

This Week



By Arthur Brisbane

SHENANDOAH PASSES. TOO FEW OWN HOMES. A LADY VICE-PRESIDENT. THE PEOPLE'S INDEPENDENCE.

The airship Shenandoah, sailing toward Albany, above the Hudson, last week, passed the Twentieth Century, the fastest New York Central train, coming from Chicago. The airship carried 120 human beings, the express train many more. The passengers on the fast train bent their necks looking upward, and thought how strange it was traveling up there in the air.

In a few years that well-appointed express train will be out of date as the stage coach is now. The young Vanderbilt boys and George F. Baker, real boss of the New York Central, would do well to begin planning through the air. They have the terminals, can raise money, and should see the warning written in the sky by smoke from the exhaust pipes of the big flying ship.

President Coolidge tells real estate men he wants to see this country a home-owning nation. That's better than Henry Navarre's wish that every Frenchman should have a chicken cooking on the stove. La Poule, au pote. Frenchmen, seven millions of them, own the soil of France, thanks to the revolution. That's what helped them to hold Verdun.

The peasants own Sweden. That enabled Charles XII to march with only 12,000 of them through Peter's great armies. Too few own their homes and the land, in this country.

The Agricultural Department reports the worst crops in many years. That's bad news for those who eat the crops, but may mean better prices for farmers not able to make a living recently.

The Chicago Board of Trade expects higher prices for grain, and with the wheat crop cut more than forty million bushels something ought to happen.

Federal District Judges Carpenter and Wilkerson say aside President Coolidge's pardon of Philip Cossman, in Chicago, denying the President's power in civil cases and adding: "To allow such power to the Executive is to strike a death blow at the independence of the judiciary."

That's a good saying and courageous. All Federal judges depend on the President for appointment and promotion.

It's also a saying for the people to remember in case they happen, some day, to get rulers that represent them, and nobody else. At present our system "Allows such power to the judiciary as to endanger the independence of the people." You see it when the casting of one single appointed Supreme Court vote, in the majority, has power to over-rule an elected Congress. And when Congress is ruled by a bare majority, in a court beyond the people's control, that is not democracy.

If there exists any power greater than the people's power, then, what we call self-government is a joke, as when a farmer lets his baby "drive the horses," the farmer, however, holding the reins, while the baby only thinks he is driving. Well thought out power to recall every one of their public servants, whether elected or appointed by an elected official, is what the people will have eventually. That will

come when they really take an interest in their government and thus prove their fitness to govern themselves.

Mrs. Genevieve Allen, of San Francisco, suggested that some woman be nominated for Vice-President. It isn't necessary to say what old politicians think of that. Nevertheless, young politicians will live to see things in politics more surprising.

The time hasn't come yet, however, for, strangely enough, at this moment more women than men would be shocked at the idea of a woman on the Presidential ticket.

Perhaps, some day, the world will bless the big war, although it did cost 250 billions and 20 million lives. Poison gas will do more good than it has ever done harm; it has been used to destroy the boll weevil. And now, in the Ukraine, Trotsky orders his army fliers to use gas against locusts and field mice. We could use it here, a heavy variety, to destroy prairie dog colonies, snakes in their breeding places, and rats in city sewers.

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Births

June 16, to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Doran of Friendship, a daughter, Mary Bridget.

June 18, to Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Young of Fillmore, a son.

June 16, to Mr. and Mrs. Claude G. Haynes of Belmont, a daughter, Jean Elizabeth.

June 16, to Mr. and Mrs. William Pelton of Bolivar, a son, William Burl.

June 14, to Mr. and Mrs. Roland Norwood of Alfred, a son, Roland George.

Marriages

June 14, Miss Mary Frances Mason of Friendship and Harold L. Davis of Ellicottville. After an extended wedding trip, they will make their home at Friendship.

June 18, Miss Vera McElheny of Canaan and Lesley Christ of Buffalo.

Deaths

Mrs. Anna Tucker, after a short illness, died Wednesday evening, at her home in Almond, June 11, at the age of 76 years.

George B. Wright, a veteran of the Civil War and father of Mrs. L. G. Robbins of Alfred, died Wednesday morning, June 18, at their home. The funeral services and burial were held in Worcester, N. Y., Friday.

Mrs. Anna Wells died June 15 at the Driscoll home in Belmont. A daughter, Mrs. Myra Gordon of Almond, survives.

Floyd C. Perry, for many years employed at farming and teaming, died at his home at Vosburg, town of Bolivar, at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon, June 13. He had been in

ailing health for the past year and confined to the house for at least two months. Pyrexia trouble caused his death. He was 49 years.

George Scott passed away at his home in Rushford on June 13th, 1924. He had been in poor health for the past two years. Deceased was born May 18, 1882 in Yale, Michigan.

Mrs. Ellen Lincoln died Thursday afternoon, June 12, at her home near the village of Almond, aged 84 years. She was born at Conesus and moved with her people when a young girl, to Almond and has lived there since.

Edson L. Sherwood, who would have been 80 years of age had he lived until next August, and a lifetime resident of Scio, died Tuesday June 17, 1924. The deceased was born at Independence, and was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Sherwood. His wife, who is deceased, was Alice Coats. He is survived by two sons and one daughter.

Mrs. Emma Smalley of Cuba, died at the Memorial hospital, June 17th. She was born at Friendship on April 23, 1850, and was daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Smalley.

Mrs. Alfred Atherton of Belfast died June 13, aged 73 years. Deceased is survived by her husband and two sons.

Mrs. Emily Smalley, widow of the late Chas. W. Smalley of Nile, died at the Cuba Hospital following a long illness. Deceased was born at Friendship, April 23, 1850. She was married August 1, 1870, to Chas. Smalley, who died in 1894. Two daughters survive.

Every day there's a BARGAIN for somebody advertised in the "want columns." The readers and answers of want ads, finds these bargains!

Dogs

All Dog Licenses Expire on June 30. The 1924 License Fee is Due July 1st.

Every dog must wear a tag of the current dog license year. A dog without a tag is presumptive evidence by law, and no action can be maintained for his injury or destruction.

An unlicensed dog may be seized and killed, and the fact that a dog is without a tag is presumptive evidence that the dog is unlicensed. Dog licenses must be obtained from the Clerk of the city or town where the dog is harbored or kept. License Fees are as Follows: Male dog \$2.25 Female dog 5.25 Snayed female dog 2.25 These amounts include clerk's fees.

No license can be issued for less than the full license fee. The owner of a dog who fails or refuses to obtain a license for the dog as required by law incurs a penalty of \$10.00 and costs.

The assessors of towns and the police departments of cities are required to prepare in June of each year a list of dog owners. The omission of the name of the owner from the assessors' or police list will not excuse the owner from obtaining a license.

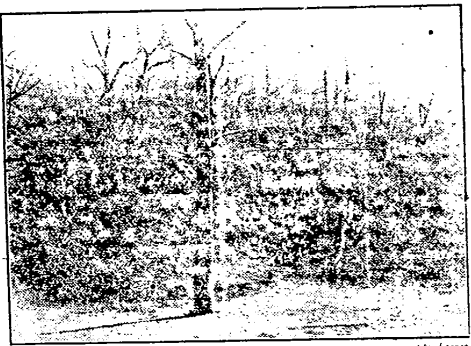
Dog licenses in the Town of Andover are issued by Robert L. Brundage, Clerk, P. O. Address, Andover, N. Y.

Notice

One-half of the cow pasturing must be paid on or before the first of July, 1924, in the Stearns and Slocum pasture.

Tom Sawyer's Cave is still an Unexplored Mecca

Labyrinths made famous by Mark Twain's characters are still "unknown country," although visited by world-wide guests



Entrance to Tom Sawyer's Cave

When Tom Sawyer pushed his head and shoulders through a small hole and saw the broad Mississippi rolling by," as Mark Twain described the emergence of his immortal American boy from the cave in which he and his companion Becky had been lost for three days, Tom Sawyer was probably stuck his head through a hole that is now on property upon which is located the large plant of The Atlas Portland Cement Company at Hannibal, Missouri.

This town was made famous by the doings of Tom Sawyer, Huckleberry Finn and his associates, who were the boyhood recollections of Mark Twain, whose own youthful days were spent in that city on the banks of the Mississippi. The home Mark Twain occupied is still there, a modest white clapboard house with a small bronze plaque on its street side, stating that the house was the boyhood home of Mark Twain, and that the plaque had been set there by his father. Rising just beyond it is Carlin Hill, the location of many of the pranks of the boys of Mark Twain's vicious, virile imagination. One can still plunge in the "swimming hole," but the covered bridge has been neglected and is surely in need of repairs.

More permanent and interesting still is the cave which became the haunt of the boys in their daredevil games of playing "Injun" and banditry. The entrance is in the side of a hill before which is a picturesque picnic ground, and so wide has been the knowledge of these underground passages through reading of Mark Twain's characters that the cave is constantly a mecca of visitors from all over the United States. A guide is always at hand and a small fee is charged for being conducted through the caves. It is worth while to hear the guide tell of the incidents in the lives of Mark Twain's "boys" which took place in the windings of these limestone passages.

No better description of them could be had than in "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" itself. A picnic had been arranged and a fervent hired for the occasion. After luncheon, somebody shouted: "Who's ready for the cave?" "Everybody was," writes Mark Twain. "Bundles of candles were procured, and straightway there was a general scamper up the hill. The mouth of the cave was up the hillside, an opening shaped like a letter A. Its massive oaken door stood unbarred. Within was a small chamber, where the shilly as an icehouse, and walled by Nature with solid limestone that was property at various points.



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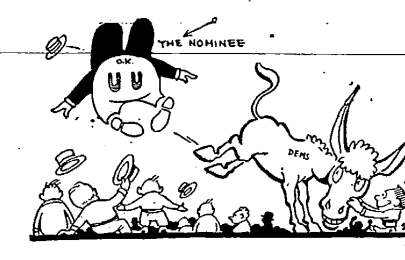
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