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Observations from the Sidelines.

ARMISTICE DAY seen little in danger of being forgotten as the years go by. It may never attain the intimate appeal of Memorial day, but will be celebrated year by year with increased solemnity.

THE RED CROSS, locally, and over the county deserves the support of all our citizens, and that support should be given them. It is one agency that spells human mercy, and we all should be proud of the fact that we have an opportunity to assist.

THE consumption of ice cream in the United States in the past twenty years has trebled. And that is as it should be. As a lad we can remember when ice cream was something to be had only on Sundays at the confectioneries, and only during the summer months at that.

HAVE you noticed that the vacant business places in Patton are slowly becoming tenanted by some business or another, and that the town now presents a much better appearance than it did a year ago? Despite the business depression this augurs well for the community.

THANKSGIVING next; then Christmas. And perhaps shortly after New Year's day we'll be beginning hearing rumors of candidates who will endeavor to serve the county in a score or so of jobs up around Ebensburg, and will place themselves at the mercy of the people at a primary and election that won't be held until away next fall.

DO YOU know that it is just probable that we may have a woman in the President's cabinet. Grace Abbott, chief of the children's bureau, Department of Labor, is being mentioned for chief of the department when Secretary of Labor "Jim" Davis resigns on December 1st to take a seat in the senate. If she is chosen it will mark the first time a woman has entered the cabinet.

SUNDAY newspapers give us the story that Mayor Mackey of Philadelphia is seriously considering becoming a candidate for the Republican nomination for United States Senator two years hence. Some time between now and the spring primary of 1932 he is expected to announce that he will oppose James J. Davis for the full six year term in the senate. Well, strange things do happen in politics.

THE STATE Highway Department in this section is now busy in getting in place its snow fences, and providing ashes for anticipated slippery roads for the coming winter season. Incidentally, we of this section of the county again will have brought vividly before our minds the necessity of having the state take over the improved roads between Patton and Carrolltown, and between Barnesboro and Hastings. The only way we'll ever get any real action in this matter is to interest the legislature.

PATTON has much to be thankful for in the fact that a few years ago it plunged itself deeply in debt and constructed a filtration plant that purified the waters of chest creek. Today most of the other towns in our vicinity are short on water supply, or have a supply that is far from being safe for consumption. With the exceedingly large water shed that supplies Chest Creek, we, so far, have had no shortage, a fact that should be impressed upon the minds of those who opposed the filtration plant proposition when it came up.

FOR THE first time in fourteen years a third political party will be represented in the 1931 Legislature of Pennsylvania. They will include two Socialist assemblymen from the city of Reading.

LAST WEEK we opined that Patton had a football team that was not to be sneezed at. This week we amend that statement and say that we believe that Patton has the best independent football outfit in Cambria and Blair Counties, a fact that should not be overlooked by a number of independent teams in the neighborhood of Johnstown, any of which has no better record than the locals, who remain undefeated, after playing a mighty stiff schedule to date.

MOVEMENT is already on foot in the Democratic Party to head off the nomination of Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, of New York State, for President in 1932. Just at present it would appear that the Democratic nomination is worth fighting for, on the complexion of the off-year election just passed. Governor Roosevelt now has the advantage over all other Democratic aspirants, and he has a good vote getting name, that he incidentally inherited from a prominent Republican.

IT IS SAID that Gov.-Elect Pinchot will not be opposed in an organized way in his selection of Speaker of the House at Harrisburg, judging from comments in Philadelphia and Harrisburg by various Republican leaders including representatives of the Philadelphia "War Board." Chairman Martin, of the Republican state committee, is represented as saying that he believes there are a number of men to pick from, and that Pinchot will have no difficulty in selecting one agreeable to all.

NEWSPAPER REPORTS at the time this is written are to the effect that the Wickersham commission has decided against recommending repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment, when it makes its report to President Hoover shortly. No one has ever supposed that the commission would use repeal of the amendment. It was appointed to study the problems growing out of the existence of the amendment, and also to determine whether or not the Volstead act is the proper agent for enforcing the amendment. It is said, however, that the commission is seriously divided in its opinions. And so also is the nation divided in the wet and dry issue. The election to come two years hence will have candidates and issues at hand to give both the wets and drys lots of chance to demonstrate their strength by ballots. Folks in this neighborhood who still insist that the Pennsylvania gubernatorial contest of a few weeks ago had anything fundamentally to do with the wet and dry question, whether they be dry or wet in policy are sadly mistaken.

HOW THE DEMOCRATS CAN KNIFE THEMSELVES.
CONGRESS will convene again on December 4th. Not the congress recently elected, but the old one whose demise is scheduled for March 4th next. We all know what the expiring body is like; that it is dominated in the senate by the Democratic minority when allied with the so-called Republicans of the Mid-Northwest. As for its successor, who can speak definitely? The elections plunged the country into political confusion. While on paper the Republicans have just one-half of the membership, with the controlling vote cast by the vice-president, no one can say now what will happen. There are a number of Republican insurgents who have to be dealt with who will be able to prevent Republican organization if they see fit. And in the House the Wisconsin delegation alone can practically control things. Deaths, too, may be an upset to calculations.

IT'S USELESS now to bother about the organization of the next Congress, for unless an extra session be called it will not make its bow to the public until December of 1931. What all of us are most concerned about now are the capers that the body to assemble in only a few short days may cut up—if any. The president declares that the "job for the country to concentrate on now is further measures of wise cooperation for economic recovery, and that is the only suggestion I have for this occasion."

ALMOST SIMULTANEOUSLY a number of Democratic leaders, issued statements evidently intended to inspire confidence. That statement promised that the newly elected Congress would be real good; that it would not obstruct for the sake of obstruction; that it would not seek to embarrass the president, and that it would join with the administration in restoring prosperity. So far, so good. Republican leadership accepts the statements at their par value.

THE ONLY SOLUTION lies in cooperation between Republicans and Democrats. If the Democrats decide to display their power and "buck" legislation intended to restore better times in our nation, they will have lost their chance to carry elections in 1932. They could perhaps, make things embarrassing now, but in doing it they would be committing suicide, and it is to be believed that they will work in harmony with Republicans in all measures designed to better conditions and that politics will have nothing to do with it.

AND THIS IS A FREE COUNTRY!
THE United Press in the daily papers reports an impending grape juice war between California farmers and "Scarface Al Capone's Chicago gangs that is causing bitterness between the grape growers over possibility of a financial loss after a year of costly labor. Reports state that a purported warning was made by Capone to representatives of the growers, in which he prohibits them selling grape juice concentrate in Chicago, as it might result in drinkers of gangster distributed beer turning to home-made wine. The concentrated grape juice is sold in non-alcoholic form, but will turn into wine if water is added and air allowed to enter its container. The California grape growers charge that gangsters and racketeers have taken control of the eastern grape and grape juice market. And this is a free country!

ABOUT THOSE AMENDMENTS.
SOME time before the election we called attention to the matter of the proposed constitutional amendments advertised by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, thinking that they would be voted upon at the polling of November 4th. However, the week prior to election, we discovered our error, and contradicted former writings, but not before considerable interest was aroused in this section, especially among ex-service men, regarding a proposed amendment that would be beneficial to them. This interest was so intense that organized work was done not only in Patton, but in St. Augustine, Chest Springs and other adjacent communities.

IF THE PEOPLE of this section, or of the state are in favor of or are opposed to any of the resolutions recently published it becomes their duty to correspond or inform their Representatives and Senators in the general assembly so that the same may or may not be again adopted in the session of 1931, which will shortly convene. Should the joint resolutions recently advertised be passed by the Legislature of 1931, they will again be advertised in 1932 and made ready for the vote of the people in that year so that the Constitution may be amended in accordance with the phraseology of the resolutions, or, if rejected, they shall not become a part of the constitution. The importance of the recently published joint resolutions should not be passed up by the citizens. It is only a part of wisdom to read and understand the resolutions, and to inform your Representatives and Senators in the General Assembly on any resolutions which you oppose.

FOUR PLACES ON THE NEXT BALLOT.
THE Liberal party, although organized for a single purpose and designed to be active only in the campaign just ended, appears likely to have political life forced on it whether it wants it or not.

THE STATE election law provides that if a party polls two per cent of the highest vote cast for a state-wide candidate, and also polls five per cent of the high vote in each of ten counties, it becomes entitled to a place on ballots in future elections and a berth in the party columns. Although the Liberal Party had only one candidate in the recent election, the incomplete official vote tabulated by the State Elections Bureau indicates the vote polled by John M. Hemphill for Governor on that ticket will be sufficient to meet the requirements for party identity. If that happens, leaders of the party in the various counties will be forced to make a decision before the 1931 primary. Most of the leaders were Republicans and they must decide whether to oppose candidates of their own party by nominating a Liberal ticket, or whether they will give Liberal nominations to Republican nominees, or whether they will permit the party to die by lack of use.

THE INCOMPLETE returns also indicate the Prohibition party, because of the vote polled by Gifford Pinchot as its candidate for governor, also may regain party status. The number of recognized parties in Pennsylvania dwindled to two when the voting in the 1928 Presidential

ELECTION was so heavy for Hoover and Smith that other parties failed to poll the required percentages. The votes given Pinchot and Hemphill in their second party nominations appear sufficient to keep both those parties alive. It is expected by officials of the State Elections Bureau that the Republican, Democratic, Liberal and Prohibition parties will be certain of ballot places next year. The Socialist and Communist parties, which also had state tickets on ballots early this month, have not polled sufficient votes to receive recognition as state wide parties, incomplete returns indicate.

NEED WATER FOR MILK—Cows will produce more milk if they can get clean drinking water when they want it. Heat the water in tanks in the winter to remove the chill.

KEEP RUST FROM FORMING—A coat of grease on the plow shares and moldboard, cultivator shovels, and other farm implements of similar nature comes off more easily than a coat of rust.

TAKE ANNUAL INVENTORY—Take an inventory of the farm property before starting the record book. It is well to be informed as to what equipment and supplies are on hand for the year's operations.

LIGHTS MEAN MORE EGGS—Artificial lights will stimulate the egg production of normal hens. Many poultrymen prefer to turn on the lights early enough in the morning to give the hens a 12-hour day in which they may eat and lay.

FRUIT COMPLETE SPRAYS—Fruit growers who spray consistently harvest uniformly clean crops of a high grade product. Omitting one or more applications is a costly practice, say State College entomologists.

KEEP RECORDS OF YOUR HABITS AND GENERAL METHOD OF LIVING
"Bookkeeping is the foundation upon which modern business is conducted. Moreover, no business venture can be successful unless it very accurately counts the cost involved. Indeed, the cost item is the factor around which the success or failure of an undertaking is built. Obviously this matter is therefore one of the most important bookkeeping features. Speaking literally, life is a business—the biggest and most vital one to every individual. Unfortunately, that view of it is not generally appreciated. And the utter lack of bookkeeping regarding it, in the majority of instances, results," said Doctor Theodore B. Appel, Secretary of Health.

"IF LIFE WERE merely a synonym for a good time and selfishness, then it is quite true that very little bookkeeping and cost accounting would be required. But the main thing connected with life is to live. And in these days this matter is far from being an automatic function. The cost item therefore should loom large and prominent in the actions of all those who sincerely desire to live healthily, happily and lengthily.

"NATURE keeps books. Don't forget that. No matter how careless the individual may become in this respect, nature is never careless. And there is always a day of reckoning. To stay up habitually until all hours of the night, to indulge in enervating excesses—to use stimulants inordinately, and in short, to disregard the cost of improper living habits, is to take the road to physical impairment and shortened life.

"THEREFORE, weigh well the cost of your habits and general method of living. Don't get into the red in this matter. Make of life what it is, a glorious adventure based upon vital and intelligent living. Keep books on your life and keep them straight. Only in this way can you hope for the profit which is your just due."

SEVEN CLYMER MEN ARE ASSESSED FINES OF \$5
Seven residents of Clymer were assessed fines of \$5.00 and costs each, amounting in each case to \$6.80, by Justice of the Peace, Neely, of Clymer, recently following charges of malicious mischief and despoiling State property preferred by William H. Shearman, of Johnstown an Inspector for the Galitzin Forest District. The men, all of whom pleaded guilty, were Ray Lopinsky, Irvin Lopinsky, A. Jamick, Andrew Truskon, Albert Jarvie, Roy Malesky and Paul Harvesek. The men are said to have damaged the cabin of the Clymer fire tower.

STATE-POLICE CAPTAIN FAILS TO PAY INCOME TAX
Faces Federal Charge for Failure to Pay Levy on Mysterious \$133,689.

INDICTMENT of Thomas J. McLaughlin, 50, resigned Captain of the State Police at Greensburg, Pa., for failure to pay income tax on \$133,689, was returned by the Federal grand jury at Pittsburg last week. In a second count the bill charges McLaughlin failed to make an income tax return on his salary of \$300 a month during the period from 1924 to 1929.

McLAUGHLIN finances have been under investigation by agents of the Department of Revenue for months, they said. McLaughlin refused to explain the source of the \$133,689, the agents said, and they have been unable to determine its source. McLaughlin made a belated return for the taxes for the five-year period, but he is still liable to a sentence of 42 years in prison and a \$140,000 fine, Federal officials said.

AFTER 25 YEARS in the service, McLaughlin, one of the original members of the Pennsylvania State Police, resigned last April "for the good of the service." He enlisted as a private in 1905, was promoted several times, finally being made a Captain in 1920 and assigned to Lancaster. Two years later he became commander of the State Police school at Newville and in January 1923, was assigned to Troop A, Greensburg, as commanding officer.

RELEASED ON \$1,500 BAIL
Following a hearing on a writ of habeas corpus at Ebensburg Thursday, John Lazar, alias John Fayer, alias John Lentine, of Cassandra was released on \$1,500 bail. He is charged with a violation of the moral code and according to Sheriff Homer C. George, who arrested him, has been a fugitive from justice since March 1930 term of criminal court.

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