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RANDOM THOUGHT

Tonight, Thursday, the Republicans of Patton and a number of adjacent townships will celebrate with what they term an "inaugural dinner" in the Eagles' Home here. Somehow, we can't help but wish them well in the event. The Democrats have had a good many such dinners here in recent years, and the Republicans now have a chance to have their inning. We hope they won't choke on the turkey (if they have turkey) and that the speeches won't be dull.

And, to a great extent, our prediction is that the greater majority of the people who will be present at the dinner tonight, are potential job seekers, and we all know there won't be enough jobs to go around. Hence, some of the "glorious" feelings of tonight will be dampened a bit as the days and months roll on, when some get the jobs, and a lot more don't. Ask the Democrats, they know from experience.

This will be a real test year for the Republican and Democratic parties in Pennsylvania. The Republican party is far from rehabilitation, despite its big victory in the recent state election. It will be restored largely to its old power and prestige, if, in the county and municipal elections throughout the state, this year, it regains largely the immense amount of ground lost in the elections of 1933, 1935 and 1937. Democrats face a crisis. Heavy losses for them this year on the heels of the 1938 debacle, will raise the question of whether the party is to slip back into the feebleness of the pre-Roosevelt era, which made it a party giving no worry to Republicans or hope to the many voters who were bitter toward the Old Guard Republican machine. Democrats are hopeful that reactionary elements, already asserting themselves in the Republican administration in the state actually has been established, will take control of the executive and legislative functioning, and that would do much to stop the slide of the Democratic party and give them a real chance in this year's elections.

Congressman John McDowell, Re? publican, editor of the Wilkensburg Gazette, in an editorial the other day voiced his alarm in the above regard. He declared: "I want to go on record to repudiate ex-senators Coyne and McClure and all the rest of the gang who viewed public office as a private opportunity and who are now marching to Harrisburg and I invite the other Republican office-holders of Allegheny County to join with me in a fight, not to quit the Republican party, but to stay on the job of giving it a thorough house-cleaning. It is my impression we newly elected officials of the state and nation were elected because the people of Pennsylvania were sick and tired of being fooled by expensive politicians and were willing to give the Republican party one more chance to prove its right to administer affairs of the ten millions of Pennsylvanians."

Of course, that is a Republican's slant, and he has reason to be alarmed. Already one henchman of Boss McClure of Delaware county, convicted vice ring leader whose name is anathema to every decent Republican, has been elected speaker of the House, and another has been named chief clerk of the lower branch. Are the Republicans using the rope to hang themselves before they even start on their new journey of legislative action?

Communism has no place in the ranks of either the Congress of Industrial Organizations of the American Federation of Labor, and as particular proof of that fact will be noted the action taken last week by the central bodies of both these labor organizations in the city of Pittsburgh who lashed out at Communism at spirited meetings.

And this we clip from the Johnstown Democrat: "As the news columns have said, Senator John J. Haluska voted with his colleagues on all matters relating to the organization of the State Senate. That was the consistent, courageous thing for him to do, and the Democrat recalls with pleasure the fact we predicted he would do that very thing when the time came. Political leaders may use men who cross party lines for a consideration, but they despise the men they purchase. The Democrat congratulates Senator Haluska upon the fact none of the shame that will follow the Senator

in Lawrence county will attach to him." To which we add a fervent, "amen."

Twelve county and a lot of borough and county jobs will be filled in the 1939 elections, and in the case of the county offices, there are some attractive salaries attached. The highest paid post in the county to be filled is that of judge, which pays \$12,000 a year. Judge Ivan J. McKenrick's term expires at the end of the year. Prothonotary gets \$6,000; clerk of courts, \$4,000; register of wills, \$4,000; recorder of deeds, \$4,000; 3 county commissioners, \$5,000 each; a district attorney, \$6,000; controller, \$4,000; and treasurer, \$5,000. And there's also a county surveyor to be elected who gets \$300 a year. All offices, except Judge, will be filled for four year terms; the judge will be elected for a ten year term.

And, from all indications, there are going to be a lot of Republicans, and a lot of Democrats who will want to land these court house jobs, and it is likely that practically all of the present incumbents will want to remain. Added to a total it means that Cambria county will be a seething furnace long before the primaries, and that the average man and woman won't be permitted to forget his or her politics for a single moment. Of course, the primary filing fee may be instrumental in keeping out some of the periodical candidates, but for the chaps who really mean business it won't serve as a detriment. Ladies and gentlemen, prepare for a hot and furious primary campaign that may start shortly even though the primaries won't be held until September.

The 1939 Legislature will be asked to take Pennsylvania out of the retail liquor business and set up a system of state supervision in its place according to State Senator John H. Dent of Westmoreland county, who says he will sponsor the new liquor legislation, patterned after a system now operated in New York. It would provide for the elimination of state liquor stores and would set up a dual wholesale-retail licensing system. Retailing would be handled in large part by retail licensees, who now may sell liquor only by the drink. Our opinion is that Senator Dent is "all wet."

What benefit could come from such a proposal as Dent's? The Pennsylvania state store system has served as a model for the entire nation. It has been operated with such efficiency and honesty that it has escaped whatever criticism has been leveled at other phases of the post-repeal liquor traffic. It has cost the state nothing. In fact it has earned millions of dollars for the commonwealth and thus has been a direct saving to the taxpayers. Turning over the sale of bottled goods to taprooms would be taking this function out of the hands of public servants whose chief interest is the public welfare, and giving it to persons impelled by the profit motive. One need not be a seer to predict that evils which have developed in the taproom business would be quickly transferred to the by-the-bottle sales. The only advantage would be to the taproom proprietors, and they would profit at the expense of the state treasury and public morals. If the measure actually comes to a vote it should be defeated by such an overwhelming majority that no one else will dare to try to tamper with a system that has so thoroughly justified itself.

WARNING

Of course it would be folly to expect that the incoming Republican administration would carry on any program Governor Earle might have had in mind, because to some extent it can be considered repudiated at the polls, and changes naturally are to be expected. However, Republican leaders might well heed Governor Earle's closing words against the danger of permitting the pendulum to swing completely in the other direction. Declared the Governor:

"To those who carry forward the work of government in this state I wish to sound one warning. The voice of privilege and the voice of special interest will be heard again in the legislative halls and in the councils of government. The self-seekers and the overlords of industry will reassert the right to exploit the people of this commonwealth. The interests of the few again will rise in opposition to the welfare of the many. Therein lies the danger of the future, the danger to our institutions, the danger to those great progressive measures which have of late years become a part and parcel of the life of our times.

"Let everyone remember then that we live in a broad Commonwealth of ten million people that their needs are far more important than the interests of a privileged few and that their voice is the voice of our Democracy.

"You are charged with their promotion and their welfare, which means primarily the preservation of their fundamental liberties as citizens and the safeguarding of their economic security. So far as you shall do this well, you shall merit the enduring gratitude of our people, and you will successfully avert that danger of dictatorship that is so rapidly casting its shadow over the world today."

Governor Earle's warning should not be forgotten. The people of Pennsylvania demonstrated, apparently, that they did not want a continuation of the present Democratic administration and its policies. But they also do not want to go back to the old ways of special privilege and corruption. Republican leaders who forget that will only be helping to dig a new grave for their newly revived party, says the Pittsburgh Press.

Already there are ominous indications that the elements Governor Earle warned against are endeavoring to regain control of the Republican party

and through hit, the machinery of state government. Republican legislators last week selected a henchman of Boss John J. McClure of Delaware county to be chief clerk of the House now under G. O. P. domination.

To Pennsylvania voters in general, and to rank and file Republicans in particular, that is a disquieting news. Boss McClure needs no introduction to the voters of Pennsylvania. A prominent Republican senator for many years he was convicted of heading a vicious vice and liquor ring in Chester county and escaped going to prison only by a legal technicality. He refused to resign his Senate seat, and the Republican senate refused to unseat him. Finally the voters of Chester county revolted against McClure and the corruption for which he stood and refused to return him to the senate.

Now McClure is back in Harrisburg trying to regain his former powerful position in G. O. P. circles. And with the selection of William Ward, Jr., Mayor of Chester and a McClure henchman, as chief clerk of the house, he

has hurdled his first barrier. He is in a position to dominate the House and thus to control all legislation passing through it, just as he did the senate years ago.

TOM MOONEY

One of the world's most famous prisoners stepped out of San Quentin penitentiary on Saturday morning and motored to Sacramento, the capital of California, where he had an appointment with the Governor. Culbert Olson elected last November on the Democratic ticket, had promised once again to look into the celebrated case of Thomas J. Mooney. In a brief hearing on Saturday afternoon Mooney obtained the exoneration he had sought for twenty-two years. He walked out a free man.

It was on July 22, 1916, "Preparedness Day", that a bomb killed ten spectators and marchers at a parade sponsored by the conservative business elements of San Francisco. Tom Mooney, an aggressive labor leader, was

convicted of bombing and sentenced to death. Commutation reduced his term to life imprisonment.

The imprisoned man insisted throughout that the testimony against him was perjured, that he was "framed" because of his labor activities. Gradually this view gained support, and prominent liberals spoke in Mooney's behalf. Books were written on the Mooney case. All the resources of the state and federal law were exhausted, a United States Supreme Court decision last year putting an apparent end to the legal efforts. Mooney, directing his own vindication campaign from his prison cell, turned his hopes to politics.

Saturday's action by Governor Olson brought fruition to the slogan, "Free Tom Mooney," that has been voiced by liberals and organized labor generally at countless demonstrations during the past two decades. Governor Olson simply did a duty that former governors of California should have done long ago, but who apparently lacked the courage to do. Governor Olson freed an innocent man from a

penalty for a crime he never committed. May Tom Mooney have many happy and fruitful years of life ahead of him to partly compensate for what the law has wrongfully taken from him.

TWO PEOPLE KILLED BY A HIT-AND-RUN DRIVER

Two middle aged persons—man and woman—were killed on Monday night by a hit and run motorist approximately one mile south of Mundy's Corner on Route 219. The victims

Richard Briggs, 66, Cambria plant machinist, of Conemaugh; concussion of brain and compound fractures of both legs below the knees.

Mrs. Mary Taylor Jones, 66, formerly of Nanty-Glo had more recently residing with a nephew near Mundy's Corner, fracture of the neck, and left leg severed at knee.



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Aunt Jemima
- PANCAKE FLOUR** . . . 2 20-OZ. PKGS. **21c**
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- TOMATO SOUP** . . . 3 CANS FOR **22c**
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Tender, Sweet
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Delicious
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Del Maiz
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