SECOND THOUGHTS

By javie aiche –

Seven weeks ago it was that a courier and herald from Hunlock Creek arrived at the cubicle of your correspondent to make known the desire of Postmaster Stanley Croop that one day this column might rear itself from the corner that marks the confluence of the creek and the Susquehanna. The visitor would see to it that the populace should be apprised of the product wherein these lines are published, to the great enhancement of The Post and the erudition of its patrons.

For six weeks now Stanley Croop has been all too ill. And if ever there was affliction of a community by reason of a neighbor having become antipathetic to nature and its negations, then Hunlock Creek is its

ous.

THE LOW DOWN FROM

HICKORY GROVE

habit of thinking our U.

S. Senate is maybe a little

less flighty than over in

the House of Representa-

tives. But that idea is

commencing to look dubi-

This voting of more

money to the farmers than

was even asked for by our

Post-Graduate spenders,

brother, they out-did themselves. That is vot-

ing. Looks half-way like

the Old Boys there in the

Senate are coming down

with the Potomac fever.

They been exposed to it

there, in old Spendthrift

center, for several years.

But if they were to cock

an ear towards the coun-

try, they will hear some

where they must get elect-

ed or re-elected every two

years, versus six years in

the Senate, they know

what is going on back

Senators are gonna wake

up with a start and in a

cold sweat some morning,

like a small boy, at 2 A.

M., who has been nibbling

too free on green apples-

Yours with the low down,

THE SAFETY

VALVE

This column is open to

everyone. Letters should be

plainly written and signed.

JO SERRA.

Some of our care-free

Over in the House,

rumblings.

home.

at a picnic.

We kinda been in the

peer. For as many presentments as* there are personalities within five miles of the postoffice Stanley Croop in the years that made him first citizen of Hunlock Creek has found causes requiring helpful consolation, and to all of them he has given a multiplicity of ministrations.

He wouldn't want you to know about all that. Such would have been farthest from his thoughts, especially at the time he relayed in this direction an invitation to call around and make report of what was going around in the rus in urbe of which he has become the hub. There would have been something to say about the centenarian hotel of which his octogenarian father so long was proprietor and where now Mine Host Joe and Signorina Amelia Farini Virtue serve meals that are worth going out of your way to get. With spaghetti, of course, and Michelob, Miller High Life and Budweiser.

The corner store would be inviting to investigation. It is a renascence of the first venture of John Wanamaker, because in it you can buy anything from tires to thread, from electric washers to delectable delicatessen, from angel cakes to analgesic balm-"and if you don't see what you want just name it and we'll go get it." You find there gasoline and canned gas, cheese and chestwarmers. Run the mercantile gamut for yourself.

Mostly, though, you find no one who is unknown to Stanley Croop and none of human form but that in an hour of need the expression of a request has been the sesame to fulfilment. The postmaster and first citizen of Hunlock Creek could write the saga of every family that votes in the whole rural district, but he would forget to remember that much of it should begin and end in his own benefactions.

Governor Arthur James was only three minutes before-hand when finally in a Saturday of driving rains your correspondent got around to the Croop home. Congressman Harold Flannery was third to arrive. It was no coincidence that the Press and the most conspicuoue of public figures in Luzerne County, as well as the most important, should have come together there on the Susquehanna Trail. Should you tell off the callers since Stanley fell ill you would have practically a compendium of all who count. Any of the proletariat will say so. They ought | Editor:

to know, too, because at any minute of the day they can tell you what only Miss Durkin, the nurse, should know, all about the progress or lack of it in the illness of a great citizen. The Post as of April 20?

Lacking the prescience of the

HARD TO SWALLOW!



THIS BUSINESS **OF LIVING** - By SUSAN THAYER -

She had been a great lady in Budapest, mistress of a gracious house. But a great-grandmother of her husband had been "non Aryan." So one day, last summer, they left Hungary on twenty-four hours' notice. Now she lives in a one-room apartment with a view of the tall Empire State building across roof tops strung with washings.

It is not a large room and the furniture is limited to essentials. A couch that opens up to make a bed, a chest of drawers, two chairs and

a table. There are none of the minutiae of living which people invariably collect after a time. She's only been in "Amerika" for seven months. And these haven't been months for collecting. Money isn't easy to earn when people are struggling with a new language and strange environment. But she loves America.

"I feel, since I am here, as if I had been born again. There is some-

thing new here; something even in

dalous and very un-neighborly piece happen." which was printed in your issue of

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Plans already being discussed for the good counsel that awaits them every now and then I could catch my way. Will you please permit me to vin-dicate myself from the dirty, scan-cit hard source of this wolume. It is full of hope. Anything may the lot when she arrives to start the lot when she arrives to start in the lot when she arrives to

dow toward the great skyscraper tour . . . Robert Taylor and wife shortly after the turn of the cen-for trains and every sentence he Lacking the prescience of the pathologist your reporter fails of suggesting a time when it will be possible to gather about a counter possible to gather about a counter to a counter the tory of any nature against me tory at the tory of the tory o

THE SENTIMENTAL SIDE - By EDITH BLEZ

I have a boy friend! He isn't very old and he doesn't stand very high, and he does lots of silly, foolish things, and even though he is only three years old I have discovered that we speak the same language! We don't seem to need words to carry on our conversations.

Goodness knows most of the time I can't tell exactly what he is talking about and I feel quite certain there are many times I don't give him the right answers, but we get along remarkably well when all the disadvantages are taken into consideration. Usually about once a day I can look out the window and see

two short legs racing across the back lawn. My small boy friend is always in a hurry! Sometimes if I don't see him coming I know he is on the way because he usually pulls his red wagon along the pavement, and I can hear it long before I hear a small hand fumbling at the door knob. He doesn't ring the bell-he can't quite reach it-and

I am afraid if he could reach it he wouldn't take the trouble to ring it because doors to him are just something which keep him outside. He would much rather push his way in, rather than take a chance on no one answering the bell. That's what I like about him. He has no inhibitions whatsoever! The world is his and he makes the most of every opportunity. He hasn't learned yet doesn't know anything at all about them. He decided long ago that the world is his oyster!

Up until very recently my newthe cat I usually discovered him cents and 20 cents an hour. standing with boy hands behind his

sounded the dinner gong and if I'VE MET THE FOLKS YOU'VE READ ABOUT, by Labert St. Clair he could hear him chattering to him-self as he came slowly up the stairs. Dasedant team dereated the Danas Township nine, 6 to 4. Swingle pitched for K. T. H. S. and Joe Piatt He always located me by the sound did the receiving. The way to write is to write and of the typewriter keys. After he then to write is to write and on the opported al-then to write some more, we have found me, his chatter stopped al-fine young colt, the first he has ever been told these many years. Now, together and he always seemed peralong comes Labert S. Clair, scrib- fectly contented to stand by my

extraordinary, with the equally bald fingers pound out a column. assertion that anyone who really de- But now things are a little different. My small boy friend has grown So, embryo authors, budding so much in the past few months my small friend a great comfort. He that he goes to a nursery school journalists, go to it with vim and and he doesn't have so much time vigor provided you have the will to

see it through. Pad and pencil are Although the St. Clair story, in the main, is a racy, fast-paced and colorful account of men and affairs have been busy in the kitchen. from Veedersburg, Indiana, the author's birthplace, where his wanted to watch me make a quite flattered that he spends as eventful newspaper career began, pudding. He agreed very readily much time as he does with me. We to Washington, D. C., where he hobnobbed with all the big-wigs, the about the clock, and the dinner have a lot in common and I do hope advice for those yearning to do or because he climbed up on the kit- forget how to laugh. I love his indie on the altar of Journalism. Much chen stool and began talking to me fectious laugh and his greeting is profit is in store for them, if they at a great rate. I suspect he was much more worth while than most are sufficiently wise to appreciate telling me about school because of the Good Mornings which come

appen." She looked out of her bare win-Marx Brothers preparing to go on orama of the national scene from Marx Brothers preparing to go on orama of the national scene from boy friend has a deep-rooted ression

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ONLY YESTERDAY

Items from the columns of The Post ten years ago this week.

While there were no bands to play or mayors to throw out the first ball, there were plenty of thrills for the fans when Dallas defeated Beaumont in the opening game of the Rural League last Sunday.

The attendance record of Lake Township schools has been marred because of an epidemic of scarlet fever.

The funeral of William Bulford that there are rules and regulations was held from the late home, Wilkesin this man-made world, and he Barre, Wednesday. Mr. Bulford, who began his career as a blacksmith in Dallas, was one of the leading citizens of this section.

Dallas is not so bad off as some found friend didn't come to see me of the larger towns. Jack Gordon rewhen he came across the back lawn turned from McKeesport this week in such a hurry. He came to see with news that unemployed are of-the cat, and if he couldn't locate fering their services there for 15

Dr. C. Murray Turpin's candidacy back, waiting very patiently for the for congress is swinging along in clock to strike. Every time he pass- fine shape. His opponent, John ed through the dining room he Kmetz, has strong labor support. Kingston Township high school he couldn't find me downstairs I baseball team defeated the Dallas

Marvin Elston is the owner of a owned, and he is very proud of it. along comes Labert S. Clair, scrib-bler, and public relations counselor side and watch my two over-worked the name will have to be changed to By the looks of the Sordoni Trail "Billboard Row"

> is never dull and I never have to ento visit. But he does manage to tertain him and we always seem to get over at least once each day. I find something to laugh about. In find myself listening for that small fact many times we laugh at each fumbling hand. Lately it has hap- other! We laugh because it is good pened that each time he has come I to laugh. We don't exactly understand each other's words but we One day last week I asked him if have lots of fun and I really feel and seemed to forget completely are worlds apart but we seem to gong. I really felt quite flattered he doesn't grow up too quickly and

> > COMING TO NEW YORK? STOP AT iking Fdmard

PAGE THREE

weeks in bed at home have done Davis' signature. little more than engender doubt of what might be done about it when neighbor of mine for about 10 years. disposition.

Why is it, one asks, that health in sickness and in death to him. has known a bad habit? What is out of my job on the County High- country itself?' should become heir to evil not of his own design? The Postmaster Goss of Hunlock Creek is a young man, as years themselves are counted, but even the gloom of a drenched Saturday could not obscure the pain that in him now is resident.

May God speed his recovery or even give to it a beginning!



Governor Arthur H. James will work. speak over a nation-wide radio hookup Friday evening 10:30 (EST), NBC-Blue Network. The subject of the Governor's address will be "The Luzerne there was a turnover of Present Crisis".

Pennsylvania Republicans in publicans. creased their lead over the Democrats to well over a half-million unofficial survey made by the As- man James F. Torrance said: "The sociated Press. Total registration in Republican Party's gain in registerthe State, according to the AP is: ed voters since the November, 1939, 2,046,129; Others 57,383. This is a trend, not only in Pennsylvania

ocrats. -0-

100,000 of their gain in the two big ington. I am absolutely sincere when way this Summer. This is a Recounties, Philadelphia and Alle- I say, even at this early day, Penn- publican year, and a big one.' gheny. In Philadelphia they in- sylvania will roll up at the coming creased by 64,358, while the Demo- November election, a surprisingly crats dropped 23,193. In Allegheny large plurality for the Rebublican The man was mad the GOP jumped 26,585, the gain Presidential nominee and our State being almost exactly the number ticket. The Republican lead in reg- He tried his luck lost by the Democrats. In populous istration will increase further when

corner Boniface and discuss Ameri- me. I also believe he knew nothing more to say to me than that mouncan trends with the postmaster. about the miserable falsehoods tain ever did. In Hungary we thought discussing their next co-starring The result is a behind-the-scenes Two Weeks in a hospital and five which were in The Post over Joseph of our Past. For years we hadn't film, "I Love You Again" . . . Frank narrative continuously arresting in quietly on the high kitchen stool

Mr. Davis has been a friend and here . a man never before a patient sud-denly becomes chronic to grave in-denly becomes chronic to grave in-to say. I ask him a lot of questions thas ever had cause for complaint things will happen in the Future thappen thappen the Fut against me. I have been a friend Good things!"

"Is it because the people here are As to the charges that Mr. Goss stalwart frame of him who never got me painting jobs after being let different?" I asked her. "Or is it the

over and thereby keeping me stead- on the ship coming over were differhome but the job came through the sort of-what is the word-assu- Carole Lombard celebrating their an unkindly act. building contractors and not Mr. rance. And that is because of the first wedding anniversary with a

Now as to my job on the County complete. You are not ever afraid, but Mr. Davis will never know how does.'

many friends he lost, nor how "And your husband, does he like many I gained by his unfriendliness. it here as well as you do?" I asked. This is for the benefit of those "Not so much, perhaps. He rewho may have thought I was a very members the business he had in heartless wretch who does not ap-Budapest. It was very good." And preciate a favor done him. I dethen, with a kind of fierceness in sire to thank all friends who voted her voice, she went on: "But I don't for me. Also my heartfelt thanks care! I would rather live in this one for the use of cars and personal little room and know that whatever

Merle Shaver.

terfere or tell him how he must run it or take it away from him. It is about 17,000 favorable to the Reprotected by this."

She reached over to a pile of books on the floor and picked up a ocrats to well over a half-million since last November, according to an statistics, Republican State Chair-"This is the thing that makes me "This is the thing that makes me love America more than anything else and some day, after I've read it many more times, it will give me Republicans, 2,572,110; Democrats election, reflects accurately the the kind of assurance you have.' I took the little book, wondergain of almost 200,000 by Republi- but throughout the Nation. Reports ingly. It was a copy of the Constitucans, a loss of 170,000 for the Dem- from all parts of the State to State tion of the United States! headquarters carry one dominant note. This is that the people are

determined to vote for a change in The Republicans counted almost the Federal Government at Wash- our registration drive gets under

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for the rest of his life; that under

the American way no one will in-

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in the general store, beside a service reports of any nature against me often looked at. Here I look at the party on the "Susan and God" set whom Labert St. Clair did not and sizes, and the sound of a train pump or within beck and call of the and I am sure he can say same of Empire State building and it has for her wardrobe girl, Jean Berg know and of whom he does not in the distance is music to his small . . William Powell and Myrna Loy write interestingly.

dared to think of our Future. But Morgan doing double duty in two its revelations. It contains much and he chats in his childish way as films, just back from Palm Springs previously unpublished material if he really had something important She spread out her palms in a to start his role in "Boom Town"... bearing upon the politics, past and to say. I ask him a lot of questions wagons in "Twenty-Mule Team" . . . | of sparking highlights incident to

Eddie Cantor wiring in the news the naming of candidates at the from his personal appearance tour national conventions; of deals and

Laraine Day and her Little thwarted ambitions in high places. Theatre group spending the week- To reprint any of the stories here has known a bad habit: what is way when the new regime took "It's the people. Even those I met end making a16-mm, motion picture would be to dull their edge for the Rosalind Russell back in Holly- readers of the book, whose number in the seats of comfort, content ment and good conscience? And ily employed, I wonder where they in the son's new are very kind. And Americans word following a Florida and New should be legion. Neither they nor ment and good conscience : And were. I did paint his son's new are very kind. But all of you have a York vacation . . . Clark Gable and the author would thank us for such

country I believe. It is so big; so luncheon in the Metro-Goldwyn-

Mickey Vivien Leigh and Lawrence Olivier Mayer dining room . Road and Bridge Department, Mr. the way people in Europe are afraid. Rooney and Judy Garland rehears- off for their stage tour in "Romeo John MacGuffie was responsible for You are like a child whose mother ing the numbers they will do in and Juliet"... Fred Astaire visiting that, along with the prestige of is standing right behind it. He their new film, "Strike Up The the lot for the first time since his friends of Wyoming Valley who knows he is safe, so he is happy, Band."... Marjorie Rambeau hold- Florida vacation ... Ann Rutherrooted for me. I lost the election, and relaxed and sure of what he ing open house in her newly com- ford shopping with her sister for pleted farm home in the Valley . . . | a forthcoming New York trip.

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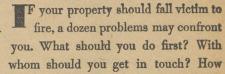
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