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RANDOM THOUGHT

The old bugaboo of many Judges in Cambria County is again thrusting its head forward—at least the proposition is a bugaboo to some—maybe mostly lawyers. Just now, too, with the election of a Judge this fall scheduled, such a procedure by the Legislature would take hope and ambition out of several minds for a time at least.

Observers are of the opinion that the matter rests entirely with Governor James. If Republican leaders in the county figure it would be good strategy on their part to abolish a judgeship, James' likely can accomplish it with ease. He won't likely have any opposition Senator John J. Haluska, Democrat, either, as the Senator has in the past advocated the abolition of one county judge.

But that doesn't in any sense mean that Governor James will sanction any such move. Judge McKenrick will be up for reelection this fall, and likely there will be other Democrats who will try to cop the nomination from him. On the other hand there also are several Republican lawyers who are not adverse to being a Judge, and in the light of the 1938 election, they may figure that 1939 will give them (or one of them) the most opportune period to land on the bench. That being the case, nothing likely will be done about matters. Governor James will without doubt be governed by advice from the local county Republican leaders.

Hence, the necessity of continuing on with more Judges than the county needs, won't be a factor at all. Politics will govern. If the Republicans decide to have the legislature abolish one Cambria Judgeship, it will be because they sense it will be playing popular politics with the voters. If they decide not to make such a move, it will be because they have decided the time is ripe for them to cop the place on the bench now occupied by Judge McKenrick.

Reading over the summary of payments made depositors of the closed state banks in Cambria County is interesting, and, without comment, here are the percentages that have been paid by them: The Citizens' Bank of Barnesboro has paid its depositors 33 per cent to date; The Citizens Bank of Gallitzin, 60 per cent; the Cresson Deposit Company, 50 per cent; the Miners and Merchants Deposit Bank at Fortage, 34 per cent; the Title Trust and Guarantee Company at Johnstown, 15 per cent; and the Ebsenburg Trust Company, 18 per cent. These are the defunct state banks in the

EMBASSY THEATRE Johnstown Famous Stage Play, Not a Picture 2 Days Only, FEB. 7 and 8 Mat. Wed., Feb. 8 Best Seats \$1.10. Nation's Epic of the Stage TOBACCO ROAD with JOHN BARTON by JACK KIRKLAND Based on Erskine Caldwell's Novel MAIL ORDERS NOW Enclose self-addressed, stamped envelope with money order, payable to Embassy Theatre. 6th YEAR ON BWAY THE MOST DISCUSSED STAGE PLAY IN AMERICA! EVES: Orchestra \$1.65; \$1.10; Loges \$1.65; Balcony, \$1.10; 83c; Balc. Circle, 55c. MAT: Orchestra and loges, \$1.10; Balcony, 83c; Balc. Circle, 55c. Tax included.

county, and do not include closed National Banks. We forgot to mention the matter, last week, but on Sunday, January 15th, the Philadelphia Sunday Inquirer presented the public with an entire supplement, picturing its publisher, Moe Annenberg as an angel of light and truth. It denies that he had connection whatever with organized crime and in the next breath frankly admits that he owns the Daily Racing Form. Good, old honest Moe!

And in the light of the matter in which Dear Old Moe was brought into the picture by we Democrats during the recent lamented election campaign, as being tied up with Governor James, we give you the following statement from the Governor, after he had addressed the Clover Club in Philadelphia: "I have and will serve no master. I am the master of my fate and the captain of my soul, and have been for fifty years. I suppose there are some Republicans who hope they will be in clover now. But if we are to keep our promises to the rank and file there will be pretty short stubble for some, especially those who think politics and public office yield only private riches." If the Governor lives up to the above declaration, he'll have done something to add to his own glory, at least. Time will tell.

Just think of it! There are now 45,000 jobs in the state to be given and filled by Republicans. Our immediate interest will be in seeing how many Patton gets — not how many they want.

You have until next Tuesday night to have your car inspected. That ends the period, and the State Motor Police will nab you if you don't display the proper sticker. We note that the Pennsylvania Motor Federation will have a bill introduced in the Legislature to have the licensing time of state automobiles changes from Dec. 31 to April 1. We are for it. Editors, just like a lot of others are never any too flush about the Christmas period, and paying out money for car license isn't always easy.

Did you ever see a man carrying a billboard under his arm? Did you ever see a handbill on a reading table? Did you ever see a picture of that new hat you want come into the home, via radio? Of course not! Did you ever see a live newspaper thrown into the wastebasket without being read? NO! That's why advertising in the Union Press-Courier PAYS!

Before WPA is strangled to death by reduced appropriations there is one simple project it might start, which would give employment to a few elementary school teachers and save the country a whole lot of trouble. It would be a course in reading, writing and arithmetic for members of Congress and others who make speeches against the Wagner Labor Relations Act. Required reading would be the wording of the Act itself and some of the simpler reports of the activities of the National Labor Relations Board. Then in order to qualify to speak and vote on the subject, the pupils should be able not only to write their own names but also the names of the Board members. The teachers might explain that Smith is a common name, and train the pupils to distinguish between different Smiths by writing out the names Donald Smith and Edwin Smith a hundred times each.

Finally the course in arithmetic should be continued until the pupils can count at least up to the number of cases decided by the Board in favor of the AFL and against the CIO, and advanced students might also learn to count up the number of cases in which Board elections and collective bargaining have averted serious industrial strife.

The most elementary study of the Wagner Act and the Board's reports will knock into a cocked hat all the speeches and arguments now being made in favor of the Act's revision. These attacks follow the line that the act is unfair to employers; that it has encouraged rather than reduced industrial strife; that the Board is pro-CIO, and anti-AFL, and so forth. Each one of such criticisms can be easily refuted by anyone who takes the trouble to look up the actual facts of the case. To make such facts readily available, Labor's Non-Partisan League has just issued a booklet of facts and figures on the subject, which is a valuable supplement to the pamphlet already published by the CIO giving the arguments why the Wagner Act should not be amended.

It is the very success of the act in promoting the purposes for which Congress passed it and that has led to the viciousness of the present campaign against it. By giving the workers organizing rights which the employers themselves have long enjoyed the act has helped spread collective bargaining through non-union industries. Consequently union hating employees want to amend it and make it "fair" to their kind. By enabling workers to vote and negotiate the act has prevented countless strikes. Therefore professional labor-baiters who fatten on industrial strife, hate it and seek to amend it.

When free to choose their own unions through Board elections, the great majority of workers have voted for the CIO type of industrial unionism. But this is not to say that the Board is pro-CIO. On the contrary, in the majority of cases in which the board has had to decide between the CIO and the AFL type of unions it has favored the AFL. But the general benefits of the Act have been so great, that no true labor man will lend any support to the present moves to amend and cripple it.

A GOOD START

The following is a story written by Kermit McFarland, Pittsburgh Press political writer, and appearing in last Sunday's issue:

Gov. Arthur H. James in his first few days in office, belies Arthur H. James who was a candidate for Governor. In his campaign Judge James worried even his most ardent backers by his uncompromising attacks on the New Deal. They were sour on many of his campaign speeches, believing he was slaughtering support he might otherwise attract although before the general election campaign was finished there was a noticeable change in the views behind his speeches.

Some of the judge's backers also thought he was making a mistake in some of the histrionics he adopted to punch up his campaign and disapproved his failure to resign from the Superior court.

But in the conduct of Judge James

since he came to Harrisburg there were no histrionics, no petulance, no vicious assault on the New Deal, no impression that Mr. James thought so well of himself he could not make concessions to public sentiment or intelligent opinions expressed by others.

Mr. James went into office with the air of a man who was confident and not cocky, who knew he was up against a tough job and was prepared to meet it, and wanted to get along with everybody but would not backwater under threat or pressure or steer away from the philosophy enunciated in his inaugural address.

There was nothing in anything Mr. James did or said on his inaugural day either formally or informally, which any citizen, no matter what his philosophy of official conduct or government could criticize.

Neither New Dealers or Old Guardsters could possibly take issue with the principles laid down in his inaugural address, which was extraordinarily well received, even in hostile quarters.

Mr. James, in his long career, never has been one to backtrack on a project, once he made up his mind to it. His closest friends and advisers are confident he will maintain that habit and are convinced he meant every word of his inaugural address.

If that conviction is sustained Mr. James is likely to run into more trouble in his own ranks than he will outside them. The source of his chief trouble will be the Republicans in the senate and not the Democratic bloc.

The senate leadership is in the hands of men who share the philosophy of government of which Joseph R. Grundy is the national emblem. There already is feeling between the Senate majority leader, G. Mason Owlett and the Governor's office. And there is feeling between Joseph R. Grundy and Joseph N. Pew, who contributed the biggest bloc of cash to the James campaigns.

No Governor can escape trouble. The longer his administration goes the more trouble he is likely to encounter. Mr. James hardly can be an exception. Mr. James is bound for patronage

troubles if he insists on an efficient and economical administration. And he has said he would do that and has already started out to do it.

TIBBOTT NAMED TO FLOOD GROUP IN LOWER HOUSE

Congressman Harve Tibbott, 27th District, has been named to the important flood control committee of the House, according to a Washington dispatch.

Other committee assignments of Pennsylvania Republicans in the House include: Banking and Currency, Simpson; patents, Van Zandt; war claims, Tibbott and Gross; World War Veterans legislation, Van Zandt and Gerlack.

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