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EDITORIAL

Vote the straight Democratic ticket and keep the country safe.

If Col. Lindbergh isn't careful, he will win another German decoration.

Forty million Frenchmen may not be strong, but they can be misled.

A vote for Roosevelt is a vote for the continuance of those policies which heretofore have preserved us from involvement in the world's wars and which promise us adequate defense as rapidly as is humanly possible.

No American can approve the egg-throwing episodes that involve Wendell Willkie, the Republican candidate for the President. Neither can any loyal American approve the boozing of the President, reported in various theatres and gatherings during the political campaign.

More than 12,000,000 employees in this country are covered by the Wage and Hours Act and 2,658,400 working extra time, were affected by the regulations that went into effect last week providing for overtime in excess of forty hours' work.

Now that the hunting season is about to get under way throughout the county it might be well to remind readers of the Centre Democrat of the dangers attending the hunting season.

The freedom of the press comes high. Witness the effort of eight men citizens to establish PM, a new daily newspaper in New York, upon which they spent \$1,500,000 before its first issue.

Two years ago the voters of Centre county were swept off their feet by the bally-hoo campaign of Arthur H. James who probably many times since has chuckled to himself at the thought of how easy the people are.

The future security of the United States depends upon our Navy. President Roosevelt has built up the strongest sea-fighting force we have ever had. Should we not continue him in office to finish the defense program?

The main trouble with Hitler's war plans is that the British refuse to accept them.

The Balkans seem to be next in line for Hitler's culture. About all these little nations will have left, after all is over, is their memories.

This nation has the power to lead the world to new heights of civilization, provided it has the right leadership. Any tampering now with the presidency may result in serious harm.

Motorists of Centre county, remember this: The money you spent for auto and truck licenses was used by the present Republican legislature for covering up broken promises to balance the State budget.

Not all Republican newspapers are following a blind partisan policy. Listen to this from the influential Springfield, Mass., Republican.

REDUCING TAXES UPWARD
The many disappointed voters of Pennsylvania who were fooled into supporting Arthur H. James for Governor by his promise of lower taxation, will not feel any better by the recent announcement that a 25 per cent increase in State taxes faces every citizen by the end of the biennium.

AS ONE DOCTOR TO ANOTHER
A recent communication in the Williamsport Sun by Dr. P. H. Decker, on the illness of Uncle Sam, described as a doctor would diagnose the case of his patient, drew a reply from another member of the medical fraternity, Dr. T. K. Wood, of Muncy, who answers Dr. Decker in the latter's own style.

It is my feeling that the doctor talks too little of the primary disease which laid "our patient" (Uncle Sam) low, and altogether too much about a change of doctors when the patient is convalescing so nicely.

One is apt to remember, if his mind is not fogged by party prejudice, that Dr. Roosevelt received the case at a time when it was in rather a bad way.

The disease had its origin while Uncle Sam was under the supervision of Dr. Harding and apparently Dr. Coolidge did not recognize any abnormal symptoms (or disregarded them) throughout his long intership.

Finally he did wake up and shifted the blame onto the shoulders of poor Dr. Hoover by his famous "I do not choose to run" statement.

"Then, frankly, the entire population disregarded Dr. Hoover and employed Dr. Roosevelt. And did they like him—for a while.

"Yes, until the patient got a little stronger and the danger of collapse (call it bankruptcy if you wish) was less imminent.

"It is always at this stage that the ungrateful convalescent with the danger safely past, begins kicking about the size of his doctor bill. Dr. Decker will easily recognize that prevalent human frailty, I know.

"Oddly enough, the hardest kicker is more than often the man best able to pay for his recovery. He is also the chap who continually harries his doctor during his convalescence, wanting to take his case into his own hands.

"I wonder who Dr. Decker has in mind as the next physician to be put in charge? Is he ready to revert to the ideas of Drs. Harding, Coolidge and Hoover?

"Could it possibly be Dr. Willkie? As a doctor himself, he should know that no really good doctor is so rash as to promise as much as candidate Willkie."

FOOD TROUBLE AHEAD

The three-power totalitarian alliance will have food trouble this winter, according to the reports of the Department of Agriculture, which points out that the wheat crop in Europe is one-fifth smaller than last year and that Japan has a rice crop only equal to two-thirds of domestic needs.

The populations of subject nations will bear the brunt of the shortage, it seems, because the German military machine will get what it wants. The people of Germany will be taken care of, as far as possible, while the unfortunate inhabitants of surrounding territory will have to do the best they can, under the "new order" of Herr Hitler.

Starving people, including helpless women and children, are not pleasant to contemplate. They suffer through no fault of their own. The disruption of governments that has followed Hitler's invasions, together with the disintegration of normal economies, will likely mean death to innocent civilians.

The demand will arise in the United States that we send food to feed the hungry. It will be reinforced by harrowing stories of suffering, starvation and death. The instinct to aid humanity will stir within us as we contrast our plenty with the want of others.

To send food to the subject peoples will undoubtedly assist Hitler in his scheme to control Europe. It will relieve him of the burden of caring for the people he has made destitute. To this extent, it will aid him to conquer those who resist his attacks. It will help to prevent uprisings among the conquered inhabitants of subject nations, thus removing one of the most serious dangers to the German machine.

The fight for democracy cannot be weakened by false ideas about suffering humanity. The populations of subject nations must bear some of the burden of the war for the liberty of all. Unfortunately as is their plight it will not improve much unless Hitler is defeated and their national rights restored.

We have great sympathy for the people of conquered lands. They face heavy going. We also have great sympathy for the people of Great Britain, who face heavier going. We must do nothing to weaken British defenses or to make possible a longer, or stronger, attack upon the British people. They, at least, deserve as much consideration as the people of conquered nations.

Brotherhood Of Trainmen Endorse John W. Decker

The extent to which John W. Decker stands in the estimation of organized labor is shown by the following statement issued by the State Legislative Board of Pennsylvania of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, setting forth the Legislative record of John W. Decker in comparison with that of Kenneth G. Haines, James A. Fox, chairman of the Brotherhood, asks that every railroad worker compare these records and use their good wisdom when voting:

HOUSE RECORD OF JOHN W. DECKER (Dem.)—CENTRE COUNTY 1937 SESSION

Table with columns: No. of Bill, Title, Vote. Includes bills like H. 75-Train Limit Bill, H. 76-Full Crew Bill, H. 616-Dining Car Law, etc.

HOUSE RECORD OF KENNETH G. HAINES (Rep.)—CENTRE COUNTY 1939 SESSION

Table with columns: No. of Bill, Title, Vote. Includes bills like H. 867-Amendment to Public Assistance Law, H. 1099-Relief Measure, H. 469-Amendment to Female Labor Law, etc.

NOTE: "R" means "right" or favorable vote—"W" means "wrong" or unfavorable vote—"NH" means "no help," not voting or absent. Compare these records and use your good wisdom when voting! JAMES A. FOX, Chairman.

Dorothy Thompson Gives 7 Reasons To Re-Elect President Roosevelt

President Roosevelt's defeat would be "the greatest moral and political victory which Germany, Italy and Japan have yet won bloodlessly," Dorothy Thompson, noted columnist of the New York Herald Tribune, said in a letter made public on Monday.

Miss Thompson's statement was made in a letter to Maurice P. Davidson, New York State chairman of the National Committee for Independent Voters for Roosevelt and Wallace. In the letter, she presented a seven-point outline of her position in support of Roosevelt's re-election.

Unwise and Dangerous
"I am going to vote for Roosevelt, first, because even if he had been a mediocre President instead of an exceptional President, I would consider it unwise and dangerous to change the Government at the most critical moment in the history of the democratic world."

"Both George Washington and Alexander Hamilton advised against faction and change in the middle of an international crisis. Roosevelt has been exceedingly right on foreign policy, on the designs of the dictators and on the technique of handling them than any other democratic statesman living."

"Secondly," she said, "I am for Roosevelt because, although I have criticized consistently many things in the New Deal, he knows that you cannot defend democracy unless it is made more real and translated into terms of bread and butter and food and clothing and housing and security for the average man. The President has been on the side of the future, not the past, and on the side of the common man, not the privileged."

Kept Level of Dignity
"Third: I am for Roosevelt because he has kept this campaign on a level of dignity becoming to the real spirit of America. He has not indulged in hate and name-calling, but has appealed consistently to the highest and noblest instinct of the American people."

"Fourth: I am for Roosevelt because, although no human being is perfect and all men capable of error, I am certain beyond the shadow of a doubt that Franklin Delano Roosevelt will never wittingly or unwittingly sell democracy down the river either to dictators abroad or to subversive elements at home."

"Fifth: I am for Roosevelt because every pro-Nazi group in the United States, aided and abetted and conjoined in conspiracy with the Governments of the Axis Powers, subsidized by Axis money, working underground and above ground, whether they be in high positions among industrialists and bankers and belong to the same type of men who sold out France and would have sold out England, or whether they are the rabble-rousing, Jew-baiting, hate-mongering, lunatic fringe of home-grown domestic Nazi are all working night and day to defeat him, a fact which is absolutely provable and which I am prepared to demonstrate to back up these words."

Defeat Would Aid Axis
"Sixth: I am for Roosevelt because his defeat would be the greatest moral and political victory which Germany, Italy and Japan have yet won bloodlessly and would immensely strengthen the morale in Germany, and depress it in Britain, where democracy is taking its last stand in Europe."

"Seventh: I am for Roosevelt because if he is defeated the Axis Powers will feel such contempt for the United States, which they have managed to confuse and undermine, that their audacity will know no bounds and we shall be brought immediately closer to war, in a time when we are without a Government, for it will take at least six months to reorganize a new one."

MASQUERADE PARTY HELD AT PLEASANT GAP HOME
Mrs. Fred Lutz of Pleasant Gap, was hostess to a masquerade party, Wednesday evening, Oct. 16, at her home. The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Clem Dale, Mrs. Arthur May and daughters, Mary and June of Pleasant Gap; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mark, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Mark, Mr. and Mrs. John Rudy, Mrs. Mary Stahl, Mrs. George Heckman and son George Jr., Mrs. Harry McClenahan, Mrs. Jack McClenahan, Mrs. William McClenahan, Mrs. Clyde Detrow, Mrs. Irene Emelzer, Bertha Sharer, Mrs. Morris Burkholder, Mrs. Oliver Strunk, Mrs. Bussell Laird and daughters Miriam and Jennie, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lutz and son Warren, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Alexander, Mrs. John Durst, Mrs. Bruce Runkle, Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Otto, all of Centre Hall; Mr. and Mrs. John Hess and son Jack, Mr. Clyde Crad-

or of State College. The home was decorated for the occasion. Refreshments were served.

HUNTERS LOSE LARGE NUMBER OF BIRDS SHOT
"From one-third to one-half of the game birds shot by hunters each year are not bagged but escape in a crippled condition to become victims of vermin or to die of wounds," Logan J. Bennett, leader of the wildlife research unit at the Pennsylvania State College, makes this statement, based on investigations on ducks, pheasants, and quail in Iowa and Pennsylvania.

Veteran hunters lose less than half as much game as the average hunter, and novices lose most of all. Experienced hunters usually refrain from chance shots, and try to kill cleanly when they shoot.

Everybody reads the Classifieds.

LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa:

I love to read your letters and I pray that you can help me. I am a girl nineteen years old. I was very much in love with a boy twenty-one when I was working away from home. After I quit work and came home we wrote to each other a while. I still love him, I heard that he talked about me some, but nothing serious. My parents are against this boy although they have never seen him. They won't allow me to invite him to our house won't even let me go anywhere that they think this boy will be. How old does a girl have to be before she can go out without her parents' permission? My parents don't even like for me to go with other boys. If they come to see me it makes father mad. He doesn't even want me to go to church on Sunday nights if any boys are there and even if not, sister goes too.

I hope you can tell me what to do. Must I slip off and get married? BROWN EYES—Vir.

ANSWERS
No, whatever you do, don't slip off and get married, for in the state of mind you're in you would probably marry someone you know very little about and would probably be jumping from the frying pan into the fire.

Of course, you are old enough to go with boys and your parents are doing a very foolish thing to try and keep you from going with them. However, they are probably acting as they do with misguided notion that they are protecting you, whereas such treatment usually has just the opposite effect.

The girl whose parents encourage her to entertain her friends at home and to have friends with boys and girls, gets to know and judge boys for what they are worth, better than the girl who is kept away from them. The latter very often falls for the first one who shows her the slightest bit of attention no matter what kind of a nit-wit he may be.

As to this boy you say you are in love with—it seems strange that you stopped writing to each other if you are so much in love. And I would think a long time about going with anyone who had "talked about" me—he is ever so little. On the other hand, how do you know he said anything about you? Did you get your information from a reliable source?

If your parents will not be reasonable about your having dates, why don't you try to get a job away from home. As long as you are making your own living and behaving yourself, no one has the right to try and make an old maid out of you.

Yours, LOUISA.

Hitler Faces Long War

(Continued from page one)
Force, in all its attacks, has never seen an German soldier in any barges. This does not mean that German plans did not envision an invasion or that the continual bombing of German-held ports did not break up the plan.

In recent weeks the British air attacks upon Germany and German-held places have been intensified and there is every evidence that the British air force, while unable to prevent bombing of London and British areas, are giving the Germans a big dose of the same medicine. In fact, the splendid offensives of the air force have been the outstanding contribution to successful British resistance.

Far East and the Atlantic
The world may well keep an eye on Japanese negotiations with Soviet Russia because if the two nations get together on a program of plunder in the Far East, the event may have widespread repercussions.

Once the reader gets the general idea that both nations are seeking spoils and that neither is interested in principles that relate to the orderly development of civilization, it may be easier to understand the possibilities that exist for temporarily shelving their latent hostility.

Moreover, if the Germans acquire use of French colonial bases, the South Atlantic may become the scene of important developments. Never forget that Hitler is determined, if possible, to reverse the blockade upon England and if he can cut off imports from South America, he will be making an advance to his goal.

Right On The Line
The Thomas Hummel farm, on which was situated the barn admittedly burned in May by the owner's nephew, Charles Hummel, 63, lies half in Union County and half in Snyder County. However, the arson charge, to which Charles pleaded guilty Thursday, was brought before Union County officials at Lewisburg. The confessed arsonist is being held for motion court.

The way to have unity in the United States is for the losers in the national election to practice patriotism.

Many a patriot is giving his time to the nation—at twice what he was making before service began.

As a minor war prophet we have our troubles; the fighters refuse to do as we predict they will do.

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Query and Answer Column

PROBLEM—Which will weigh the most—a fat, Duroc hog of 200 pounds, or a 200-pound lean, razor-back Arkansas hog? (Answer elsewhere in this department.)

T. W.—Is there any change in a copper wire when an electric current is passing through it, or is it just as though it were a plain piece of wire?

Ans.—When an electric current is passing through a copper wire there is always a certain amount of heat produced. However, it will not produce an electrical shock when touched unless direct or indirect contact is made with the earth. Birds can sit on a high tension wire without being shocked—feeling only the warmth of the wire.

F. B.—Will "Friday the 13th" occur again this year, and will it come again in 1941?

Ans.—Friday the 13th will occur once more this year in December. In 1941 it will occur twice—in June and December.

R. S.—Which is the largest fresh-water lake in the world?

Ans.—Lake Superior, with 31,200 square miles. Lake Victoria Nyanza, in Africa, is second with 26,500 square miles.

K. M.—Who were the Spartans, and when did they come into existence?

Ans.—The Spartans were the people of Lacedaemon, or more properly the people of the southern half of Laconia in Greece. Laconia was first to become the dominant nation in that part of Greece. Little or nothing is known of the origin of the Spartans until about 850 B. C., when the great legislator Lycurgus organized the famous Spartan constitution.

F. N.—What is "Paradise Lost"?

Ans.—This is a mythical epic poem by Milton, in which he describes the rebel angels in hell after their fall from heaven, and how best to carry on their war against God, and the resolve of Satan to go forth and tempt newly created man to fall, of how Satan reaches Eden and finds Adam and Eve in their innocence, and the final expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise. Thus Paradise Lost.

S. L.—On what day of the week was the Battle of Gettysburg fought?

Ans.—The Battle of Gettysburg was fought on three successive days—Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, July 1, 2 and 3, 1863.

N. R.—Can you tell me who Fatima was?

Ans.—There were two famous characters named Fatima. One was a female worker in the story of "Aladdin" of the "Arabian Nights." The other was the last of the wives of Bluebeard, and the only one who escaped being murdered by him.

R. V.—Will carbon melt?

Ans.—Yes. Carbon melts at 4,400 degrees Fahrenheit.

J. S.—What does G. O. P. mean as applied to the Republican party?

Ans.—G. O. P. affectionately means "Grand Old Party," and derivatively it means "Goody Old Party."

M. F.—What is meant by "hinterland"?

Ans.—It means "back territory." The term came into general use at the time of the partition of East Africa between Germany and England in 1890. The doctrine of the hinterland is based on the claim of German diplomats that when a power takes possession of a strip of sea coast its rights extend inland indefinitely or until its territory reaches the recognized boundary of some other power.

T. N.—What are the longest verses in the Old and New Testaments?

Ans.—The American Bible Society says that according to their information the longest verse in the Old Testament is Esther 8:9 and in the New Testament, Revelation 20:4.

W. G.—What is the largest bird?

Ans.—The ostrich is the largest of living birds, an adult male standing nearly eight feet high, and weighing about 300 pounds.

M. A. K.—What persons are not allowed to vote in Presidential elections?

Ans.—The privilege of voting can be denied in the various states for any one of fifty or more reasons. The disqualifications are classed for the most part in two categories—one dealing with persons convicted of certain crimes, and the other with insane persons, idiots, incompetents, illiterates, and paupers.

G. G. B.—How did the name teller originate as applied to a bank employee?

Ans.—The verb tell formerly meant to count or reckon, hence a teller is one who counts. Anciently the word was used to refer to one who kept tallies and counted money. It now refers to a bank clerk who receives and pays out money at the counter.

J. M.—In what census year did the Negro race show a decline?

Ans.—In no year since a census was first taken has the Negro population shown a decline.

H. Y.—Please give Walt Whitman's tribute to the Bible.

Ans.—It is as follows: "How many ages and generations have brooded and wept and agonized over this book. What untellable joys and ecstasies, what support to martyrs at the stake from it! To what myriads has it been the shore and rock of safety—the refuge from driving tempest and wreck! Translated in all languages, how it has united this diverse world! Of its thousands there is not a verse, not a word, but is thick-studded with human emotion."

O. R.—Can you tell me the derivation of the word gin as used in cotton gin?

Ans.—The word is said to be a contraction of engine. The cotton gin was first called a cotton engine but the slaves of the South soon contracted this to gin.

R. B.—Do all animals sleep?

Ans.—Professor J. Arthur Thomson has said that many of the higher animals are known to sleep. Horses can sleep standing up and a dog can lie longer without sleep than without food. On the other hand, guinea pigs apparently do not need to sleep at all. It is probable that the less intellectual the animal, the less sleep it needs.

W. E.—Please give me the name of the first woman governor of a state.

Ans.—Nellie Taylor Ross was the first woman in the United States to be governor of any state. She was elected Governor of Wyoming, January 5, 1925, to fill the unexpired term of her husband.

B. G.—Why is the ginkgo tree sometimes called a "living fossil"?

Ans.—It is the sole survivor of a group of plants which have a very long geological history. The ginkgo has been living on the earth for more than two hundred million years.

G. M. U.—Will you give me a list of the agricultural products of Iceland?

Ans.—The principal agricultural products of Iceland are hay, which is the chief crop, potatoes, and turnips. Berries are the only native fruits.

S. H.—How many Indians are there in the United States?

Ans.—The Indian population under jurisdiction January 1, 1930, totaled 381,961.

H. F.—What is the world speed record for an airplane?

Ans.—The world speed record for airplanes is held by Fritz Wendel of Germany, who on April 26, 1939, flew a plane over a three-kilometer course at the rate of 489.220 miles per hour.

J. L.—Are there any wild horses left in the United States?

Ans.—The Bureau of Animal Industry says there are very few. Some remains may be found in the northern section of Arizona along the Utah border. The region in which they run is generally harsh, barren and treeless, with a hot climate.

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