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IN ALL FAIRNESS TO MR. LEECH.

The candidacy of Congressman J. Russell Leech for a re-nomination is based on the enviable record he has made, his deep and sincere interest in matters affecting the people of this district and the state.

It is an established fact, proven in numberless instances, that best accomplishments of a member of Congress are attained after he has served one or two terms. With the many changes that are made in Congressional personnel every two years, the member who has been in continuous service obtains the most important committee assignments and chairmanships and is of much greater value and service to his constituents and state. This is being more fully realized and appreciated by the voters of our district, and aside from all considerations, should and doubtless will, bring about the re-nomination and re-election of Congressman Leech with fine majorities.

So far, in Cambria county, the Congressional situation looks well for Mr. Leech's supporters. No very active opposition has as yet developed. For the best interests of all of us, we hope this condition continues. J. Russell Leech should be returned to Congress.

OBSERVATIONS FROM THE SIDELINES.

"The Old Monument Trail," leading down through Cherrytree and thence through via the Lakes to Seas Highway north to the New York State line, is a scenic trip, indeed, but, the State Highway Department, according to our notion, has been lax in the placing of guard rails at points where they are mightily badly needed on a stretch or two below Burnside. This was very vividly brought to our attention on a trip made over the road last Sunday.

With state politics in a sort of three-cornered muddle, its mighty hard to determine just what will happen in the Republican camp at the primaries in May. But above all, we still maintain that Samuel S. Lewis is the logical choice for Governor.

The community, centering about Patton, the entire northern portion of Northern Cambria county, is an important section of the county in many ways. It is rich in farming and mining developments, and it seems to us, has been in the past more or less neglected in recognition. Only by concerted effort from a standpoint of resources and population, properly shown, will we be able to warrant what is justly ours.

Sam Lewis always has been the champion of the people, and still remains as such. Remember that, you Republicans, on primary day.

Russell Leech stands four-square on his record in the two terms he has served in Congress. He comes before the Republican voters on that record for re-nomination—and it is very likely that the Republican voters will do him the justice he deserves.

And, we can't help reminding our readers that the Grand Theatre, is daily offering some of the best sound and talking pictures on the market.

In the death of Former Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh, last week, the state of Pennsylvania has lost one of its leading citizens. Dr. Brumbaugh gained his laurels, not as a politician, but as an educator of more than usual note. His brief diversion from his lifetime vocation of education, to become the governor of the Commonwealth, was but a small factor in his deeds.

The Literary Digest's poll, as the count stands to date, seems to show an inclination on the part of the common people, towards a discontinuance of the thing called Prohibition. At least a greater number of them seem to be in favor of a modification of the amendment, and an equally large majority also want absolute repeal. In fact of the three propositions presented, the enforcement of the measure, is falling last in the race.

Regardless of how much weather we may get in the next few weeks, we certainly have no cause for complaint in the nature of the weather that has been given us all season. Seems to us as though the summers are getting cooler and the winters warmer, as we advance in age. As a small boy we can remember when a sled and a pair of

skates afforded us ample amusement for many months. The average boy of today can't say as much.

THE GRADE CROSSING MENACE.

In spite of the great safety of the railroads, which has been successful in almost every phase of operation, grade crossing accidents continue to increase.

The lines are conducting a constant campaign to educate the public to the dangers of carelessness at grade crossings and to secure cooperation. That motorists have failed to respond is not the fault of the railroads.

A number of court decisions, including the Supreme Court, have held that the burden of responsibility at grade crossings is on the motorist, and not the railway company. Those who fail to take reasonable precautions must take the consequences.

A survey once determined that the average train consumes but seven seconds in passing a given point. Yet thousands of people are killed and injured each year in a vain attempt to "save" this infinitesimal bit of time.

Perhaps the most telling commentary on grade crossing accidents is that a large percentage of them occur when automobiles hit trains, instead of trains hitting automobiles! And the constantly increasing number of deaths from such accidents affords a terrible example of the truth of "Stop, Look and Listen."

ONLY THE DUMB WOULD QUALIFY.

One of the finest things about the development of our industrial and mechanical civilization is the progress made in the safety movement.

Millions of Americans work in factories filled with complicated and potentially dangerous machinery. Yet the death and accident rate is decreasing.

One reason for this is the progress made in the guarding of machinery. But of far greater importance have been the successful efforts of industrial and insurance executives to educate employes in safety principles and ideals.

It is a proven fact that safety is not something to be applied extraneously. It comes from within. It is the result of an educated mental attitude on the part of the worker. We can look forward to a time when industrial accidents will be rare.

In direct contrast to this splendid situation is the automobile accident problem. The death and injury toll from this cause continues to mount. Carelessness and recklessness are almost rules of the road with thousands of Americans.

Automobile accidents will be curbed when motorists follow the example of industrial workers, and heed simple, commonsense principles of safety.

MUSHROOMS AND FIRE.

If a few people become ill or die from eating poisonous mushrooms, public opinion is aroused and manifests itself in demands for mushroom inspection, prohibition or whatnot.

Yet if a hundred people are burned to death in a fire which have been easily preventable, the nation hardly gives it a second thought.

It is a parallel case to the old newspaper dictum: "If a dog bites a man, that's not news; but if a man bites a dog that is news." In the one instance the public is appalled mainly because of the unusualness of the agency of death. We have come to regard fire, to the contrary, as being usual and unavoidable.

This is a tragic situation. Every year thousands of people lose their lives, to say nothing of the hundreds of millions of dollars worth of property destroyed, because of carelessness or ignorance. Fire is a menace to every citizen.

If the death of a person poisoned food causes a nine-days' wonder, the death of thousands every year from fire should create a great public movement to remove the danger.

SCIENTIFIC CRIME.

Modern crime is a scientific proposition, making use of all modern inventions.

Consider how automobiles assist crime. While bewildered victims are getting word of their losses to the police, the fleeing crooks speed over lonely roads many miles away.

The poor old burglars of dark lantern days had their troubles. They must have trembled and often made a hasty exit, when the flickering flame of their feeble lamp was extinguished by a gust of wind. Today, illuminated by the pocket flash, their cat-like tread moves securely about your home.

The master mind organizes a modern robbery as a scientific military commander organizes a movement against enemy trenches. Every man knows his stunt, just as a mechanic knows his part on a construction blueprint.

Scientific crime can be met by sci-

entific detection. But if the equipment given our police and detectives is years behind that possessed by the crooks, we shall not get them very fast. However, the telephone reaches out to them with a long arm, and the radio's instantaneous broadcast beats the swiftest automobile. And we need scientific education also. The young folks must be shown that they ruin their lives when they enter the dirty yellow path.

THE SAFETY MOVEMENT.

"A Congressman from Maine objects to the appearance of 'Idaho potatoes' on the House restaurant menu in red ink. 'Propaganda,' he terms it, jealously guarding the reputation of potatoes raised in his own state. Now what are we going to do about 'Chicken a la Maryland,' 'Virginia ham' and 'Boston beans?'"—Exchange.

Every Congressman, Senator, newspaper or individual who says anything worth listening to is spreading propaganda for or against some person or cause. There would be little speech-making, radio broadcasting, editorial writing or advertising if propaganda were eliminated, for the mouths of champions or opponents of measures, men or products would be closed, else "propaganda" would issue forth.

—WEEKLY HEALTH TALK—

"Compulsion has its limitations. While it has many legitimate uses and is largely responsible for regulating an infinite number of mankind's activities, it is quite helpless in others. And the subject of personal health very definitely belongs to the latter class," said Doctor Theodore B. Appel, Secretary of Health.

"For example, when a man has been convicted of a crime recognized by the Code, he is compelled to go to prison and thus undergo punishment. On the other hand, a person may commit all sorts of crimes upon his body and no one can compel him to desist in his practices or lock him up in a cell because of them.

"And it is exactly this freedom from outside control which results in the attempts made by commercial mixers of individuals to exercise that other lever upon human actions known as suggestion.

"It thus comes to pass that concerns having commodities to sell frequently suggest their use on the health plea, or if they are advertised remedies, frequently urge their purchase on the basis of their amazing curative properties. That the gullibility of thousands of persons concerning statements of this type is beyond measure, there can be no doubt. But that the health of such individuals is improved by following such suggestions is extremely problematical.

"Health, in the last analysis, is an entirely voluntary affair. One chooses to live according to the basic health laws or one does not choose to do so. And all the King's horses and all the King's men are unavailing to make a person do in this respect anything that he does not want to do himself.

"Or to put it another way, one may preach about the advantages of fresh air proper exercise, adequate rest and reasonable dieting until doom's day, and health will not result unless the subject himself of his own volition scrupulously carries out these mandates of nature. By the same token, attempting to force persons into a frightened buying activity on a health basis, while resulting in a vast exchange of currency, leaves health in precisely the place it was before the victim gave way to his mild purchasing hysteria.

"The moral is obvious. A person may be scared into an attempt to purchase health but he can not be compelled to be healthy. After all, the bondage of nature's laws is the only door through which real liberty may be obtained—a liberty that is composed of health, happiness and longevity. Therefore, don't get scared about your health but wisely live each day and thus be so healthy that you will not be susceptible to a health scare."

PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that in pursuance of the Primary Election Laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania the names of all offices for which nominations are to be made and Members of the State Committee who are to be elected in Cambria County, and the names of all other Party offices to be elected at the Spring Primaries to be held on Tuesday, May 20, 1930, are as follows:

FOR THE STATE AT LARGE:
One (1) Person for United States Senator.
One (1) Person for Governor.
One (1) Person for Lieutenant Governor.
One (1) Person for Secretary of Internal Affairs.
One (1) Person for Judge of the Supreme Court.
Two (2) Persons for Judge of the Superior Court.

BY THE ELECTORS OF CAMBRIA COUNTY:
One (1) Person for Representative in Congress (20th District.)
Two (2) Persons for Representatives in the General Assembly (1st District.)
Three (3) Persons for Representatives in the General Assembly (2nd District.)

The Republican Party is entitled to elect Two (2) Members of the Republican State Committee.
The Democratic Party is entitled to elect Two (2) Members of the Democratic State Committee.
The Republican, Democratic, Labor and Prohibition Parties are each entitled to elect One (1) Member of the County Committee for each Election District in Cambria County.

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Petitions for nominations for United States Senator, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of Internal Affairs, Judge of the Supreme Court, Judge of the Superior Court, Representative in Congress and Representative in the General Assembly must be filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth on or before Monday, March 21, 1930, before five o'clock P. M.

Petitions for nomination of candidates for members of the County Committee must be filed with the County Commissioners on or before Monday, April 14, 1930.

J. D. WALKER
M. B. COWHER
W. J. CAVANAUGH
Commissioners of Cambria County.
ATTEST:
GEORGE E. KERBY
Clerk.
Ebensburg, Pa., March 19, 1930. 3t

BIDS.
The Patton Borough School Board will receive bids until noon, April 1, 1930, to furnish school supplies for the term 1930 and 1931. Requests for bids to the Supervising Principal, W. M.

Bosserman. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
PATTON BOROUGH
SCHOOL DISTRICT
Per. J. Fred Blankenhorn,
3t Secretary.

SEALED PROPOSALS
Pennsylvania Department of Highways Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Sealed proposals will be received at the State Capitol until 10:00 a. m., March 27th, 1930, when bids will be publicly opened and scheduled and contract awarded as soon thereafter as possible for the reconstruction of approximately 2,269 linear feet of one course reinforced cement concrete pavement, 23' - 5" wide, being situated in Loretto Borough Cambria County, State-aid Application No. 7186. Bidding blanks and specifications may be obtained free; a charge of \$2.50 a set is made for construction drawing and a charge for cross-sections will be according to length of project as follows: 3 miles or less \$7.50, 3 to 5 miles \$10.00, 5 to 8 miles \$15.00, all over 8 miles \$20.00. Both can be obtained

upon application to the Pennsylvania Department of Highways, Harrisburg, No refund for drawings or cross-sections returned. They can be seen at offices of Pennsylvania Department of Highways, Harrisburg; McClatchey Building, 69th and Market Streets, Upper Darby; 55-56 Water Street, Pittsburgh, and Stultz Building, 225 Allegheny Street, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania. James L. Stuart, Secretary of Highways. 3t

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