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Reforming Business

By adopting a new set of rules which will make it very much more difficult for the little fellow with a few dollars to speculate in stocks, the New York Stock Exchange has gone a long way toward curing the worst evils of speculation. In rigidly limiting the possible fluctuation of the price of grain to not more than five cents a bushel in any one trading day, and pegging the price of wheat at 87 cents, below which it is not to be permitted to fall, the Chicago Board of Trade has at least set up some protection for the producer against a speculative collapse in values and makes gambling in the staff of life less alluring to the professionals.

Both of these great exchanges have acted as they did only under pressure from Washington. It has dawned upon the Federal authorities that no organization or group can be trusted to purge itself of the evils which it has countenanced and which its operations involve. The purging must be done from without. That is true of every human institution. We cannot recall one that ever reformed itself. Reform has to be forced upon humanity.

The greatest effort ever attempted by our Government to reform business practices and bring about a better distribution of products and profits as between employer and employee is now being made. It was quite natural that many, perhaps most of those accustomed to doing business under the old scheme of unrestrained competition should not like the idea of being reformed. A great many still do not like it; but are accepting the President's code and organizing into trade associations under NRA codes because there is nothing else to do.

We are like the majority of Americans, we believe, in hoping that the New Deal works as it is planned. If it does accomplish its ends of putting people back to work at better wages and so restoring prosperity, we think that most of those who are grumbling now will forget that they didn't like the idea. And if it doesn't work—well, we'll not be worse off than we were.

Nothing Else?

When defendants are on trial for serious offenses against society, evidence of criminal practices are often disclosed, although the jury acquits on the more serious charge. Take the example of the murder trial in Gaston county.

The Kinston Free Press tells the story:

A murder trial in Gaston county last week engaged more than passing attention. A woman died under suspicious circumstances. Her husband, and two co-defendants, a former deputy sheriff and his son, were tried for the murder. They were acquitted.

In the course of the testimony, it was admitted by the defendants that there had been an attempt on the part of the husband to place his wife, who was estranged from him, in a compromising situation with another man in order that in divorce proceedings he might make charges of bad character against her and thus obtain the custody of their children. It seems that the son of the deputy sheriff was the other man in the case. He was selected to "keep company" with the young woman and the deputy sheriff was to appear at the proper time to make the arrest. An engagement was made by the son and the young woman was taken for a ride into a lonely section. There by arrangement with the son, the deputy and husband appeared, allegedly found the couple sitting in the car, with the young man's arm around the woman. They were arrested on a disorderly conduct charge, and she was fined by a magistrate. He evidently was also a party to the frame-up. The woman was subsequently found dead from an injury on the head, alleged by the defendants in the case to have been suffered when she jumped out of a fast-moving car in a suicidal attempt.

We are prone to ask the question if the acquittal on the murder charge is to be the end of the prosecution. Do the laws of North Carolina not protect the people from such a monstrous plot? The answer certainly is in the affirmative.

If the husband and two others are guilty, as the evidence seemed to have pointed, they ought to be punished. Their crime was despicable.

Is acquittal of the defendants in this case all that is to be done? Is this evidence of guilt on a count of conspiracy to be disregarded? That is a question that the solicitor of that district should not answer lightly. Society demands something more than apparently has been done in this instance.

Victory For Recovery Plan

President Roosevelt's recovery plan was victorious Tuesday in its first test in the courts. Justice Cox, of the District of Columbia Supreme court, who heard the appeal of Texas refiners for an injunction against recent orders of Secretary of the Interior Ickes prohibiting interstate shipment of oil produced in violation of state regulations, was right when he declared that "Congress has declared that a great national emergency exists and has invested the President with extraordinary powers to meet that emergency."

Surely the country can afford to give that effort a chance. He continued:

"In the law, it is recognized that necessity confers many rights and privileges that without the necessity might not be conferred. It is said that self-preservation is the first law and this principle, in some degree at least, seems to extend to governments."

"There is another maxim that 'the safety of the people is the supreme law' and all these must be considered in dealing with emergencies. All laws, including the constitution, it seems to me, should be read in emergencies in the light of the law of necessity."

Justice Cox is saying that technicalities should not defeat the spirit of justice. That is true whether in the question of constitutional authority or in any ordinary criminal case. Justice should be given sufficient scope without regard for technicalities.

Justice Cox has set a precedent which other courts of the land might well follow on the question at issue.

North Wilkesboro Votes

The decision of the voters Tuesday is one that will cause the soul of North Wilkesboro no remorse in the years ahead.

It was a clear-cut question. Whether North Wilkesboro should maintain a skeleton of the high standard that it attained as a charter district, operated by the city, or go back to the level of the average school in the rural sections of the state was the only issue.

The Journal-Patriot believed that it was a matter upon which the citizens of North Wilkesboro were qualified to speak. If the tax supplement had been defeated, we were prepared to accept that result as the will of the people and there would have existed no bitterness toward those who encompassed the defeat.

On the other hand, we are convinced that North Wilkesboro spoke wisely. The children whose future is in the hands of the citizens of voting age will reflect the wisdom of the course taken.

Not all of us can see alike. That is only natural. The preponderance of the actual vote in favor of the supplement over the vote in opposition, however, is sufficient testimony that North Wilkesboro is willing to sacrifice, if need be, in order that our children may be given the best we can afford.

The state acted wisely in allowing city administrative units the privilege of supplementing state funds. A minimum standard should be set, but never a maximum.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By REV. CHARLES E. DUNN

SAMUEL

Lesson for August 20th. 1 Samuel 3, 7, 12. Golden Text: 1 Samuel 12:20.

The lesson opens with one of the most charming narratives in the Bible, the story of the child Samuel hearing the voice of the Lord in the night, at the time he ministered in the temple under the supervision of Eli. At first he supposed the strange voice to be that of Eli. But the priest knew at once that God was speaking, and instructed the child to respond, when the call sounded anew, "Speak, Lord: for thy servant heareth."

Surely this is a most appealing incident, told with that artlessness that is the highest art. Nowadays we call such a voice conscience, that "something inside that I cannot do what I want to with," as a small boy well defined it.

The mature Samuel was a forceful Judge both respected and feared by his people. Their eagerness to follow strange gods he did not hesitate to denounce, as he went about from city to city holding court. His powerful influence is clearly revealed at Mizpeh, where he called the people to repentance, and then miraculously saved them from the hands of the invading Philistines.

Though a great leader, of unusual sanctity, Samuel had more piety than charm. There was a streak of strait-laced severity about him that makes him seem a trifle unhuman.

There is pathos in the declining years of Samuel. His influence had waned, and his unworthy sons, who succeeded him in the judgeship, naturally aroused antagonism. It is then that the people, with almost brutal frankness, said, "You are old, and your sons are not following your footsteps. Now appoint a king for us, to rule us like all other nations." This request, though reasonable, angered Samuel, but he finally yielded, warning them that their king would be a tyrant.

We take leave of him at Gilgal, where the people gathered to see Saul made king, and to hear Samuel's farewell address.

When or if worse comes to worst, the overshadowed cabinet members may, perhaps, be able to get jobs as college professors.—Springfield Union.

Cranberry Church Is Having Revival

Winston-Salem Quartet Gives Numbers At Sunday Service at That Church

ROARING RIVER Route 3, Aug. 15.—A most interesting revival is in progress this week at Cranberry church. The pastor, Rev. W. G. Mitchell, of Jennings, is being assisted by Revs. Noah T. Jarvis, J. Blaine Ray, and other ministers.

Mr. C. J. Lambeth, of the Roaring River Furniture Company adopted the NRA code for his employees last Thursday.

An excellent quartet from Winston-Salem, composed of young Mr. Brannon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Brannon, and three of his young friends, rendered three very appealing songs at the close of services at Cranberry Sunday, and also gave a recital at that church at 3 o'clock.

In the absence of the pastor, Rev. W. G. Mitchell, who was closing a revival at Hunting Creek and who arrived Sunday afternoon, Rev. J. B. Ray preached Sunday morning at Cranberry to a record crowd.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Brannon, and several of their family, of Winston-Salem, attended services at Cranberry Sunday and visited her cousin, Mrs. Robert Sale.

Mr. and Mrs. Glass, of West Virginia, arrived Monday to visit his uncle, Mr. L. M. Jarvis, and many other relatives.

Rev. Marcus Walker, much beloved elderly minister of the Cycle community, is attending the revival at Cranberry this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius J. Johnson have moved into their new home, having formerly lived with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Johnson.

Miss Della Myers spent three weeks recently nursing in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Seagraves, where they have a new baby boy.

Several from this locality attended the revival at Old Fishing Creek church, Wilkesboro, Route 2, last week. Mrs. J. J. Johnson visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George J. Holland, and attended the meeting.

Several relatives and friends have been enjoying watermelon

and cantaloupe feasts at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pardee, on recent Sundays.

Mrs. Alfred Brannon, who visited in the Cranberry section Sunday, is a native of this locality, having been Miss Ruthie Mathis, daughter of the late Mr. Alvin Mathis.

Mr. and Mrs. Rance Staley recently took up temporary quarters on their own land, after spending some time with relatives and friends, since losing their nice home by fire, and plan to rebuild immediately.

1933 has been one of the hottest summers in history, and quite the one most calculated to make you "sweat like a negro at the llection." Attending the numerous revivals has been a Herculean task. Ye Dellaplaine correspondent inclines to the paradoxical theory that the thinner you are, the hotter you get!

Miss "Teeny" Glass was baptized at the close of the recent Antioch revival, in which Rev. J. W. Moore, the popular pastor, was assisted by Revs. W. N. Hayes, J. A. Foster, George Curry, A. M. Blackburn, General Staley, and other ministers and lay-workers.

The Greensboro Daily News, of Sunday, August 6, carried a feature story on the Old Tilley Place, a 90 or 92-year-old dilapidated farmhouse, one mile below Dellaplaine. It is one of the oldest buildings in Antioch township and has a very eventful and adventurous history.

Young Astor Gets Fortune Left By Father

Newport, R. I. Aug. 14.—John Jacob Astor Jr. attained his majority today and automatically came into possession of the \$3,000,000 fortune left him by his multi-millionaire father, who perished on the Titanic 21 years ago—four months before the son was born.

Final papers giving young Astor title to the inheritance were understood to have been signed at Bar Harbor, Me., within the past few days. His mother, Mrs. Force Dick, of New York, flew from the Pacific coast to Bar Harbor for the negotiations. Astor returned from there today with his aunt, Mrs. Lorillard Spencer, with whom he is staying at Newport.

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BOY PLAYING WITH GUN KILLS MOTHER

Modesto, Calif., Aug. 14.—William Silveira, eight, accidentally shot and killed his mother, Margaret C. Silveira, 38, near Newman, Coroner George Sovern said today.

The coroner explained the boy picked up a shotgun, thought to be unloaded, and jokingly said to his mother, "I'll shoot you." She also thought the gun was unloaded and paid no attention. The boy fired, and the woman was mortally wounded.

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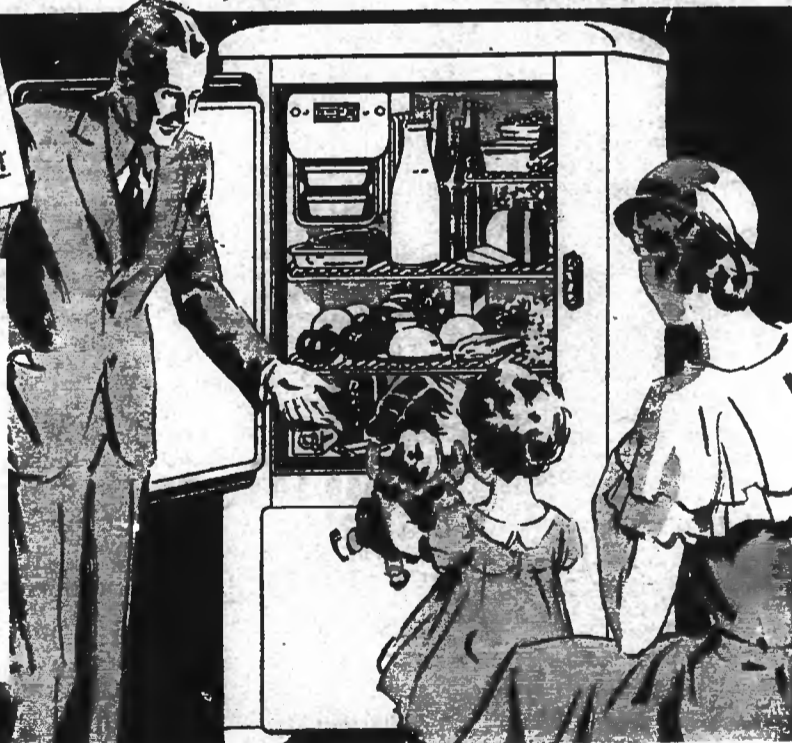
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