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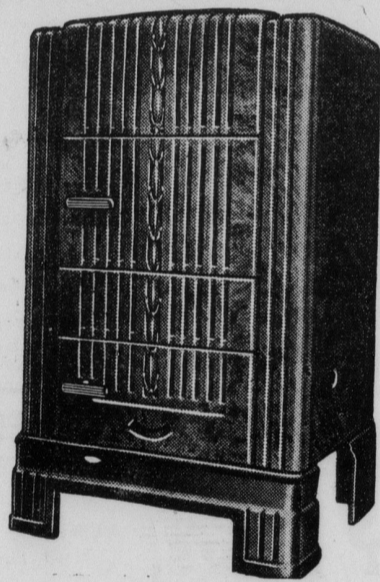
With this election over, whether or not it pleased you or not, whether organized labor acted as any unit, or not, whether your favorites won or lost, after all it was not an important election so far as it directly affected labor. Labor, in our state must seek to protect the legislation that it now enjoys, and must see to it next May that men are nominated who will keep up a bath-tub at Washington and Harrisburg to keep reactionary movements from gaining control of law-making powers, which, as history shows, bides no good for the man and the woman who toils, but who so often play into the very hands of their enemies. Next year a President of the United States will stand for election, so also will a senator from

Pennsylvania, and all the state's congressmen. But even more important to labor in this state, and in this county will be the men whom they send to the legislature at Harrisburg. Already encroaching on labor's privileges, the present administration at Harrisburg can be relied upon to attempt still greater repeals of the liberal laws passed by the Earle administration. A State Senator from Cambria county and five members of the General Assembly are to be chosen. By electing liberals, next year, regardless of what the aims of the reactionary administration, a "brake" can be set to hold laws that now are written on the statute books. And it will be our policy to keep incessantly "pounding" on that fact up until the primaries and after, until the general election of 1940, with the hope that Labor, in its "most crucial" year, won't be foolish enough to again "knife" its own interests, and the interests of all the women and children dependent upon labor's hands for a better or worse economic condition.

Lots can happen between now and next year, politically and economically, in this state and nation. Remote as it may seem to us now, the European war can have its effect on our own home politics. Either President Roosevelt and the Democrats will rise, or they will fall. Now it appears as if they are in the ascendancy, if one is to take stock in the Gallup polls. To the extent that the administration will keep us free of entanglements, will rest their popularity. While most of us seem to have our own personal opinion as to whom are the aggressors in Europe, nevertheless, of ourselves, we want to keep out of it all. The experience of the last world war has given the rank and file of the people every reason to think that way. Next year the issue won't be Harry Englehart or Ivan McKenrick, or Danny Shields or John Conway, it will be nation and state-wide. It will be based on the election of people who will foster the wish of the great hordes of the common American laymen, and labor is in that category—labor in its might can crush all reactionary and war influence, and sweat-shop promoters, and capitalistic-minded individuals, at a single blow, if they will hold themselves together, unified, and work toward an end at the polls next May and next November. But—will labor do that? Here in our own county, they are not united. They are not united for their own interests. If labor were united thoroughly, there would have been no such vote in this county as was the case last year. If labor were united the vote on offices not immediately concerned to labor would not have been so close, in some instances, on Tuesday. United in Cambria county, labor could carry every

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election for any set of candidates they choose, and do it easily.

Every election usually gets bitter. Mostly it is soon forgotten, unless the successful candidates carry on through office-holding a policy of antagonism to the people, and to their constituents. Hence, when next year's officers are chosen, it will not be the same as the county election of this year, where most all offices are of a ministerial nature. Next matters will be administrative. It should be the thought of labor to weigh well the backgrounds, the past records, the environments, and the qualifications of candidates, before they cast a vote.

Whether the United Mine Workers of America will support President Roosevelt for a third term if he chooses to run has not been established, but all signs indicate it will. At the last convention a third term resolution was postponed until the 1940 convention, which will meet well in advance of the Presidential campaign, probably in January. The miners are certain to oppose any conservative influence in the Democratic party such as Vice President John N. Garner, and probably will go into state campaigns such as in Pennsylvania, to support friendly candidates for congressional nominations and election.

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Pennsylvania next year will elect a U. S. Senator, due to expiration of Sen. Joseph F. Guffey's term. So far, the miners have been friendly to Mr. Guffey but whether this alliance will continue is a matter of speculation.

Patton's sidewalks are pretty well being completed by the WPA. The property owners who took advantage of the opportunity now certainly have no reason to regret the move they made at small expense, and the folks who failed to take advantage of the opportunity, now must have reason for regret.

The date on which you eat your Thanksgiving dinner this year is going to depend largely on state politics. New England is solidly against the Nov. 23rd date proclaimed by the President, and will eat its turkey on week later, on Nov. 30th. The big eastern industrial states, however, are just as solidly for it. The South is split. The mid-west is a stand-off, 7 to 7, while the far west is lined up with the President, 5 to 3. The political complexion of this divergence is shown by the fact that of the 17 states with Republican Governors, 12 turned down the Roosevelt's proposal; and of the 28 states with Democratic executives, 17 went along with him. One state, Mississippi, so far has taken no stand on the matter. The others, Texas and Colorado, will celebrate on both days—a great break for school kids and grocers. A possible clue to this magnanimity is the fact that both states are big turkey producers and this year have record breaking crops.

Well, we've had a taste of winter good and early this year. In fact the display of snow that came with the first of the week was one of the earliest November snowfalls of the last decade, and perhaps, had it all stayed put, would have averaged a foot. But it has its advantages, too—in its melting process it will greatly augment the winter water supply and that was needed.

While the Annual Membership drive of the American Red Cross always inspires a generous response, it is scarcely necessary to mention why this year it should make an especially powerful appeal. Its plans for aiding the victims of the war in Europe are in keeping with its long and noble history. The services of this great humanitarian organization are freely given without regard to race or nationality. Indispensable in time of peace, war imposes a special burden on its resources. There was never more need to increase the rolls of Red Cross mem-

bers and volunteer workers. No emergency has ever found it wanting. If disaster came to Patton tomorrow, or if it came to Spangler, or Barnesboro or Spangler or any other community, it would be on hand to help. But it must be equipped to fulfill its fresh and heavy responsibilities. Here is an organization in which all can enlist with the assurance that their financial support means widespread relief of human suffering. It is the time for opening not only hearts but pocketbooks to assist the Red Cross in its noble mission.

We agree with Col. Theodore Roosevelt is this statement on the United States mixing up in any European war: "There are only two issues which would justify America's going to war. The first is to protect our free institutions from real, not imaginary or hypothetical, dangers or Spangler or any other community, it would be on hand to help. But it must be equipped to fulfill its fresh and heavy responsibilities. Here is an organization in which all can enlist with the assurance that their financial support means widespread relief of human suffering. It is the time for opening not only hearts but pocketbooks to assist the Red Cross in its noble mission."

Pedestrians have their rights, too. A New York appellate court has ruled that if a person starts walking across a street on a green light, he may legally complete the crossing without getting run over even if the light changes to red when he is half way across. It does help the pedestrian. The writer, in city traffic, usually can get along better when driving a car than he can do in crossing a street. The pedestrian, no doubt, takes the position that it's better to watch his hide than to have it battered. Maybe the car operator takes the same view as does the pedestrian.

**RELICS UNCOVERED AT FORT ROBERDEAU SITE**

Harrisburg — Excavations are well under way to determine the dimensions and definite boundaries of the Revolutionary War Fort Roberdeau in Sinking Valley in the northeastern section of Blair County.

The Tourist and Publicity Committee of the Altoona Chamber of Commerce and the Blair County Historical Society with the cooperation of the Pennsylvania Historical Commission, plan to make known the historical significance of the fort.

Eugene Gardner, who worked with Dr. Donald A. Cadzow on the Fort Augusta excavations, is supervising about forty workers of the National Youth Administration in unearthing the remains of what was once called the "Lead Mine Fort." Already a number of relics have been recovered and some

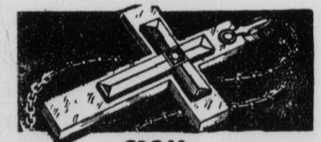
portions of the old boundaries have been located.

The Fort was built under the command of General Daniel Roberdeau for the protection of mine workers at this place which supplied about half of the lead used in the Revolutionary War.

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