

### "The Totem Pole"

Harrisburg, November 13—There is much joyful hand-rubbing and back-slapping here these days at Republican State Headquarters as the maharajas who ride herd on the GOP elephants continue to bask and roll in the glory of a political fight over and done and won.

On the other hand the old waiting wall on Capitol Hill has been doing a rushing business the past week but matters have tapered off somewhat by now—a week after the elections.

Most frequently seen at the wall are Democrats who, although having a bitter and (for them) outstanding fight, emerged from last Tuesday's vote fracas the losers for the most part.

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Visiting some of the boys from Republican State Headquarters, he came away convinced that the elephant riders are now pointing to next year—the Presidential election.

"Democrats are pointing too," Grampaw Pettibone said with a sigh, "but they don't seem to know exactly where to point."

Fact of the matter is, GOP leaders now are taking their local victories as an indication of strength to back up their hand-waving next summer when the Republicans mob Philadel-

phia for their National convention—and incidentally to select their Presidential candidate.

"What most of the party boys are overlooking," Grampaw Pettibone declared slyly, "is that while the Republicans won in nearly all the local elections last week in the State, they failed to run off the field with sizable and convincing majorities."

Then, too, some Republican seats of authority fell by the wayside in favor of the clamoring Democratic voters, which of course is ideal for the American two-party system. But on the whole, Democratic gains were far inferior to Republican victories.

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### KUNKLE Sunday School Group Make Christmas Plans

Newly elected teachers and officers of Kunkle Methodist Sunday School met Monday evening, at the home of the superintendent, Joseph Delt-Kanic. Plans were begun for the Christmas program at the church on Sunday, December 21st.

Leona Jones, Betty Meeker, Sylvia Brace, Helen Landon, and Letha Race will purchase and pack the Christmas candy boxes.

Mrs. Betty Meeker announced that the choir has already begun rehearsals for a Christmas Cantata. Arthur Maurer, assistant superintendent, was appointed a committee of one to provide "Penny-A-Meal" banks for members of the community who wish to help in a long-range plan to expand the facilities of the Sunday School.

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### W.C.T.U. Institute

Shavertown and Dallas W.C.T.U. will hold an Institute in the Shavertown Methodist Church on November 18.

The morning session begins at 10:30 with a worship service by Mrs. Harrison of Shavertown. Mrs. Ed Keen of Forty Fort will be the morning speaker. A W.C.T.U. quiz will be conducted by Mrs. Z. E. Garinger.

Lunch will be served by the King's Daughters Sunday School class of Shavertown.

Afternoon session begins at 1:30 with worship service by Mrs. H. R. Riley, Lehman Memorial Service will be given by Mrs. D. A. Waters. Address by Rev. H. Harrison of Shavertown. Music will be furnished by a quartet from Idetown.

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### Your Health

The season approaches for that old gas buggy bugaboo—carbon monoxide poisoning. Carbon monoxide gas appears harmless—it is odorless, tasteless and colorless.

It is also insidious and deadly. Exposure to carbon monoxide occurs in the home through leaks in gas fittings.

Carbon monoxide results from imperfect combustion in stoves and furnaces that are improperly constructed or operated.

Carbon monoxide is a product of exhaust gas from automobiles.

To be in a closed garage with the automobile motor running is to invite carbon monoxide poisoning and sudden death.

What is the effect on the human body that makes this gas so deadly?

Carbon monoxide gas prevents oxygen, so necessary to life, from uniting with the red blood cells, and oxygen starvation results.

Often carbon monoxide poisoning creeps through the body and causes muscular weakness which prevents the individual from leaving the spot while he is still conscious.

The victim should be removed from exposure as rapidly as possible, and treatment commenced immediately.

If he is unconscious or breathing with difficulty, artificial respiration should be started at once.

While this is under way, oxygen breathing equipment should be sent for.

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If you have a horse, shut the barn door when the horse is running around inside.

If you have an automobile, open the garage door when the motor is running.

DO YOU KNOW?

Eleven persons in the United States are killed by an accident every hour; 265 every day, and approximately 97,500 every year.

William L. Ockenhouses, Guests At Housewarming

Mr. and Mrs. William L. Ockenhouses were guests of honor at a surprise house warming at their new home on Davenport street Saturday evening. Present were: Mrs. John Layaou, Mr. and Mrs. Herman LaBar, Mrs. Norman Honeywell, Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Russel Lee Ockenhouse, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Ockenhouse, Mr. and Mrs. William Ockenhouse, Jr., Mrs. Rose Eckert, Miss Delores Bruckman, and the guests of honor.

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### SAFETY VALVE

Danger In Flaming Fabrics

8 year old Mary is a happy little girl as she greets her mother and slides on to a chair to eat her breakfast. Ten minutes later, the terrified child is running to the neighbors screaming for help for her mother whose dress has caught fire. Two days later the little girl's mother has died of severe burns.

What caused this terrible accident? It could have been a lighted cigarette or the tiny flame of a match struck to light the gas stove.

When a tiny flame contacts the highly inflammable fabric in a house-dress, in a matter of seconds Mrs. Homemaker can become a human torch, and cannot escape severe and often fatal burns.

The moral of this story is to be careful about what you wear and when you wear it. All ordinary fabrics will burn. Some fabrics catch fire easily and burn furiously because of their fibers (or construction or a combination of these factors). Other fabrics burn more slowly. Learn to recognize a fabric that will burn easily so that you can be especially careful when wearing it.

When of a similar or the same construction, fabrics made of wool, silk, nylon, and acetate rayon are not so inflammable as cotton or other rayon fabrics. Light weight and sheer fabrics burn more readily than heavier fabrics. Napped and pile fabrics burn more readily than heavy fabrics. Coated fabrics of the same types especially those coated with pyroxylin are very hazardous because they burn rapidly with an intense flame that is difficult to put out.

Although not yet widely in use, there are flame resistant fabrics on the market. Several methods for treating fabrics with flame retardants have been developed. These treated fabrics retain their effectiveness after repeated washings and drycleaning.

The treated fabrics will char but not flame. Pillows, mattress ticking and mattress stuffing also can be treated with the new compounds, which should shorten the casualty list of people foolish enough to smoke in bed.

But until the time when all fabrics are flame-resistant, if homemakers will just exercise ordinary care and common sense, there will be little danger of becoming a human torch. Don't try to save time by slipping down to prepare breakfast in your dressing-gown. You'll just be inviting disaster when you get close to the range with the long flowing sleeves and the dangling sashes, especially if your gown is made of sheer, napped or pile fabrics.

Lighted cigarettes are particularly dangerous when smokers are wearing dressing gowns or hats with veils. And don't stand around open fires when you are wearing either of those. The advice is the same when you are wearing flannellette nightgowns and robes, and long-napped sweaters of cotton or rayon. When choosing special party costumes, avoid sheer or long-napped materials.

Children should be warned especially about the sheer dresses and veils worn on occasions such as church ceremonies when lighted candles are carried or standing near by. A child is usually too panic-stricken to put out a flame or remove a burning garment. Hospital records show that most injuries to small children from burning clothing come from fabrics that ordinarily

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### Barnyard Notes

**GOLDEN EGGS**

Now that our chicken coop has been rebuilt and painted a neat white, the hens will soon be laying golden eggs. They'll have to if we ever pay for the coop. Although smaller, our coop has about the same architectural perfection as the flock of new homes that are going up in Druid Hills, Jr. The coop has given us a new conception of the value of lumber as well as chickens.

**GREAT AMERICAN**

The November issue of The Reader's Digest contains a condensation of a forthcoming book, "Our Unknown Ex-President" by Eugene Lyons. If you haven't read it, by all means do so. It will give you a new conception of a great man—Herbert Hoover.

Born seventy-four years ago in a one-story cottage not far from his father's blacksmith shop in the Quaker settlement at West Branch, Iowa, his birthplace was only a shade less humble than Lincoln's log cabin.

Without a father at six, and motherless at ten he nonetheless worked his way through Stanford University and at twenty-three was earning \$7,500 a year as an engineer in Australia because he could fill a position that required "the strength of a man of 25 and the experience of a man of 75."

His marriage waited another two years until Lou Henry got her engineering degree from Stanford.

At the beginning of World War I, this orphan boy controlled a substantial part of the world's supply of lead and zinc. Asked by Ambassador Page to organize relief for seven million Belgians facing almost certain starvation, Hoover, in Quaker fashion, prayed with Mrs. Hoover for guidance. He renounced a great business career and launched a greater career of social service. He was through with mining and money making.

"Since then", says Lyons, "Hoover has not kept a dollar in remuneration from any source for his own use. From the first hour of the Belgian job to the last of his recent mission to Europe, he has paid his expenses out of his own pocket. His salary as Secretary of Commerce he distributed in full to raise the incomes of aides who needed it or to pay for expert personnel not provided by Congress. He sent a check for \$300,000—his entire income as President to the Treasury Department on the day he left the White House. Money from writing or speaking went to private charities."

Between 1914 and 1924, Hoover raised and distributed five billion dollars and 34,000,000 tons of supplies with every dollar and pound accounted for and without a single scandle or taint of profiteering or waste.

But read The Digest for the other side of the story of a man who was treated most shabbily by the predecessor of the man who recently wrote across one of Hoover's speech manuscripts: "With a keen appreciation—to a great American."—Signed Harry S. Truman.

**WINTER SKIES**

No man can watch the Northern lights shimmer above College Misericordia as they did Sunday night without a feeling of awe.

We seldom see them that we fail to think of a night in 1910 when we refused to look at the heavens because Halley's comet was there. For weeks we had lived in fear of its coming and after it came refused steadfastly to look at it believing, ostrich like, that if we didn't see it it couldn't hurt us.

We probably won't be here in 1985 when the great comet returns again, but if we are, there will be nothing we can tell little children who will ask "what was it like seventy-five years ago?" We don't know because we were afraid to look.

The most celebrated comet in history was not discovered by Halley. It bears his name because after its appearance in 1682, he computed its orbit and found it was very similar to those of comets that had appeared in 1531 and 1607. Since the three dates 1531, 1607 and 1682 were about seventy-five years apart, he concluded that the three comets were three successive appearances of the same object, and that it revolved about the sun once every seventy-five years. He predicted that the comet would reappear in 1759. His successors found that his predictions were right. Again in 1839 and in 1910—when we didn't look—it passed around the sun and near the earth.

Newspaper stories of the day presaged the end of the world. Lurid Sunday supplements depicted how the end might come. No wonder an impressionable boy refused to look at the phenomenon that might blot out his family.

Like savages who worship supernatural gods in the winds, rains and thunder are those who see evil omens in the skies and tremble. The night sky is friendly to those who wish it and who study it.

The Northern lights, the paths of the planets, the course of stars and even the gasses on them are known to man. Helium was discovered on the sun by scientists working with the spectroscope long before it was discovered on the earth. And those who work with the atom learned much of its basic truths from the skies.

He who has studied the night sky might well say I have lived too long with the stars to be afraid of the dark.

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