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OBSERVATIONS

FROM THE SIDELINES.

—HAVE you read the five Constitution Amendments that will be voted upon at the general election this fall. They have been appearing each week in the Courier for the past several weeks.

—THANKS to Brother Platt of the Gallitzin 'Item' for the following in his last week's issue:—"Thomas A. Owens, of Patton, was a visitor here this week. Tom is editor of The Patton Courier which, by the way, is one of the nicest weekly papers in the state."

—DANCING styles are to change according to reports from those places where dancing styles are to be invented. Judging from looking at young folks up at Sunset Park, it was our belief that every couple had a different style. Boy, oh boy! When they change all those styles—it means something.

—PATTON is organizing an independent football team, that will be coached by Frank Swab, formerly an All American choice, and a man who knows the game from A to Z. There is every reason to believe that we can have a winning team representative of Patton, but co-operation on the part of the citizens ingeneral should be forthcoming also.

—DONT for a minute think that next year's county political situation is perhaps more in the minds of many politicians than is the election this fall. Travel around the county and you'll hear some comment. Seems as if, in some quarters, political axes are already being sharpened—but whether or not they will be keen enough to sever some office-holding heads remains to be seen.

—THE COUNTY FAIR at Ebensburg is now on in full swing. Thousands have been attending this show that no one who can possibly get there from Patton can afford to miss. You still have three more days' opportunity as the Fair don't close until Saturday night. If You Haven't been there, by all means go. It's the biggest investment for your money you could ever hope for.

—IN TRAVELING over this section of Pennsylvania, one is surely convinced that miniature golf courses are the rage. Practically every big road house is constructing one of these courses. But, we are under the impression that there are getting to be entirely too many of them to be money-makers for the owners. At any rate, the country will have to be sold one hundred per cent on miniature golf, or a great many owners are going to be stung beautifully from a financial standpoint.

—AND RIGHT now is the time to corner all candidates for the state legislature in the second district of Cambria county, and make them promise, if elected, to support legislation that will cause the very much travelled and

improved township roads between Carrolltown and Patton, and between Barnesboro and Hastings, to be taken over by the State Highway Department. The travel on these two highways justifies such a procedure, and the burden of maintenance would be lifted from the townships and placed on the state where it rightfully belongs.

—NEXT SUNDAY there will be observed at St. Joseph's Church, up at the other side of Baker's Cross Roads, the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the church. The church was erected at a point known as Hart's Sleeping Place, so named, because an Indian trader by the name of Hart is reputed to have slept in a tree at that point while enroute to points west to visit the Indians. St. Joseph's church is the oldest place of worship in the north of the county, Loretto excepted. Favorable weather Sunday, will no doubt, bring hundreds of people to the celebration.

—THE COMPLETION of one stretch of good road usually leads to the necessity of another stretch being constructed. This was never more in evidence than just now in the case of the state highway between Ashville and Gallitzin. It is the only link on Route 53, leading from Oresson to Clearfield county that remains unimproved, and with only a few miles to be constructed, every influence should be brought to bear for its early consideration by the state highway department. The road is of just as vital interest to the main line towns in the south of the county as it is to we folks in the north. Let's all get behind the movement.

—HENRY L. CANNON, Controller of Cambria County, has demonstrated time and again that he has been the best Controller in the interests of the taxpayers that we have ever had the good fortune to have. Mr. Cannon has been fearless in his trust. He has trodden on some feet that have become sore. But, above all else, he has been an executive that has espoused the cause of the people of the county. Despite the enemies he may have made and despite any grooming that may be made of any particular candidate to defeat him for the Republican nomination next year, Henry Cannon will have the rank and file of the Republican party behind him, if he is a candidate for re-election to a second term in the Controller's Office. The Patton Courier, even at this early date, promises him full support, and in giving that support we feel that we will be ably backed by the very great majority of the Republicans of our community.

THE NOVEMBER STATE BALLOT.

Friday of this week is the last day on which independent groups can file petitions with the State Elections Bureau to have candidates names placed on November ballots.

The exact number of parties participating in the fall election will be determined tomorrow night by the papers on file as the limit ends. At present only two political parties have an assured right on the ballot. They are the Republican and Democratic parties. Other old parties lost their ballot positions in 1928 when they failed to poll the required percentage of the total vote.

Through pre-emption of party names now on file at the Dauphin County Courthouse, it is possible to swell the number of parties in November to eleven. Indications, however, are that there will not be more than six parties, as five other pre-emptions are not expected to be used.

The Socialist, Labor and Prohibition parties, which lost their ballot places in 1928, have pre-empted their names anew and will be on the ballots.

The sixth party will be the Liberal party, composed of the most part of anti-Prohibition Republicans, who supported Bohlen and Phillips in the primary, and who now are backing John M. Hemphill, Democratic nominee for Governor.

That will give Hemphill two nominations. Gifford Pinchot also will have two nominations, the Prohibition party having endorsed the Republican nominee.

Two other anti-Prohibition pre-emptions—the Personal Liberty Party and the Wet Party—probably will not be utilized to back tickets this year.

Three party names pre-empted for Pinchot while the Luzerne County ballot case was pending, are not expected to be used now that the Supreme Court has decided that he is the Republican nominee. They are the Independent, Fair Play and Square Deal Parties.

In addition to the pre-emptions of these parties for tickets of State candidates, several score other pre-emptions have been made in the interest of district candidates where Congressional and Legislative fights are hottest.

STATE POLITICS PROMISE HARMONY.

Gifford Pinchot, Republican nominee for Governor and General Edward Martin, chairman of the State Committee, have reached an understanding with regard to the conduct of the fall campaign, it is stated by those who are in a position to know. It is fortunate—harmony in the state ticket is of prime interest to all Republicans who have their party interests at heart.

The general basis of the agreement was worked out last Friday when the nominee and the head of the party organization met for the first time since the Supreme Court placed the stamp of legal approval on Pinchot's primary victory.

As a result of the accord, with some details to be worked out later, General Martin mounted the platform at the Grangers' picnic in Williams' Grove, Cumberland county, and declared that every "regular Republican" in the state will support the party ticket from top to bottom.

Gifford Pinchot at the same function pledged support to every candidate on the Republican ticket and called upon his primary election supporters to join forces with regular Republican organizations in the campaign that will reach its climax with the balloting in November.

Meanwhile the gubernatorial nominee and the State chairman are keeping a weather eye on Philadelphia, where the organization leaders have yet to declare whether they will support Pinchot or cast their lot with John M. Hemphill, candidate of the Democratic and Liberal Parties.

Friends of General Martin said Saturday that as a result of a conference at Harrisburg and the later declarations at Williams' Grove the State Committee knows where Pinchot stands and the Pike County Forrester by the same token knows the attitude of the State organization.

MAKE OUR NATION SAFER

It seems a paradox that the United States is recognized as a world leader in accident prevention when our country has the highest accidental death rate of any country on earth. The only answer is that we Americans live and work to the beat of a faster tempo. We speed and rush in our work, in our play, in all things we do. We have the most factories and the largest factories; we have the most motorcars; we are engaged in more hazardous pursuits than those living in slower moving countries.

So it is necessary for us to give much thought to safety. If our factories are hazardous we must devise safeguards. With traffic accidents claiming a life every 17 seconds we must get busy and perfect a remedy.

"Safety Week" in Western Pennsylvania will approach the problem from an educational viewpoint. It should develop a safety consciousness in all of us so that we will be ready and willing to cooperate in the activities which safety engineers tell us will make our nation safer.

WEEKLY HEALTH TALK

"Cost is one of the main factors in any business. It is the item which more than any other controls the success or failure of any venture. While this rule is well recognized in the ordinary dealings of life, it is too frequently disregarded in the most vital business of all namely, that of healthy, joyful and lengthy living," said Doctor Theodore B. Appel, Secretary of Health.

"In these days of self-gratification and the amazingly attractive means at hand to indulge it, there is no difficulty in understanding the uncalculating mind which gives full play to delectating indiscretions. However, the fact that enervating intemperances are seductively presented, is after all no real excuse to become victims of them."

"Certainly, one's very life and happiness are worthy of as much attention as are one's bank account and dollar-making activities. Yet a great number of cases this attention is deplorably lacking. For such as these, counting the cost for lack of exercise, to few hours in bed, too much of the wrong kind of play, too much of the right kind of work, and a sundry other indiscretions, is not considered. It is enough that such things temporarily are gratifying.

"Nevertheless, the price tag eventually, if not sooner, makes its appearance. And it is one which compels payment irrespective of inclination. It follows that a bit of wise and thoughtful calculation back of each day's living would develop a resistance to the habits that harm and kill."

"Of course, one cannot live forever. But within reasonable limitations, a life can be so ordered as to get the most out of it in terms of health, happiness and longevity. Therefore, calculate now. Count the cost. To start this practice later may be entirely too late."

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Controller Cannon Tells of County's Financial Troubles

Expenditures and Indebtedness Are Increasing Every Year, While Assessed Valuations and Revenue Decline—Speaker Gives Concise and Uncolored Picture of County's Financial Problem—Must Cut Expenses to Bone, With Increased Millage as Alternative

"The handwriting is on the wall," County Controller Henry L. Cannon told members of the Lions club in Johnstown, Friday as he pictured Cambria county's imminent financial perils in an address before the luncheon group. Expenditures and indebtedness are shooting upward at an alarming rate, the controller pointed out, while assessed valuations and revenue are headed the other way.

Speaking only as a public official and emphatically that no criticism of any county officials was intended, the speaker, who has taken the lead in efforts to clear a way through Cambria county's tangled finances, gave the Lions a concise, uncolored summary of the financial problem. With assessed valuations estimated at \$171,000,000 and over \$5,000,000 in a few years and expected to go lower in the new triennial assessment, and 1929 tax duplicates totaling only \$1,100,000, Mr. Cannon said, the county faces a bonded indebtedness of more than \$6,500,000 and increased outlay in practically every department of the county government.

Hope, Rather Than Optimism
His view of the situation, voiced briefly in conclusion, was one of hope rather than optimism. Commending his associates in the county government for their honest efforts to solve the problem, the controller expressed the belief that a break in the present business depression would help conditions, but declared emphatically that expenditures must be cut to the bone, or an increase in the tax millage put into effect. He saw little hope in the latter alternative, however, deprecating the increased burden on the taxpayers and pointing to the fact that the taxpayers already are finding difficulty in meeting their assessments. "Increased

taxation doesn't always mean increased revenue," he warned, asserting that sheriff's sales for taxes mean decreased assessed values and very little financial return to the county.

"At End of String"
"We're at the end of our string in Cambria county," Controller Cannon declared. "The county has played Santa Claus for years. We've given, given given. Either expenditures must be cut to the bone or the taxes must be increased."

Ranking 12th among Pennsylvania counties in total assessed valuation, the speaker explained, Cambria county ranks second only to Philadelphia and Allegheny counties in the amount of its bonded indebtedness. The recent bond issue of \$4,500,000 for roads and bridges, plus an additional \$2,000,000 indebtedness for other purposes, left the county with \$6,500,000 in bonds outstanding Jan. 1, he said. Piling up against the red side of the ledger for 1931 he added, are prospective bond issues for voting machines, roads and bridges now under construction and poor board improvement totaling approximately \$650,000.

"The burden is becoming greater in Cambria county every year," Mr. Cannon told the Lions. "The county is spending close to \$125,000 a year to maintain persons in state penitentiaries and other institutions, he pointed out, and recent reports show a deficit of \$25,212 in a single year for operating the county jail and another bill of \$105,000 for maintaining the courts after fines had been deducted. The controller also quoted figures to show that expenditures for outdoor relief increased from \$25,729 in 1919 to \$122,794 in 1927, with a slight decrease now being shown.

Much For State Purposes

Out of the six and three-quarters mills assessed for county purposes, the controller stated, the county commissioners are required to finance court expenses, roads and bridges, election expenses, charities and collection, maintenance of the courthouse, jail, juvenile home and county home, mother's assistance, farm bureau and bonds and coupons. It is estimated that three-fourths of one mill goes for state purposes.

State legislation, which is steadily shifting the financial burden from the state to the county, was scored vigorously. The speaker flayed the new 1 per cent penalty for non-payment of taxes as unfair and declared that it is time for the county to call a halt in aiding state road-building work and seek a refund of the thousands of dollars expended for damages occasioned by road improvements. As a specific charge against the unfairness of state legislative measures, he pointed out that, whereas fines for certain motor code violations are collected by the state, the county must pay for the jail stays of persons who are unable to pay the fines. "If they're going to keep on going down to Harrisburg and passing these revenue-raising measures and putting the burden back on the county," he declared, "it's time we had a recess in legislation for the next four or five."

Question Is Serious One
"Anything I say will not be said in criticism of any public official in Cambria county," the controller stated. The question at issue is a serious one, particularly because of the business depression, he said, and county officials are meeting it to the best of their abilities. "Mistakes have been made in the past," he added, "but I believe everyone is on the right track now."

HURT IN REPAIRING TIRE

Manley Patterson, a mechanic employed at the garage of the Nanty-Glo Auto Co., met with a painful injury Friday afternoon. A tire which he was repairing on a truck blew off and a piece of the steel rim hit him on the side of the head. A gash was cut from the corner of the left eye through the lobe of the ear, severing a facial artery and a number of teeth were broken by the blow.

FARM CALENDAR

Timely Reminders from The Pennsylvania State College School of Agriculture

Feed Pullets Grain—Pullets approaching maturity should be encouraged to consume large quantities of grain.

Improve Dairy Herd—Raise, heifer calves from only the very best cows. This is the time the quality of the herd. "Keep down the numbers but quality" is a good motto.

Mow Lawns in Fall—Lawns should be cut during the fall. If the grass is allowed to remain uncut through the winter, the lawn will be rather spotted in the spring and considerable reseeding will be necessary.

Treat Wheat for Smut—Stinking smut is a costly pest of wheat. Treating the seed with copper carbonate dust will insure a clean crop. Thoroughly mix the grain with two and one half ounces of dust for each bushel, say State College plant pathologists.

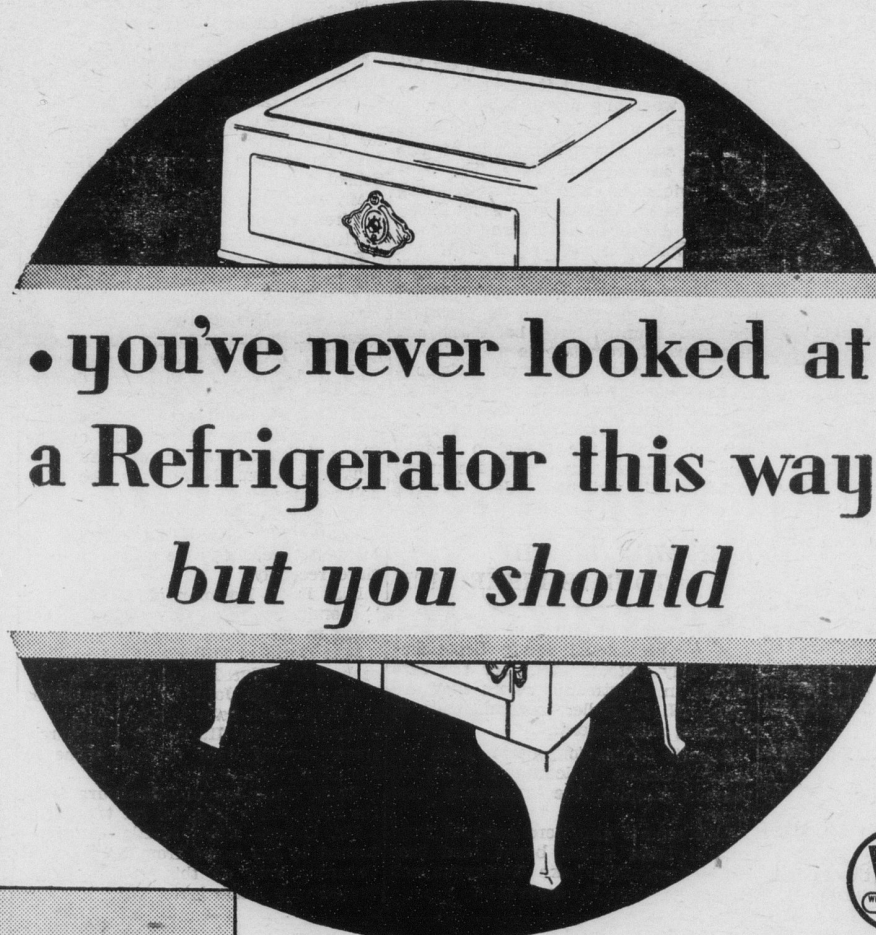
Train the Show Colt—Training the show colt is essential to making a good impression on the judge. Animals that respond to the bidding of the exhibitor stand a better chance to walk off with the blue ribbon than the sulky, balky creatures.

Trees Save Water—This is the year when tree cover, especially evergreen, around the spring has almost beneficial effect. With their tremendous capacity for catching and holding water in the soil, evergreen trees often mean the difference between a flowing and a dry spring. They keep the water cooler, too.

Prepare Laying Houses—Thoroughly repair, clean, and disinfect all laying houses before the pullets are confined to winter quarters.

GALLAGHER-WILSON

Miss Anna Wilson, daughter of Mrs. Mary Wilson of Tunnelhill and James Gallagher of Altoona, son of Mrs. Rose Gallagher de Temple of Altoona, were married Thursday morning in St. Patrick's Catholic church, Gallitzin, at a nuptial high mass. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bradley of Gallitzin, uncle and aunt of the bride, were the attendants.



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