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THE CHALLENGE OF THE IRREG-ULARS.

Five Senators from the West, elected on Republican tickets but more generally recognized as "irregulars," whatever that means, have sent a challenge to the leaders at Washington.

They don't make threats, they don't shout from the house tops, nor do they wield a big stick, but they've got dynamite in their joint utterance despite its silky tone.

The five are in Washington, and they have gotten together there, they assert, to achieve "some unity of purpose and some solidarity of action on matters which seem to us important."

That's the message and it means no doubt, trouble for the Republican party unless these Senators and "others they hope to enlist" are given more recognition in Washington. "We are not trying to promote the candidacy of anybody for a presidential nomination," the five declare further, but they admit it "as individuals we would be glad to support Senator Norris whenever he consents for his name to be used.'

There's the suggestion. They are just waiting to see what happens and they are prepared for any emergency. They do not like to be called "irregular" because they are from the west and do not always line up with the east. They are prepared to fight for certain rights, although in a calm and suave manner they make known their challenge.

Furthermore they say:

"These conferences haven't the slightest thing to do with a third-party movement. We proceed upon the theory that the Republican party is a national party and not an eastern party. We proceed upon the theory that if we make our wishes known in a proper way and with sufficient force they will be respected and considered by the party. Ours is a pretty large country and it now extends from the Mississippi to the Pacific.

When eastern senators and representatives confer upon matters of peculiar interest to their portion of the country, regular, insurgent and radical.

to assume that Republican policies can of things. only originate within certain territory and Republican principles can emanate high schools have completed their first only from certain quarters. We do not month's work and the enrollment and atdesire to intrude unnecessarily upon this tendance figures for the high school deidea. But we feel that a reasonable de- partments alone were: gree of solidarity with reference to our western interests and problems will help for a better understanding.

There's the challenge, and as we are approaching a presidential year it is reasonable to presume that these westerners will get some attention from the administration in the next Congress.

CANCER STILL INCREASES

The death rate from cancer in the United States is steadily mounting, the Spectator, insurance journal, says in its issue today.

Frederick L. Hoffman, consulting statistician of the Prudential, Life Insurance Company, author of the Spectator, were as follows: article, attributes the increasing toll from cancer to the "profound alterations in our 42; total 175. modern mode of living as compared or contrasted with the more natural mode enrolled during the first month this year of living in former years.'

tained, is "emphasized by a study of can- be noted that the Mt. Pleasant High cer in native races which almost invaria- School now has enrolled in the high bly yields evidence to the effect that ma- school department 152 pupils, as against lignant diseases among primitive people a maximum enrollment of 117 for last are exceedingly rare in contrast to the ex- year. The four rural high schools have highly civilized races.'

creased from 74.5 per 100,000 in 1906 to busy season is over these will take their 92.3 in 1916 and 114.5 per 100,000 in 1926. places in the school rooms.

The cancer record for 1926 "is a dismal indictment of the failure of modern opinion that "the figures are very enefforts to check the ravages of this dread- couraging" and "indicate both a willingful affliction," Dr. Hoffman writes.". It ness and an eagerness of the parents of yours? Are you willing to let them "get is amazing to find that most of the cities Cabarrus county to give their children the jump"—or do you prefer to be first to now have rates in excess of 100 per 100,- school advantages equal to those enjoy-000, while 20 years ago this was exceed- ed by the boys and girls of adjacent ingly rare in the experience of our Ameri- counties." can mortality.

have been expended on cancer research average daily attendance. It is importseem to have yielded thus far not a frag- ant that students be present each day if ment of evidence of real value toward they are to successfully follow the courscontrol and cure of the disease," the ar- es of instruction offered, and while we ticle states. "The more thoroughly one appreciate the fact that many high school is familiar with the situation and the more students are needed at home part of the disinterested one is regarding methods to time now during the harvest season, we be followed, the more one becomes con- are certain the parents will be rewarded vinced of the utter futility of most of if they will keep the children at home the methods at present followed."

Perhaps we will have to change our essary.

ple? Therein lies the solution, and the ficial in the history of the county. medical profession may be counted upon to continue its warfare on the disease BIG VOLUME OF COTTON GOODS until its cause can be ascertained and

NEVER CAN RUN A LIE DOWN."

A few issues back the Times and Tribune published a story which purported to be a press dispatch sent out from Juliette, Ga., about a little child being killed and child was in a closet, placed there by her

The Monroe Journal finds that the snake story was a "big lie" and repeats the old saying that truth can never overtake a lie once the latter is started. "All snake stories, thinks the Journal, "that s stories relating only to the marvel of snakes, are more or less imaginary, but deliberate lie of this character is past all

We agree with that sentiment. Newspapers would not publish such stories if they knew they were not true, but how s the newspaper to find out?

A friend of The Journal sent in a copy of the Thomaston, Ga., Times of September 7, concerning the snake story and we publish it also, because we published he snake story:

"The story about the coach-whip snake choking to death a little girl of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gunn of Upson county is few weeks ago.

"Mrs. Gunn has received fourteen letters this week from persons in Alabama, olina, and many points in Georgia, about the snake story. Most of these offer sympathy while a few condemn her for putting the little girl in the closet.

"The story as it appeared was a horrible one and seems to have caught the magination of the people. It first appeared under a date line of Goggansville and later from Juliette. As soon as it was first published the editor of the Times labeled it a lie and published the information in the Times. Since that time many papers have corrected the story and apologized for publishing it. However, and Mr. and Mrs. Gunn have been greatly annoyed as a result of the publication of the story."

ENCOURAGING FIGURES.

Cabarrus people should find much of ing interests and naval stations, they are interest and encouragement in the report still regarded as regular and sometimes of County Superintendent S. Glenn Hawreferred to as active and patriotic. When field, showing a marked increase in high western senators and representatives con- school attendance throughout the counfer with reference to matters which par- ty. Now that ways have been devised to ticularly concern their portions of the keep the high schools in operation eight country, they seem to be regarded as ir- months in the year there are many evidences in the report showing that patrons Now, all that arises out of the disposi- of the schools are anxious for their chiltion among a few of our eastern friends dren to take advantage of the new order

The Bethel, Winecoff and Harrisburg

Bethel: Enrollment 106; average at-

Harrisburg-Enrollment 87; average attendance 78.

Winecoff-Enrollment 79; average attendance 77.

Total-Enrollment 272; average attendance 251.

The above figures indicate that the percentage of attendance for the month was over 92 per cent. in spite of the fact that September is a busy month for the farmers. It is true that a few parents did not start their children during the month. On the other hand, it should be remembered that the enrollments in the same schools for the first month last year

Bethel-75; Harrisburg 58; Winecoff

Thus it is seen that these three schools almost one hundred pupils more than they This conclusion, Mr. Hoffman main- did last year. In this connection it should traordinary frequency among the more enrolled 424 pupils. The highest enrollment last year was 331. There are still The rate in 23 American cities in- others to come in and just as soon as the

We agree with Mr. Hawfield in the

We are encouraged not merely by the "The enormous sums of money which enrollment; we are delighted with the only when such action is absolutely nec-

cancer cure. Why is the disease less an excellent year and we believe the presprevalent among the more primitive peo- ent term will prove one of the most bene-

SALES

That a large volume of cotton goods has been manufactured and sold during the first three quarters of this year is indicated in a statistical report for this period just compiled by the Association of Cotton Textile Merchants of New York.

Sales of standard cotton cloth during its tongue eaten out by a snake while the line months ending September 30th amounted to 2,508,454,000 yards. This was 108.6 per cent. of production which was 2,308,715,000 yards. Shipments amounted to 2,354,029,000 yards, or 102 per cent. of production.

While more than the current output was moving into channels of consumption, the report shows that stocks of goods declined and unfilled orders in-

Stocks on hand at the beginning of the year amounted to 247,234,000 yards. Stocks on hand September 30th amountper cent.

Unfilled orders on January 1st were 324,943,000 yards. On September 30th unfilled orders amounted to 479,368,000 vards, an increase of 47.5 per cent.

still going the rounds of the press despite provide more comprehensive statistics of in the State now. its denial in the Times and other papers a the industry than have been available

KEEPS HIS APPEAL.

More remarkable than his epic flight from New York to Paris is Colonel Lindt is hard to correct the story everywhere bergh's ability to retain popular favor. lic since he landed at Le Bourget Field, masks and other disguises? yet so far as is known, he has not made

boyish bashfulness and that modest temerity that appeal so to the public.

he's a true man. He has proved his worth better by his conduct as a hero than he did by accomplishing something to become a hero. He's every inch a man, a credit to America.

DUKE INTERESTS CHALLENGE OUTSIDERS.

Continuing their advertising program in national publications, the Duke Power Company officials in their latest advertisement challenge outsiders to "take your car to the Carolinas" and "judge the

amazing facts first hand." The advertisement reads:

Who can describe the opportunities that await you in Piedmont Carolinas as vividly as you can see them for your-

and transportation facilities?

ness is usually the one man in that organization most capable of managing its eral feeling that the leases should have affairs. In such an undertaking as re-location of your plant, you are best able to weigh the facts and to draw conclusions.

That is why you are ideally fitted to drive down to the Piedmont Carolinas this fall and personally check up on all the facts that vitally affect your business

For the future of your business is tied up in these unusual conditions. It lies in Harry F. Sinclair must also return to the your hands whether you will enlist these advantages on your side or whether you will sooner or later be forced to compete

Are you able to meet competitors who can produce equal quality at costs that average from 14 to 26 per cent. less than offer your trade the savings that you can obtain here; the first to win big markets as interior secretary. by virtue of a powerful monopoly of advantage for your goods?

Engineering reports and lengthy analytical studies of locations are valuable and should be obtained, but business leadership is built on vision and imagination and those qualities are not something to be caught second-hand.

Seeing this Piedmont Carolina country, traveling over it intimately in your car, getting into close personal contact with men of your own type who already are established here—all these will enmanner of living if we are to decrease the The Cabarrus rural schools are off to facts that your engineers and expert stat-

isticians can lay before you.

ity to see beyond the statistics (amazing company (Sinclair's concern) all the as they are) and to envision the opportun- products for construction work, fuel, oil, ities that await you here and invite you etc.; that Fall so favored Sinclair in the to greater accomplishment.

knowledge of today's business and indus- them." trial facts about the section."

We are of the opinion that this adverthe country.

BETTER WAY THAN THIS.

The North Carolina Klan, an official of a law providing a severe penalty for conspire to defraud the United States; ed to 201,920,000 yards, a decrease of 18.3 people who commit floggings and similar and, taken in connection with other circrimes under the disguise of masks.

tim, to be flogged by a masked man than and Sinclair." by a man who is not masked? We fail | Sinclair and Fall must go on trial soon to see how the proposed law could pro- on conspiracy charges growing out of By the addition of upwards of 100 vide any greater degree of protection to these transactions denounced by the Suother kinds of standard cotton textiles citizens than a law making it a severe preme Court. Will they be found guilty since the beginning of the year the re- penalty to commit floggings, with or and sentenced to serve time for their efports compiled by the Association now without a disguise. There is such a law forts to turn over to private enterprise

Looks to us like the law is being sug- ment? hitherto. This additional information gested more for a protection to the Klan has been made possible through the co- than as a protection to individual citi- ly, we repeat, but maybe after all they operation of The Cotton-Textile Insti- zens. Why would the man willing to will turn fairly and justly and something Tennessee, Indiana, Florida, North Car- tute, Inc. which is compiling reports violate the law against flogging not be may come after all, of the oft-denounced from mills not previously reporting to the willing also to violate the law against tactics of Fall and certain of his follow-Association, and also from additional re- wearing a mask while doing the flogging? ers in the Republican cabinet. ports now furnished by members of the Grand Dragon Belser, of Charlotte, who Association. The consolidated report is said to have made public the campaign now includes more than 300 standard for the proposed legislation, gives a hint kinds of cotton cloth and represents a of the Klan's interest in the law when he large proportion—in some cases more said such a law will give critics of flog- making progress in fire prevention but than 90 per cent.—of the production and ging activities an opportunity to line up in the South we seem headed in the other sale of these cloths in the United States. with the Klan, for the Klan is opposed to direction. floggings, or shut up criticising the Klan

suggestion of crimes, but wouldn't it be slackening of this alarming toll. He has been constantly before the pub- better if the Klan did away with the

Colonel Lindbergh is tired, his face and other disguises then let its members Klansmen or non-Klansmen?

the disguised. It is unlawful to flog anychange this attitude at all.

That is the only way its members can be possible to make fires fewer. freed from suspicious when crimes are committed under cover of sheets, masks and other disguises.

THE TRUTH COMING TO LIGHT.

To the average person it has been long since the government started suit to remarket opportunities are, the raw mater- ing administration. The wheels of jusial sources, the labor supply, the power tice have moved slowly, and there have Who can size up first hand, better than whole matter would be dropped because you, the ideal location for your factory, of the delay and uncertainty attending the living conditions you will encounter? the government's efforts, but slowly, de-The man who heads a successful busi- gree by degree, the truth is coming to light and with such facts comes the gennever been granted.

The Supreme Court of the United States some months ago said Edward Doheny was not entitled to the leases granted through the suggestion of Albert B. Fall, then a cabinet member. "Graft and corruption" were mentioned by the court in its decision.

And now the same court rules that government oil lands leased to lim by the same Fall.

In ordering the return of the vast petroleum fields to the government, the highest court held that "all the facts and circumstances require" a finding that the lease and agreement attending its transa collusion and conspiracy" between the

"It was not necessary for the government to show that it suffered or was liable to suffer loss or disadvantage as a result of the lease or that Fall by or was financially concerned in this transaction," Justice Butler said for the court, which was unanimous except that Justices Stone and Van Devanter did not participate. Justice Butler then added:

"It requires no discussion to make it plain that the facts and circumstances reof the lease and agreement Fall and Sinable you to grasp the meaning of the cold claim, contrary to the government's pol-

the Navy and in disregard of law, con-Personal contact will kindle your abil- spired to procure for the mammoth (oil) making of the lease and agreement that You doubtless know the Carolinas from it was not possible for him loyally and travelling through them or from holiday faithfully to serve the interests of the visits to their world-famous resorts, for United States or impartially to consider golf or recreation. You may be familiar the applications of others for leases in the with conditions as they were 20 or 25 reserve, and that the lease and agreeyears ago. Such impressions ought to ment were made fraudulently by means be supplemented by a first-hand working of collusion and conspiracy between

Throughout the opinion Justice Butler was severe in his condemnation of Fall. tisement will do much good. Certainly Referring to the \$25,000 payment in this section is ready to prove its worth to Liberty Bonds made to Fall by Sinclair the man who will investigate. It has ad- after the former left the Harding adminvantages not offered by other sections of istration, the court said that obviously this was "not a straightforward transac-

"Coming too soon after the supplemental agreement made to perfect and carry out the scheme," Justice Butler has told The Charlotte News, is launch- added, "It strengthens and confirms the ing a campaign to secure the enactment interence that Fall had been willing to cumstances disclosed, it is persuasive ev-Is it any worse, we wonder, for the vic- idence of such a conspiracy between him

the important oil fields of the govern-

The wheels of justice have moved slow-

FIRE LOSSES IN THE SOUTH.

As a whole the American people are

Although property losses from fire, for crimes in which it has absolutely no nearly all of them preventable, ran last year to the startling figure of more than We can appreciate the desire of the half a billion dollars in the United States, grand dragon to divorce the Klan from all figures thus far this year indicate a little

Gratifying as this is, however, the three months of June, July and August show If the Klan really wants to prove to the an increase in fire losses in the thirteen mistakes so often characteristic of per- world that it has nothing to do with the southern states, over the same months of sons thrown suddenly into the limelight. crimes committed behind sheets, masks last year. While the nation as a whole has given more attention to the preven and features show this, and he needs and discard such equipment. How will the tion of fire losses, the southern states deserves a long rest, but just the same he law, regardless of who it is sponsored by, have shown a higher toll. For June the retains that youthful enthusiasm, that relieve the Klan of any blame that is losses in the South were \$3,920,000 as now attached to the organization? How compared with 3,750,000 in 1926; for Juwill the public know any better, regard- ly \$4,015,000 as against \$2,890,000; and He is a famous aviator, but better still less of the law, whether the floggers are for August, \$5,268,000 against \$3,177,000.

America as a whole needs further study The law will not reveal the identity of of fire prevention methods and the South political leaders, should have additional emphasis of the body in North Carolina now, yet when importance of guarding against fire. We floggings are done behind disguises, such are wasting millions, endangering lives as are used by the Klan, then members of and otherwise taking risks by our refusthat organization get credit for the al to guard against fires. This is a subcrimes. The proposed law will not ject that everyone should be interested in for fires are no respectors of persons. The thing for the Klan to do is discard He flirts with danger who refuses to recthe disguises and move about openly, ognize the importance of doing everything

CORPORAL TANNER

New York World Corporal Tanner to carry him to the age of eightywhen he campaigned for Harrison, he was already the type and foremost example of the Grand Army Who can tell, so well as you, what the cover oil leases granted during the Hard- Commissioner in 1891 was his reward, and the climactic point of his long office-holding career.

been times when the public fearer the reason why Harrison was forced to displace him. what followed, Garfield, ten years earlier, had said that pension expenditure, then \$50,000,000. had reached its limit and would decline as the Under Tanner the annual bill are to have a larger reached \$117,000,000. But it was to rise to \$144,00,000 on the eve of the Spanish War, and into fashion lately to \$172,000,000 in 1914. The number of pensioners rose from 676,000 in Tanner's time to just short of a million, the maximum, in 1902. The number of widow pensioners did not reach its

maximum, 322,294, until 1912 Only elderly voters can now fully realize what political power veterans of the Tanner type wielded forty years ago. The American Legion has not yet attained to anything comparable in the way of influencing public policies and appointments. Times have changed. The great world conflict does not so easily lend itself as did the Civil War to Tan- Volstead in the nersque oratory about saving the Union. Its veterans are willing to forget.

A BIT CURIOUS.

By the way what is the present relationship. if any, between the Bible league and Tam Bowie? It will be remembered that when the league was drafting its anti-evolution bill, it announced to the of the indictment. This latter circle world that it would employ a good Christian lawyer to do the legal work The league then hired Mr. Bowie. In view of the feeling that some of the fer were "made fraudulently by means of folks seem to have concerning Al Smith, we wonder if they would now be willing to nominate Tam as "a Christian" lawyer? Of course, it matters little wealthy oil operator and Albert B. Fall either way, and only a bit of curiosity prompts us to ask that question. It would be interesting to know whether Judge Bowie is still acting as chief counsel and legal advisor for the Bible league. If not, when did his services terminate, and for what reason did they terminate?

BLACKSMITH? CERTAINLY.

Salisbury Post

Has the blacksmith gone with the hoop skirt, the hair rat and other decadent symbols of a past in the United States today. There are thousands of horses on the farms and thousands more in cities and towns where the nature of certain jobs calls for horses. Milk wagons, newspaper carts quire a finding that pending the making dren for generations have stood at the doors of blacksmith shops and learned valuable lessons in labor and life. We hope the future will not be robbed of the fascinating picture of a blacksmith

If there is a branch of certainly a business which community. We make "How Much Yo written for a banking Robertson, Professor of

ege, Raleigh, is quoted as Advertising as a part Many believe that mode have reached its present

boards, various program bulleting rectories, etc.," said a well known ness man the other day. That fellow the right road to success

BETTER BANK SUPERVISIO

The suggestion made by the Forsyth in its report to Judge Sinclair thorities examine the records of the to prevent bank failures is not to nor wholly disregarded. The Gran an independent department of har laws to safeguard more effectively th bank depositors. These two suggest timately related. That their and attract wide attention throughout

The State Corporation Commi consider these suggestions with anythin equanimity and complaisance. sumption that it has anything to co any course has been taken that ne State in recent years. Of these perh Merchants Bank and Trust Comne The number of bank failures my

If a State Banking Commission bank failures, then let such a co established. The business of banking tremendous importance in North Car kuently the banking system must be secure and inviolable as it is possib North Carolina cannot afford to alle weak link to exist in her banking sy

THE PEOPLE CAN SHOW TO

The usual claim of the politician rates and more bureaus and greater

Taxpayers and home-seekers are learning

About \$8,000,000,000 is now flowing

papers has found only 14 states living wi

"While extravagance is but a single fac skyward flight of state taxes, subcareful guarding of the taxpayer's sed as a vehicle for governmental e

be taken as indication of an awakening tion on part of the courts.

establishments.

ANNUL SOME OF THE

books of the nation. eady for printing Congress hesitates to have the can finish the work. Certainly there is need to get the American people of them are needed. And it also, to get them to obey them.

among the Philippine savages. port that they are becoming civilized

to take too many chances. He has