24, 1919. Mr. Coolidge said: "There is no right to strike against the public safety by anybody, anywhere, any time."

J. C.—What were the campaign songs in the last political convention?

Ans.—In the 1936 campaign the Republican songs were "Oh Susanna" and "Happy Landin' With Landon." The Democratic songs were "Happy Days" and "Anchors Aweigh."

Answer to problem—The battle of New Orleans on Jan. 8, 1815, under Gen. Andrew Jackson. He did not get the report that a treaty of peace had been signed until two weeks later.

then brought about in the conduct of his disciples testified eloquently to some new and dynamic source of faith and confidence. Peter, who denied his Lord three times in terror, after the resurrection faced the opposition and ridicule of the scribes and Pharisees and courageously preached the pentecostal sermon, winning thousands to a belief in and acceptance of Jesus Christ. So, also Paul, after his vision of the resur-

rection Christ, changed from a persecutor to an expounder of the new faith.

Discomfited Theologians After working hard for a long time with a sledge hammer, theologians broke open the safe in the Dayton, Iowa school. Their faces ought to have been red for two reasons: There was only \$2 in the safe and it was not even locked.

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