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THURSDAY AUG. 20, 1925

The suggestion in the News
last week that motor boats
should have mufflers brought
expressions of approval from
several sources. There really
seems to be no good reason
why a large number of peo-
ple should be forced to sub-
mit to a nuisance in order to
save a few dollars for those
who have no mufflers on their
boats.

Inasmuch as Governor Mor-
rison was inclined to claim cred-
it for all the good things that
were done during his adminis-
tration it seems nothing but
fair that he should shoulder
his responsibility as to the def-
icit. In this vale of tears we
generally have to take a little
bitter stuff along with our
sweets.

THE SAVANNAH BRIDGE

Savannah, Georgia, is mak-
ing preparations for a big cele-
bration which is to take place
in that city on October the
seventh. The occasion of this
big time is the completion of
the Savannah bridge and cause
way some four and a half miles
long. As a matter of fact the
bridge was completed some
weeks ago and was opened to
travel on the 22nd of July. The
structure cost around six hun-
dred thousand dollars. This
bridge is an important link in
the coastal Highway and the
celebration is to let the world
know that it is open and ready
for business. It is likely that
in the course of a few years
there will be a hard surface
highway all the way from New
York to the southern end of
Florida. The North Carolina
part of it is already almost
finished.

ROAD TAXES.

When the State of North
Carolina embarked upon her
great road building program a
few years ago it was claimed
that the necessary funds would
be raised without any taxes on
land. This practice was follow-
ed for a time but it didn't last
very long. The money avail-
able by way of automobile and
gasoline taxes is a large sum
and will pay interest on a great
many bonds and help maintain
the roads too but the demand
for good roads has been a great
er load than the autos could
carry. For several years many
counties have been lending
money to the Highway Com-
mission in order to expedite
road building. This practice
is now becoming still more gen-
eral in recent months and in-
dications are that the counties
will advance many millions be-
tween now and the next meet-
ing of the General Assembly.

The understanding is that
the State will make additional
issues of bonds from time to
time and that from these sub-
sequent issues that the coun-
ties will be repaid for the sums
advanced by them. It seems
though that it will be many
years in the future before any
actual cash will be returned to
the counties for roads that
have been built with county
funds. It is likely that most
bond issues for some years to
come will be used to pave more
roads. Then too it will not be
a very long time until it will
become necessary to rebuild
some of the earlier built high-
ways; in fact there is already
talk of reconstructing some of
them. In the meantime the in-
terest on all these big bond
issues will have to be met and
real estate and other property
will have to help it. So those

persons who are advocating
large bond issues by their coun-
ties may as well make up their
minds to pay some taxes. Au-
tomobiles and gasoline cannot
carry the whole load.

MOB LAW IS TREASON

A bill was introduced in the
Georgia legislature some
weeks ago which was intended
to repress mob violence. We
have never heard whether it
passed or not but it certainly
seems that if any state needs
such a law Georgia is one.
That state has had entirely too
many whippings, hangings,
burnings, and other outrages
committed by mobs. Such
things have given Georgia a
bad name and we doubt not
that in some measure they are
responsible for the business de-
pression that has existed in
that state for several years. Of
course we know that other
states suffer from mob law too
but few of them equal Geor-
gia.

One of the clearest and
strongest indictments of mob
law that we have ever read
came from the pen of the late
Judge Thomas G. Jones of Al-
abama. Judge Jones was a
Confederate soldier, a man of
courage and character and a
distinguished judge. He said:
hna

"Every mob is a stab at the sov-
ereignty of the people, and a malign
denial to them by force of arms of
the right to the freedom of orderly
government. The fire bells would
ring out the alarm and the streets of
any of our cities would swarm with
armed and indignant people if they
were told that a gang of intruders
were coming to expel their chosen
judges from the judgment seats, and
put irresponsible and vicious men,
chosen by the marauders, in their
places. Yet that is the mission of
the mob when it arms to storm a jail
and put a prisoner to death. If men
would only reflect what treason mob
law is to their homes and institu-
tions, mobs would be well nigh im-
possible.

Aside from this attack on govern-
ment, the evils of the mob have al-
most boundless sweep in all the re-
lations of life. Can any man, in the
wildest flight of the brain, picture
Robert E. Lee or John B. Gordon,
no matter what the charge against
the criminal, joining a mob to break
down a jail, and taking a prisoner
out to hang him? Why not? Be-
cause they are types of courage and
honor, and justice and veneration
for law, and all these cry out against
such an act."

PRESS GLEANINGS

SOY BEANS HAVE

FAVORABLE OUTLOOK
Raleigh, N. C., August 10, 1925:
The majority of the soy bean crop in
North Carolina is located in the Coast-
al counties where conditions have
been very favorable to this seasons
crop. The condition of 80 percent on
August 1s was 10 points below the
average July 1st and 5 points below
the August condition last year.

The acreage of beans planted this
year showed an increase of 15 per-
cent over the 255,000 acres harvested
last year and the production is ex-
pected to be considerably larger than
last year's crop. According to farm-
ers' estimates on August 1st, 54
percent of the bean acreage is plant-
ed alone this year to be harvested for
beans or hay. The remaining 45 per-
cent is interplanted with corn or other
crops.

PEANUT CROP LARGER

THAN LAST YEAR

Raleigh, N. C., August 11, 1925:
The condition of the peanut crop de-
clined from 86 on July 1st to 81 per-
cent on August 1st. This condition is
11 points higher than on August 1st
last year and forecasts a crop of 178,
864, 000 pounds as compared with
152, 945, 000 produced last year.
The acreage under cultivation this
year was reported early in the season
as increased about 3 percent over
last year. A special peanut report will
be released in the early fall which
will afford a more definite check on
this figure.

Practically the entire peanut acre-
age is located in the Coastal counties,
about 83 percent of the crop be-
ing in the northern Coastal section.
Reports from this district state that
the crop is growing fine. This sec-
tion of the state has had sufficient
moisture; too much even in some lo-
calities. Stands are reported as quite
variable but yields are expected to be
generally good.

JOLLYING JESS.

After Jessie had been at the board-
ing school a few weeks she began
signing her letters home "Jessie."

Brother Tom thought he would give
her a little dig about it, so he wrote:
Dear Jessica, Dadica and Momica
have gone to visit Aunt Lizzica. Unc-
le Samica is talking of buying a
new machinica, but he doesn't know
whether to get a Fordica or a Chev-
ica. The old cowica has had a calf-
ica. I was going to call it Nellica,
but I changed it to Jimica because
it was a bullica. Your affectionate
brother, Tomica."—Boston Trans-
cript.

EARLY SWEETS
ARE PAYING WELL

With thousands of barrels of early
sweet potatoes going through Eliza-
beth City, from the fields of lower
Currituck, growers are making some
real money this week, f. o. b. sales
ranging around \$5.50 a barrel. Ship-
ments to date have amounted to 80
carloads, or about 15,000 barrels.

Sales on the northern markets
range at \$7.50 to \$8.50. The sea-
son is not half over, and the crop
will amount to something like \$75-
000 barrels. No great decline in
the market is anticipated by the local
brokers, who estimated that the crop
will bring to this section something
like \$300,000 or better. The crop
is better than last year's.

The season is on in full blast and
will continue all this month, next
week probably marking the shipment
of half the crop. Local brokers say
that the crop is in fine condition
and yielded well. —(Elizabeth City
Independent.)

FLORIDA AND N. C.

Just now it is the fashion to point
to the unexampled prosperity of
Florida, its growth, and even the
supposed menace its pulling power to
immigrants and capital creates for
the other States of the South and
East. It has been published, for in-
stance, that 40,000 people have re-
cently left Atlanta alone for the
State whose advertised prosperity is
disconcerting even the complacency
of Southern California. It may be
as well, therefore for North Carolin-
ians to look at the comparative facts
as given in the census regarding man-
ufacturers. Florida's manufactured
products, for instance, were in 1923
\$188,258,384 in value; North Caro-
lina's were \$979,667,812. Florida
manufacturers employed 65,038
wage-earners; North Carolina, 173,
687. Florida paid in wages \$52,
356,618; North Carolina wage-ear-
ners received \$127,543,821. Add to
these advantages in industry and
profitable employment an even great-
er agricultural supremacy and the
challenge as a resort center now be-
ing emphasized, especially in West-
ern North Carolina, and the "boom"
in Florida leaves this State inter-
ested only as it suggests its own great-
er possibilities.—(Natural Resources.

ICE COMPANY NOT GUILTY OF

CRIME SO JURY SAYS

(Continued from page one)
olina this year at 1,114,356 bales,
an increase of 256,318 over last year.
The national crop is said to be 13-
556,000 slightly smaller than the
1924 crop of 13,827,000 bales.

The theft bureau of the Auto-
mobile License Department kept ahead
of the game last month during which
fifty six machines were stolen and
seventy-five recovered. The Depart-
ment stresses the important of re-
porting all cars stolen immediately
in order to facilitate the work of re-
covery. The "pilferers" show a
preference for Ford cars, forty-nine
of these having disappeared during
the month, while fifty-three were re-
covered.

659 applications for bus licenses
have been approved by the Corpora-
tion Commission and eighteen reject-
ed. Law violators do not stand a
chance for these positions. Only so-
ber men need apply.

It is announced by Julian Price,
chairman of the Salary and Wage
Commission, that the long expected
report on its "findings" will be ready
for the Governor on his return to
the office around the first of Septem-
ber. The death of Secretary Rogers
delayed the report of the Commis-
sion which expected to have complet-
ed its work weeks ago.

Captions of the laws enacted by
the General Assembly of 1925 have
at last been printed and distributed.
The long delay in getting this infor-
mation to the public is said to be
chargeable to no wilful neglect of
duty, but to the inability of the
party in charge on account of illness.
The laws are promised by the end of
the month.

Pardon Commissioner Sink has re-
voked the parole of M. B. Coleman,
of New Hanover county, who was
paroled conditionally on June 18 af-
ter serving part of a sentence of
eighteen months for larceny. News
reached the pardon officer that Cole-
man had been arrested in Wilming-
ton for violating the prohibition laws

and that he was to be tried for other
infractions of the criminal statutes.
Commissioner Sink did not hesitate
to exercise the authority given him
by Governor McLean before starting
on his vacation and Coleman is again
"in the toils."

Many Auto Accidents

The State Highway Commission es-
timates that fifty-four persons were
killed and 469 injured in accidents
on the State highways during the
first six months of this year. Four
hundred and ninety-seven accidents
were reported, the highest record not-
ed so far in a like period. Speeding
is given as the cause for most of
them and occurred on straight roads.

Wm. H. Richardson, secretary to
former Governor Morrison, began his
duties as publicity director for the
State Department of Agriculture to-
day. He was appointed a week ago
by Commissioner Graham on the rec-
ommendation of members of the
Board and other friends. Mr. Rich-
ardson is a capable newspaper man
and goes to his new work fully equip-
ped for high class service. He has
been connected with the Associated
Press here since retiring from office
last January.

The Corporation Commission has
authorized the sale of an additional
\$50,000 block of stock by the Chim-
ney Rock Mountains, Incorporated,
which advances the total authoriza-
tion to \$175,000. Other corpora-
tions licensed to sell stock in the
State under the provisions of the
amended Blue Sky Law are: The
Asheville Motor Picture Company,
\$50,000; United States Export Chem-
ical Company, \$22,000; American
Concrete Tie Corporation, \$3,000.

Prison Directors Meet

State Prison directors in session
here during the week executed a con-
tract authorizing the prison to man-
ufacture convict uniforms to be used
in county prisons and road camps,
the idea being, it was stated, to
make the institution self-supporting.
The contract is with the Rossner
Sales Agency, of Charlotte, repre-
sentatives of which assured the board
that they could dispose of a large
amount of convict clothing. Super-
intendent Pou suggested that this
action of the directors was in line
with the McLean program of econ-
omy. The board took appropriate
notice of the recent death of Captain
Rhem, a Confederate soldier and for
thirty-five years a faithful employe
of the prison.

Stacey W. Wade, Insurance Com-
missioner, spoke to the stockholders
of the LaFayette Life Insurance Com-
pany at their annual meeting in
Lumberton on Thursday. His sub-
ject was: "The Attitude of the Life
Insurance Agent toward his Company
and prospect."

Dr. B. W. Kilgore, who recently
returned from an official visit to wes-
tern Europe is authority for the
Statement that the countries visited
want cheaper cotton. While away
Doctor Kilgore made a comprehen-
sive study of economic conditions
"over there" and reached the con-
clusion that the farmers of the South
need to keep an eye on European
needs. Speaking at a Rotary Club
luncheon Doctor Kilgore emphasized
the importance of a stabilized crop in
so far as conditions will permit.
Great Britain alone, he said, is

spending millions annually in efforts
to promote cotton growing in the
colonies in order to keep its mills
going at capacity and he feels the
cotton growing states of America
could keep this in mind and "govern
themselves accordingly."

Lawrence MacRae, sales manager
for the North Carolina Cotton Grow-
ers Co-operative Association, has
resigned and will resume business in
Greensboro.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Mewborn and
Miss Charlotte Mewborn of Kinston
are recent arrivals at the Davs
House.

Dr. L. W. Sanders and Dr. J. E.
Normont of Baltimore and Messrs.
J. O. and D. E. Saunders of Colerain
arrived yesterday and are stopping
at the Davis House.

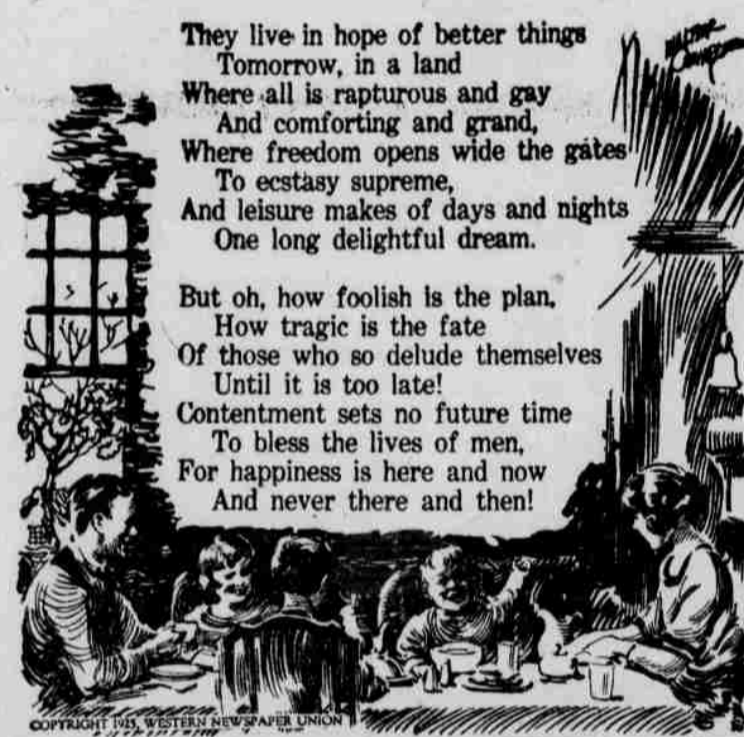
Here and Now

by O. Lawrence Hawthorne

I hear men talk so much about
Some great, uncertain day
When happiness at last will drive
Their miseries away,
When peace will shelter them from care
And fate will guide their feet
Along the endless paths of rest,
And joy will be complete.

They live in hope of better things
Tomorrow, in a land
Where all is rapturous and gay
And comforting and grand,
Where freedom opens wide the gates
To ecstasy supreme,
And leisure makes of days and nights
One long delightful dream.

But oh, how foolish is the plan,
How tragic is the fate
Of those who so delude themselves
Until it is too late!
Contentment sets no future time
To bless the lives of men,
For happiness is here and now
And never there and then!



Now Is The Time

IF THE TIME EVER WAS, IT IS NOW.
WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THESE
HOT DAYS IN THE HOUSE WHEN
YOU CAN ENJOY THE COOL BREEZ-
ES ON THE PORCH WITH PORCH
FURNITURE THAT EVEN LENDS TO
COOLNESS—

Such As

- HAMMOCKS
- SWINGS
- PORCH ROCKERS
- PORCH CHAIRS

WE INVITE YOU TO COME IN AND LOOK OVER
OUR COMPLETE STOCK—OUR LINE OF SWINGS
AND HAMMOCKS ARE IN A LARGE VARIETY
OF PATTERNS AND SIZES, AND WE CAN SURE-
LY PLEASE YOU WITH THIS ASSORTMENT.

Gaskill-Mace Co.

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