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Monroe Journal.

Why in the world ne nomination? hance of being nd next fall could give Only three Democrats the Civil War and one allowed to take the seat circumstances pro ach circumstances exist nov In normal

minority in th country and The scandal

and let the local boys hold the cratic States The Charlotte out many Democrats

The country is dry and it is Rer

A study has been made of fourt States to find out what the census sh merically seven states showed an in tenancy in the fifteen-year period and Taking the 667,913 in 1910 to 635612 in 1926 period the number of negro farm own in these states from 210.110 to other words, there was an exodus of ers from the South rather than any passing from tenancy into ownership, A study of the table reveals that the negro tenant farmers increased sligh ginia, Maryland, Oklahoma, Arkansas iana, and increased phenomenally in North Carolina. On the other hand slight decreases in Florida, Kentucky South Carolina and Mississippi, and decreases in Alabama and Georgia. that there has been a steady migration (

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A SPLENDID GROWTH.

The Western North Carolina Confer ence, Methodist Episcopal Church, South is 36 years of age, and as the conference meets in Asheville this week there should be rejoicing among the brethren over the splendid growth the organization has enjoyed.

It was 36 years ago last May, we are advised by the Statesville Daily, that the conference was formally set apart from the North Carolina conference and began business for itself. We haven't the figures available but we are of the opinion that the off-spring conference has grown as rapidly as the parent organization

When the conference started business on its own resources it had 130 pastoral charges, near 60,000 communicants, 40, 943 Sunday School pupils and Church property of an estimated value of \$600, 000. In the year previous to the establishment there was contributed for Church benevolences in the, territory composing the conference about \$21,-000.

Today there is at least one Church valued at more than the total of the conference of 36 years ago, and many of the congregations raise each year more than he says he is just "awaiting my hour." the total of \$21,000 raised in the conference territory the year, before it was formally organized.

Splendid progress has been made with in the conference bounds. There are now 303 pastoral charges with 914 organized Churches, and at the last conference are to arouse sentiment for Carol while the total Church membership was 138, 812, and the total this year is expected to about the present administration. reach 140,000. There are 396 Epworth of 9,021 teachers and 133,022 pupils. This number is expected to reach 140,-000 when reports are made to the Conwords, the number of Sunday school pupils is expected to equal the church memreach two and a half millions or more.

Figures are not available to prove it

schools.

If we have extensive buildings for ony the high school pupils then we are not reaching the masses, for unfortunately, school. It is well and good to build these banks and better supervision: high schools, we repeat, but never should we overlook the importance of the lower be given proper training for the better equipped high schools.

An equal chance for all. That's Mr. Hawfield's program and he should find blamed the system rather than the offiequal educational opportunity.

WOULD HURRY HIS HOUR.

Prince Catol denies that he is trying o stir up trouble in Roumania. He has no idea of any organized revolt to gain the throne now occupied by his son, and to hurry that hour up a little. He has started no organized revolt, maybe, but he has sent agents back to Roumania and their duty is to "sound out" sentiment, he says. And incidentally, they trying to learn how the people feel

That's about all Carol can do. It would Leagues with a membership of 11,932; be useless for him to go back in person 865 Sunday schools with an enrollment for there would be no way for him to get who see fit to arrest the spies. Carol had his chance and deserted the join.

bership. Last year the contributions for throne for a life of riotous living. He

county. He, like the majority of people, too few banks, and thinks that if we have months it will surpass that of 1923.

rency in Washington, of issuing banking duction of 57 per cent. charters in many instances where the need of them has not been manifest. He

co-operation in carrying it out. We cials. This system makes for instabilishould not consider our educational task ty. A good bank may be impaired by the one-teacher and two-teacher elemen- four banks. Naturally all these banks crease in the number of automobiles." tary schools have been done away with. failed. The town has no bank now, and We should strive to secure for all chil- has no particular need of even one. This dren, regardless of age and standing, an is an extreme case, but it is characteristic even if extreme."-Salisbury Post.

> Many of the bank failures in this State in recent years have been among banking institutions of small means. They had nothing to start with and they just could not make the grade.

Many of these small banks not only fail themselves but they lead to failures among the larger and more important It does seem however, that he is trying banks. And worse still, their failure causes the public to become suspicious, thus working a hardship on the institutions that are absolutely safe.

> There are too many banks. We should have fewer of them and then see to it that those left are given proper supervision.

ANSWERED HIM RIGHT.

Mayor Thompson, who seems deterknowing he was there, and that would influence" from the Windy City, is trymayors in various parts of the country to

Mayor Thompson has been harping ical party, which "at one time or anothall purposes aggregated \$2,402,951. This deserted his wife and son for another about this British influence stuff for sev- er has fought and vanquished" every year it is expected that the amount will woman, choose the life of a libertine and eral years and it is said that he even went other American party in existence, is still should be made to stay where he is. We so far as to threaten to burn certain united at heart as well as vigorously books given to the city books because alive-and further: per under the leadership of such a man. they did not have in them just what he iked.

ers in the elementary schools of the clares that no one is found complaining of good in proportion as that of the first six ter the chances of the men who are not so strong.

sees the value of adequate high school spared 4,000 to betterment of the situa- "For many years," says The Railway facilities and efficient high school teach- tion yet others might be lopped off. It Age, "the managements and employes ers, but he sees more than that. He sees is regarded by good bankers and experi- have been co-operating energetically and the need for better facilities and better enced thinkers that there is room for a co-operating intelligently to increase rained teachers for the elementary still further decrease in numbers and the safety of operation, and it is doubtful if result, will be a decided strengthening of any other industry in the world has made the leaders switched to the Ohio man. the banks and the financial system. The a better record in reducing accidents than Curtis, Willis and Watson think the same Kansas City Star, paper here referred to, our railways. The worst record ever thing may occur next year and they are quotes Dan V. Stephens, banker of Fre- made was in 1913, when the total number going to be hanging around, ready to many children never reach the high mont, Neb., as making a plea for fewer of persons of all classes killed was 10,964. accept anything that may come their The number of passengers killed in that way,

"He criticised the system, long in year was 176, a reduction of 50 per cent. vogue in state departments and with the The number of employes killed in 1913 nation but it will come only after the grade schools. There the children should department of the comptroller of the cur- was 3,715, and in 1926 only 1,590, a re-

"The most difficult safety problem with which the railways have had to deal within recent years has been presented at highway grade crossings, but at last there seems to be some progress being made in completed now that we have our high chartering a competitor when there is dealing with this problem, the number of school students in modern buildings for not enough business for two banks. Mr. persons killed at such crossings having eight months in the year. We should Stephens named a little Nebraska town shown a small reduction in the first half continue work for advancement until of 200 population that at one time had of this year in spite of the continued in-

DEFENDS HIS PARTY.

In the November Forum, Stanly Frost, connected with the New York Herald-Tribune, says that the "Donkey" Democratic party has no important issues and is hopelessly divided on minor ones. He thinks, therefore, that the party is bound to go to pieces and that all the Republicans have to do is to sit steady in the boat of "industrial prosperity." He thinks this prosperity is ample to continue his party

In response in the same number of the Forum Mr. Roland Morris, President Wilson's Ambassador to Japan, points out that even now, after an overwhelming Presidential defeat, the Democratic party has 194 out of 445 Representatives, 47 out of 96 Senators and 22 out of 48 Governors-a pretty good showing for a party supposed to be "dying" after 128 years of life, a party "born almost with the ears of the people without others mined to oust what he terms "British the birth of our constitutional government, nurtured by one of the Fathers of result in his arrest. So he sends his ing to organize some sort of a 100 per the Republic," and covering the whole peference assembling this week. In other spies and severely criticises his opponents cent. American" club. He has asked riod from Thomas Jefferson to Woodrow Wilson. Mr. Morris insists that, in spite of temporary factionalism, the old histor-

torial writer states that there are today ever made in any entire year was in 1923, didates. But the fact that several of these In this statement Superintendent Haw- about 4,000 fewer banks in this country when the total number of passengers kill- prominent party men have been mentionfield was pledging his support to a cam- than seven years ago, when a period of ed was 138, or one in each 7,216,000. If ed only serves to increase their optimism. paign for better schools and better teach- inflation began. This same writer de- the record of the entire year 1927 is as The more strong men in the race the bet-

> Few people had ever heard of President Harding when the Republican convention began that year. Men who had for two separate been leaders in the party were seriously considered but the deadlock came and

One of these men may get the nomimore prominently known have been eliminated for one reason or another.

WADE RESIGNS.

Stacy Wade, insurance commissioner or the State of North, Carolina, has resigned to enter private business. He is the first of the elective officers to resign during the McLean regime.

M1. Wade gives as his reason for resigning the desire to become associated with a private enterprise that offers more financial returns. He has served the State for a number of years and declined to turn down the offer that no doubt will mean greater financial returns.

His resignation brings to the front

again the question of more pay for State officials. The matter was before the last egislature but little was done to raise he salaries to anything like the average in private enterprises. It also emphasizes the fact that the average successful busness man can accept State office only when he has accumulated enough money to live on the income in addition to what e gets from the State.

Such a condition should not exist. It should be possible for the best men to hold office, regardless of their financial tion to negro tendency, from 1910 h status No doubt it is often true that the fight for office is made only by men of crease. means, whereas the best man ofttimes number of negro farm passes up the chance to serve his State because he cannot afford to make the financial sacrifice involved.

We should pay adequately. There is no business greater or of more importance than the business of State and our salaries should be such as to challenge the biggest business men of the State.

COMES NOW MR. SLEMP.

Richmond Times-Dispatch.

What attitude is a fair-minded, anti-Coolidge from the South Atlantic states north Democrat to take with respect to Mr. Coolidge and a considerable number of them stop

opinion that Mr. Coolidge did not mean that he

ly that he did not elect or prefer or desire to run

Thereupon, every Republican newspaper that had

accepted the Coolidge statement as a flat refusal

to run in 1928 bared its arm, drew its sword and

smote, hip and thigh, every Democratic news-

would not" run for President in 1928, but mere-

Thursday, Nov. 3, 10 NO USE TO QUARREL ABOUT

interested to change a t made so long as everybody have about what he credit plentiful. ministration didn't make a d licans might steal the capital a and the people would year if times were good So what is the use for nominations?

We could find half a to be nominated or el by The Observe And the drys are showing signs of like the Mississippi flo chance of being elected

ways fool politics and they are Republicans might nominate a Governor Smith would be a and would still be elected. A R have to be wet or dry, he only nated. A dummy would do if h label.

THE NEGRO ON THE FARM

Monroe Journal Booker Washington's idea was was at his best as a farmer. Dr w ever in high favor took to be leaders. which looked for negro advancem schemes of "equality" and such like Washington's idea was that the negro all the equality that his efforts as a win and no more. He therefore the negro that he must get on by th and steadfastness. In agriculture he sa opportunity, for he considered the nerro Washington died before th farmer ment of negro population started in

but we believe the growth of this Methodist Conference is but an index to the Church growth in North Carolina during the past 36 years. Some of the denominations probably have enjoyed a greater growth and with others the growth has not been as great, but no doubt this splendid increase in Church work among the Methodists can be acconditions in the State.

OUTGROWING POPULATION.

the United States is greater during the past ten years than the increase in popper cent.

Ten years ago there were 8,927 persons catching the offenders.

law whereas this year the number is 2,- this instance mercy to the prisoner turn-116, an increase of about 800 per cent. ed out to be his death warrant." in fine years. In 1918 the Volstead Law for violating this law then was negligi- long tenure on the bench this is the first ble. Now the total is 2,040.

there were many autos in use in 1918 the it is very seldom that he has been known auto thieves.

hopeless by any means, for the narcotics a career as Judge Webb with so few and prohibition laws have been more flaws in it." stringent since 1918 and the auto thieves 1918.

CONSIDER THEM ALL.

In his talk with the teachers of the county here recently, S. Glenn Hawfield, county superintendent of schools, said:

"I believe, first, that the smallest child of school age in the county deserves an equal chance with any other child, no matter how large or how wealthy. we fail to lay in the beginning that foundation which is so fundamental in education, then we not only retard all else that will follow later, but to a very large degree we will limit the achievements of

cannot see where any country could pros-

CRITICISING THE JUDGE.

The Charlotte Observer finds that "the tragic incidents which led to the winding. up of the career of Conley Robinson have served, as might have been expected, to revive memories of the young man's cepted as an index to general Church previous appearance in court on charge of assault with intent to kill, and his es cape from the full penalty of the law. When carried into court before Judge James Webb the Charlotte lawyer re-The increase in Federal prisoners in ceived much leniency for which the pre-

siding jurist was criticised, especially by the Gastonia Gazette. Later Judge ulation. While the . population of the Webb went to Gastonia to preside over country grew 20 per cent. from 1918 the Gaston Superior Court and he answered population of the prisons gained 110 the attack of the Gazette seeking to defend himself.

The Yorkville Enquirer is suggesting in Federal prisons while today the num- that if the judge had not tempered jusber is 18,788. These figures are made tice with so large a measure of mercy "it public by the United States Department is hardly probable that Robinson would of Justice, and indicate one of two things now be the victim of a pistol shot fired -law violations are much on the in- by his sister," with a pistol which Robincrease or officers are more zealous in son "probably would have used to kill his own wife and possibly his own sister.' Much of the increase is in the group The Raleigh Times elaborates along the of persons who violate the narcotics law. same lines, seeing in the outcome ground In 1919 there were only 299 persons in for contention that the Gastonia paper the prisons convicted of violating this "spoke soundly." It suggests that "In

The Observer comes to the defense of was just beginning to be enforced and Judge Webb. "But it must be defended the number of persons in federal prisons for Judge Webb that in the course of his

Thus we see that the narcotics and pro- an adverse nature," says The Observer. its criminals instead of seeking an invishibition prisoners constitute about one- "He has been on the bench for many fourth of the Federal prisoners. Automo- years and naturally has faced many numbile thieves comprise a considerable erous difficult situations. He has been the public. And the crinals would be section of the prison population. While discriminate in exercise of clemency and much easier to find.

total then was nothing like the present to err on the side of mercy. This cirtotal, and with the increase in cars ap- cumstance is to be argued in his behalf parently there has come an increase in as a shield from the greater force of crit-

We admit that at the time of the Robwere not known in great numbers in inson trial we thought Judge Webb had 1918. The report indicates that in other been too lenient. It was a rather serious crimes the total number of prisoners to- charge, in our opinion, yet the jurist day is not but little greater than it was in deemed best to give the lawyer the bene-

fit of any doubt and turned him loose. Judge Webb has been criticised and he will be criticised in the future, yet we have no doubt but that in his judgment he thought he was following the best course, not only for society but for the young men at the bar. Judges are human and may be expected to err, and Judge Webb no doubt is fully capable by this, time to accept criticism without hatred and grievance.

FEWER BANKS, MORE SUPERVIS-ION

membership fee, in this case \$10.

City man didn't say so in actual words zation, and he scored this bull's eye:

one organization claiming to teach 100 per cent. Americanism without starting another."

There were other things in the Jeffress' and peace, a whole-hearted desire to and vision of Wilson.' work, a respect for the law, a spirit of Christianity and brotherly love, incorrupt politics and real civic righteousness.

Wonder what Mayor Thompson thinks about that, especially "respect for law and "incorrupt politics."

We agree that Mayor Jeffress' program is much more to be desired. Thompson is not worried, so far as the public can learn, about enforcing the laws and creating a spirit of unity. Certainly Chicago is a fine field to start a program against corrupt politics.

If Mayor Thompson would spend as occasion he has given for any criticism of much time and labor ridding Chicago of ible "British influence" he would accomplish more and earn more support from

RAILROADS SAFE.

According to The Railway Age, "it is doubtful if there is anything the inhabiicism to which he is being subjected. Not tant of the United States can do now The report, while discouraging, is not many judges have maintained so lengthy with more safety than ride in a passenger train, unless it is to stay in bed." It then shows with statistical forcefulness of the Interstate Commerce Commission, only two passengers were killed while riding on trains, one of these fatalities being due to a collision and one to a derailment. There were 40 passengers killed, but 19 of them were killed while getting on or off trains, 8 by being struck by trains or cars and 11 in miscellaneous

The number of passengers carried dur- real leaders. ing the period was 416,530,000, and the was killed while riding on a train, and retary Hoover, Vice President Dawes

Are there too many banks? One edi- was killed in any way. The best record will be considered the outstanding can- dri

"The Democratic tradition .not only

persists with its gripping influence, but cratic newspapers and many Republican voters He has wired mayors in all parts of during the last decade has been revivified and many Republican newspapers expressed the the country asking them to join with him and enriched to an extent not yet fully in "establishing an America First Foun- appreciated by the ideals and achievedation for better citizenship based on loy- ments of Woodrow Wilson. Inspired by alty and patriotism." There is the usual him, the party became an effective instrument by which the American people ob-

We were struck by the answer sent by tained constructive legislation of extra-Mayor Jeffress, of Greensboro. The Gate ordinary value. When war came, the party discharged its task effectively, vigbut he let the Chicago mayor understand orously and with an absence of scandal that he didn't think much of his organi- and corruption which has had no paral- But Democratic newspapers that had also failed lel in our history. When the problems of "We are having enough trouble with peace and readjustment faced a war-torn world it was Woodrow Wilson who contributed the ideals of international conduct * * To the practical wisdom of Jefferson, to the colorful achievements and elected all the same. message that Thompson would do well of Jackson, to the balanced political judg- and cramped the orthodox Republican style of at tacking all Democrats who did not receive the

The administration is ready to fight for a tax reduction of \$250,000,000. That is less than the total generally predicted they read the statement from Coolidge. and about half as much as the Democrats will advocate. Maybe Secretary Mellon, who has outlined the government's policy, feels that after all his total is too litle and the Democrats too much and a compromise can be reached on about \$350,000,000, just about the total that the administration would really feel was justified. The tax reduction is going to produce a big fight, along with farm relief, flood relief and the like, and the par- Virginia, but he heard Mr. Coolidge's Vermonetes ty leaders will have to be strictly on the job if they get Congress through in time for the presidential campaigns. We believe the Democrats will fight for a bigger reduction than \$250,000,000 but they might compromise on \$350,000,000, especially if they see they are beat at their own figures.

HARDING'S SUCCESS INSPIRES THEM.

Senator Curtis, of Kansas, Republican leader in the Senate since the death of Senator Lodge, tells his friends they can just how safe railway traffic has been go ahead with their plans to offer him made by recalling that for the first six as a Presidential candidate. He insists, months of 1927, according to the report however, that he will not be sacrificed as hearty handshake, a radiant personality, a cer- athletes for their servi a "favorite son" but will make the race only on the condition that he be seriously considered.

> Willis' friends are grooming them too, and the three may be said to have caught their inspiration from the success of President Harding who was nominated when

When the convention opens there will average distance they traveled was 39 be nothing more than "favorite son" miles. Therefore, on the average, only strength for the three Senators and they one passenger in each 208,265,000 carried must realize this. They know that Sec-

per that had questioned the finality of the Coolidge statement. Republican newspapers that had failed to interpret the Coolidge statement as being as irrevocable as a decree in enice were sor rowed over as publications pitably but honestly incapable of understanding the English language. so to interpret the Delphic utterance of the Presi-

dent were branded as wilful and deliberate scoffers in which there war sin and no shame. Then came Charles E. Hughes back from European trip. When he was asked what he thought of Mr. Coolidge's statement, he replied

that he thought Mr. Coolidge would be nominated That rather crimped and cramped the orthodox Republican style of atto consider: "What we need in America ment of Tilden, to the rugged honesty of statement from Coolidge with all reverence as the most is the cultivation of a spirit of unity Cleveland, has been added the idealism true word of a great statesman in whom there is But that temporary paralysis passed, no guile. and soon all the fundamentalists among the Cool idgeites were at it again-grieving over the waywardness of those Republicans who could not see the light and bitterly anathematizing all those malicious Democrats who had closed one eye when

But now comes C. Bascom Slemp, former secre tary to the President and even now owner of the Republican party in Virginia and says that the President's statement that he did not "choose to run" was merely the expression of a preference and that it did not, and does not, close the door to his He says, further, that if the Renomination publican National Convention were to be held now, Mr. Coolidge would be nominated.

If anybody outside Mr. Coolidge's circle of intimate friends knows and understands what Mr. Coolidge means by such peculiarities of speech as he may be accustomed to employ, that body ought to be C. Bascom Slemp. True, Mr. Slemp is a lacquered with Bostenese for a considerable perid, and he should be an accomplished interpreter. And he says what he says about what Mr. Coolidge meant when he said what he said.

What is an honest but bewildered Democrat t understand? Everybody knows there's a wide difference between Southern English and Northern fashioned hosiery mill, English; but is there also a difference between the Democratic language and the Republican language? -and are there widely varying dialects in the Republican language?

PRACTICALITIES.

Governor Al Smith, according to Dixon Merritt, nvestigator for The Outlook, who has just made a tour of Tennessee and Kentucky, cannot carry the Solid South. Governor Smith, he says, has none

of the many qualities that make for statesmanship Says he:

Beyond the practicalities of a pleasant smile lifred E. Smith know nothing of statesmanship. He has good teeth, apparently a good digestion, a tain knack of administering matters of which he that Dr. Hoke has gone. has an intimate empirical knowledge; but he is utterly lacking in that breadth, and depth, and weep of things that make the statesman.

Passing up the question as to whether Al Smith can or cannot carry the Southern states if nomiated-a question which the investigator has settled for himself-it must be confessed that the writer has at least conjured up a word picture of a very uccessful politician.

These practicalities he mentions-this hearty handshake, pleasant smile, good digestion, radiant personality, a certain knack of administering maters-have carried mediocre man a long way in public esteem. After all, it isn't every time that the American people elect a statesman as President. We have two very illustrious examples of a public indifferent to statesmanship in the incumbent and his predecessor.

The prize optimist of the year is the statistician who says one American in each five knows how to

when Mr migration from the Gulf states Coolidge issued his "I do not choose to run" state many Democratic voters and many Demo the newer cotton areas in Oklahoma

THE WELSHER'S REWAR

sheville Citizen Commeting with pathetic pessimism r's plea for a revival of thinking an Washington Daily News bursts into u nd sees no chance for guished doctor's wish "Theoretically." says The News, are servants of the people.

the masters, because they select delegate inating conventions and control I the object of the two machines in win elections, not to when such promotion helps to win the election in front of them. Job-holder interested in jobs than in political pri Pointing out that "the highly organ parties are controlled by office holder these gentlemen "won't enthuse over thinking." The News throws up its han into a Slough of Despond bordered ! ink, and abandons all hope of a Butle proved politics

But before so sadly the ghost, it might have reminded in politics they are getting exactly w serve and reaping precisely public welshes on its patriotic duty. element, half of the nation, stays a polls, takes no interest in politics care who is elected

ountry's affairs. The result is unavoidable, natural Here, as everywhere else, the w The office hol welsher's reward. to kick the public around as long as i its stupidity and lack of patriotism invites the mark of the iron boot.

COMING FAST.

Southern Textile Bulletin. Almost a dozen Northern plans for coming South within the l It is interesting to note that an ber of mills in Pennsylvania

be moved. As far as the ortant feature of the movement riety of production in which these engaged. show that besides two cotton mill p the Carolinas include a rayon dyeing ind a print works

These plants are cited he various types that are seeking A large par the Southerp States. ment is of course given over to spin ing mills, but we believe their coming portant than the smaller specialty plants

RESOLUTION TOO COMPRE

Kinston Free Press Dr. Elmer R. Hoke, I ege, sounded a timely dation sent the North Carolina at Durham, a

dency of higher institut. recommendation, if put into hardship because, according given it in the press dispat self-help students from in the athletics of the The question of professiona be confused with the worthy and forts of a constantly growing

are partially or wholly working college. It would be better for tion, in spite of its lofty purpe than to do an injustice to the self of the student bodies.

A New York patrolman restranded launch by swimming orseback. At last a use has -American nounted police.

Sidewalks are getting narrow but at the same time pedestrians at er .- Detroit Free Press

Senator Watson's friends and Senator

the party failed to agree on any of the

only one passenger in each 10,413,250 and maybe former Secretary Hughes

