

STATE NEWS BRIEFS

Secretary of the Treasury A. W. Mellon will be in Charlotte on January 19. The occasion of the secretary's visit will be the celebration of the opening of the Charlotte branch of the federal reserve system.

R. W. B. Stone, president of the North Carolina Farmers' Union for eleven years and a leading figure in its councils since its organization, died at his home in Greensboro Saturday.

Senator Simmons has been advised by Secretary Hoover of the department of commerce that he will be unable, so far as his report, to accept the invitation of the Raleigh chamber of commerce to address its annual banquet in January.

Senator Simmons has received from the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Baptist State convention of North Carolina, a petition bearing the names of residents from various parts of the state, in behalf of religious unity in Romania and protesting against religious intolerance in that country.

Approximately 300 fewer Confederate veterans received checks this month than at the same time last year, according to Baxter Durham, state auditor, who reports that the number of pensions in class B now total 2,570. Many pensioners who distinguished themselves in the service of the Confederate forces, number 94. There are 150 class A widows and 1,415 class B widows who receive checks. Mr. Durham estimates that there are now living in North Carolina 3,000 veterans of the Civil war.

Frank R. Brown, 55, went to Raleigh from Salisbury last Friday to begin serving a seven to ten-year term for embezzlement. He came alone to begin his term, but was told by prison authorities that unless he got someone to identify him, he could not be admitted. D. C. Boney, insurance commissioner, gave Brown a letter of introduction, and he was admitted. He was convicted of embezzlement of nearly \$150,000 belonging to stockholders of the Perpetual Building and Loan association, Salisbury.

Bids will again be received next Tuesday for the state's printing in an effort to clear up the tangle in current when the Raleigh printers asked a small increase in linotype composition. It is expected that bids will be received outside of the state, although leading printers throughout the state were invited. Thanks for submitting proposals some weeks ago. If the Raleigh printers are unable to settle the bid of last June it is understood the policy of the commission will be to award contracts to printers of other states. Leading commercial printers recently conferred with employees as to a 10 per cent reduction in wages in order that their shops might be able to handle the contracts.

The hearing on the confirmation of Johnson J. Hayes as judge of the middle North Carolina district, has been set for January 5, at 10:30 a. m., according to an announcement by Senator Lee S. Overman, chairman of the sub-committee designated to conduct the hearing. All persons making protest against the confirmation of the jurist, including witnesses summoned by the "prosecution" are requested to be present at that time, and Senator Overman hopes that those who care to protest against the confirmation will be heard from before January 1, in order that the committee may get an idea of the nature and extent of the task before it. It is still undetermined who is to pay the expenses of the witnesses, but David Vance of Plumtree, stated some time ago that he would be willing to defray such expenses if the government did not care to do so.

Big Business

By Albert T. Reid



The President's SAM, DID YOU READ THAT? HE PROBABLY MEANT THE DINKY BUSINESS OF PRINTING ENVELOPES, ETC.—DON'T YOU THINK?

dugent girl into an intelligent companion.

His one chance of happiness should be marry the girl who is the victim of her environment—that she has in her latent possibilities that have never been brought out and do not appear on the surface.

There is the possibility, of course, that she cares no more for pleasure and gaiety than the normal young girl—she has started with an inner jizz, and tries to keep the peace. That sort of a girl is glad enough, after she is married, to get the show and by a model wife.

There is the chance, too, that she has never been given an opportunity for self improvement. An in that case, if she has plenty of brains and common sense and native intelligence—if she is ambitious and is willing to learn—she will be open to criticism and amenable to reason.

But generally speaking, the girl of nineteen or twenty years has formed the tastes and habits that she will carry through life and her sympathies and interests have about reached their normal growth.

And why take such an obvious chance? The girl may be perfectly happy and satisfied as she is—in which case she would only be miserable were she to attempt to change her character to conform to somebody else's standard of happiness.

Isn't it queer that people won't pick out the sort of husbands and wives they should have, the kind that please them as they are, instead of picking out a person with whom they have nothing in common and electing to change their very soul? It is an unsolved mystery why people

insist upon believing that a marriage ceremony will work a miracle and change a person's nature.

A man who likes all the fine and good things of life and who wants a sane, wholesome and happy life companion, should marry that type of a woman.

For it is only the intelligent, cultured woman who can make that sort of a man happy and who will be a real helpmate to him.

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of J. M. South. He was born May 17, 1857, died December 18, 1937, aged 80 years, 7 months and one day. He leaves two sons, five daughters, one sister and a host of kindred and friends to mourn their loss. He professed faith in Christ in 1890 and joined the Baptist church and lived a consistent member until his death.

Father, we know you suffered while other thought you well; God knew your pain was great, and he called you home to dwell. Sleep on, dear Father, and take thy rest; We miss you most, who loved you best; God took you home, it was His will; But in our hearts you are living still. Long days and nights he bore in pain; To wait for cure was all in vain; But God, who knoweth all things best, Did cause his pain and give him rest. Gone, but not forgotten by L. A. WILSON.

OST—Between Baptist church and postoffice, a black comb case containing \$8, one \$5 and 3 \$1 bills. Finder return to Democrat office and receive reward.

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L. L. QUALLS

Miss Flo's Corner

A Question Box for the Ladies By MISS FLO

ONE CHANCE IN A MILLION Dear Miss Flo: What chance of happiness is possible when a man of intellectual, cultural ideals marries a frivolous, light-headed girl? Do you believe there is any chance of his being able to change her character? I know a fine man who fancies himself in love with a pretty little flapper, who hasn't a single thought in her head other than clothes and a good time. He has become engaged to her, with the idea in mind that he will be able to train her, after the ceremony into the sort of a wife he wants.—G. G.

There is perhaps one chance in a million that the marriage will be a happy one. For the leopard changes his spots just about as often as a girl changes her character, and the power of sex alone will not be great enough to hold together in comradeship, happiness and enduring love the man and woman of no common interests.

A frivolous, gay little butterfly will not turn into a grub. If she is clothes-mad and pleasure-mad—if she wants to dance all night and is never satisfied to stay at home in the evening—it is a certainty that she will not change overnight into a stay-at-home, hard-working domestic wife.

Nor can you change an ignorant, uncultured, mentally lazy, self-in-



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