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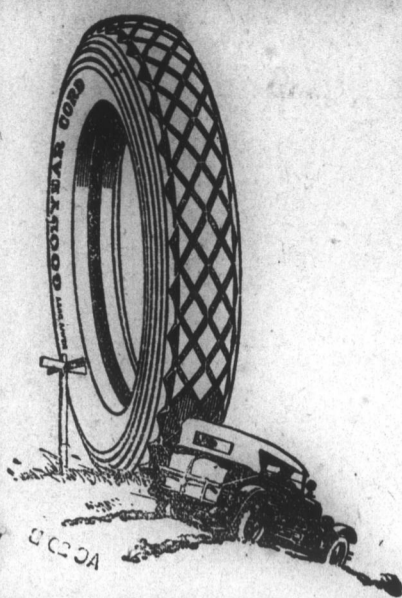
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THE MEEKINS INCIDENT

Wilmington Star. The recent attempts in the public press to discredit Judge Meekins as a United States Judge are regrettable because any unnecessary and unjustified reflection on the courts discredit them in the public eye. A number of times the press has carried stories to the effect that Judge Meekins, while an employee of the United States government, had accepted large fees to appear against the government in other matters. The Star has not given publication to these stories because we were not certain of their reliability, and until a distinguished United States Senator repeated them in the senate we were willing to publish them, and then only as a matter of general news which comes to us through our usual source of official information. Now it turns out that the stories are all untrue, and that Judge Meekins had resigned as attorney for the Alien Property Custodian before he appeared in another matter before the department at Washington for a private client. This he has shown so conclusively that Senator Norris who has attacked him, that the senator has been forced to "fairness" to Judge Meekins, to enter this correction on the records of the United States senate. It appears that Judge Meekins resigned as attorney for the Alien Property Custodian on December 31, 1921, and that his resignation is on file at the department. After his resignation he went to New York and was employed in a tax matter before the department, which seems in every respect proper.

make such an attack as he has made against Judge Meekins in the face of the facts, which goes to show that it is only with discrimination, and "with a grain of salt" we must take even the declarations of United States senators, officially made in the senate, as true. The Star holds no brief for Judge Meekins, but it does for the integrity of the courts and the protection of character whether public or private.

Big Ranch to Be Cut Up.

The Malibu ranch near Santa Monica, Calif., consisting of 18,000 acres, is soon to be subdivided into home sites. The ranch, which has approximately 24 miles of frontage on the Pacific Ocean in Southern California, is the only original Spanish land grant of a century and a quarter ago remaining intact. It is not known to whom the King of Spain granted the land, in 1804, because the original grant has long been lost. Records, however, show that the land was given to Don Jose Dartolone Tapia by the Spanish governor in 1805. Tapia died in 1828 and his family sold the entire tract in 1848 for \$400. It was purchased by Don Leon Victor Prudhomme who lost the ranch in settlement of a \$1,400 grocery bill to Don Matto Keller, of Los Angeles, in 1857. In 1870 Keller's heirs sold it to Frederick H. Ringe, late husband of the present owner and director, May K. Ringe, for \$10 an acre. The early settlers in the community branded it "Ringe's ridiculous purchase." But Ringe's pet vision was that the huge acreage would become prettily designed home sites. This vision is now about to be realized.

Larry ("Nap") Lajolo, who has been chosen as supreme arbiter of the Ohio and Pennsylvania State League, was the highest salaried player in baseball in the days when he held down second base for the Cleveland Indians and other major league clubs.

The firm of Tattersall's, whose name has become synonymous with race-horse auctions and sales, was founded a century and a half ago by Richard Tattersall, a former groom to a famous English sporting duke.

George Washing's Character Revealed By Penknife Given to Him by Mother



(From an etching by E. Dunlap. Copyright, 1919, by the Anderson Art Galleries, Chicago.)

Not the famous hatchet of George Washington, but a dainty, white-handled penknife reveals better his character.

So says Dr. Paul F. Bloomhardt, professor of biography at Wittenberg College, Springfield, O.

Washington's father gave the hatchet, as even school children remember, in February, and George struck down a choice cherry tree in the orchard. Later he confessed, and promptly.

But the penknife was given to him by his mother. She was so pleased with the lad's behavior, that she gave him the bit of fine cutlery, cautioning the young man always to obey his superiors.

This knife was carried as a talisman. It was a part of his personal equipment as general of the Americans who fought for their liberties in the Revolutionary War.

At the lowest ebb of the Revolution with a weak Congress failing to provide even food for his half-clothed men at Valley Forge, Washington once wrote out his resignation. He struggled with himself. This was his greatest battle, says Dr.

Bloomhardt, who studies and teaches the lives of great Americans.

General Knox came into the cabin which was general headquarters at the valley and Washington showed him the resignation as written.

Knox was dumbfounded, and did not know what to do until his eye caught the glint of the penknife in General Washington's desk.

Knox knew its story, and without any utterance, gently pushed the keepsake under the clenched hands of General Washington.

Washington flushed.

Knox said, "You are always to obey your superiors. No one has commanded you to cease leading the army."

Within half an hour the resignation was tossed into the log fire, and the great Washington carried on.

The hatchet showed the truth-stuff of the boy; the penknife showed the stability of the man.

The knife should replace the hatchet, Dr. Bloomhardt says. The knife is among the Washington relics in a Virginia Masonic lodge. (Copyright, 1926, NEA Service, Inc.)

BACK THE GOVERNOR.

Winston-Salem Journal. Governor McLean should have the support of every law-respecting man and woman in North Carolina in his vigorous stand for law and order when he declined to exercise executive clemency in behalf of the members of the Asheville mob.

The reaction to the Governor's wise and courageous decision has been most encouraging. So far as we have seen, the press of the State has stood as a unit back of him in this action.

Even the News and Observer, which is not always kind to governors down at Raleigh, takes a day off to give strong commendation to Governor McLean for his action in this case.

"If lynching is to be ended," says that paper, "men who take the law into their hands must be punished when convicted of the crime of taking the law in their own hands. If, even before they begin to serve their sentence, they should be given special consideration and special clemency, all the efforts to prevent lynching would be set at naught."

But nowhere has a stronger argument been presented, nor is there likely to be a stronger one given by anybody than was presented by the Governor, himself, in announcing his decision on his petition for clemency.

"The only way to suppress lynching," the Governor declared, "is to let those who engage in it understand that they will be punished and punished severely."

"A prisoner in the custody of the law is entitled to the same protection as is the judge on the bench or the solicitor who represents the State in the prosecution.

"No question of mere sentiment should enter into a case of this kind. Sentiment should all be upon the side of the people whose sovereignty was insulted."

The attorney for the convicted members of the mob boasts that six thousand names were signed to their petition for clemency. This is all the more reason why Governor McLean should be supported in his stand. It is also good reason why we should thank our God every day and every night that we have in Raleigh a Chief Executive whom the mob cannot move from the path of duty.

Protect the Innocent.

Winston-Salem Sentinel. "I am sure you will agree with me that society must exercise the same diligence in taking care of the innocent as in the punishment of the guilty."

Those were the words of Governor McLean in refusing clemency to the fifteen men of Buncombe county recently convicted of mob violence and is a laudable viewpoint. Too often the families of convicts are allowed to suffer because of the wrongdoings in which they had no part or sympathy.

Governor McLean goes the limit in insisting that no suffering shall result of the families of those convicted in the Asheville case. If the city and county cannot relieve such suffering as has been forecast when the men begin their sentences, then the Governor offers state aid.

Too often the punishment of guilty results in far more severe punishment for the innocent. Take a bread-earner away from the average family for a few months and there must be provisions from somewhere. Too often it is left to friends and neighbors. Too seldom do officials take cognizance of the facts.

The county welfare departments, when as ably conducted as in Forsyth county, undoubtedly do much to assure relief from suffering in the families of convicts. We understand that this work is part of their organized task.

Governor McLean is to be commended on his judgment. To have allowed these guilty of mob violence to escape sentence because of effect upon their families would have been unfair to society. He has met the issue fully and firmly.

A young Washington recently sent an order to a mail-order house for a coronet. The money accompanied the order and a silver-plated coronet was duly forwarded. In a few days the instrument was returned, with a letter saying that "a silver coronet wouldn't do, my music is marked for brass."

AGRICULTURAL COLUMN (Conducted by R. D. Goodman)

In regard to buying cotton seed for planting this year will say that different farmers report to me that they have ordered seed of very highly advertised cotton that will drive away fear of the boll weevil, make the highest priced lint possible, and enormous yields per acre, on poor land, and other misrepresentations. Some will bite at these flowery ads, again from distant cotton sections and others will not.

The Experiment Stations recommend that we stick to the known as well as the tried varieties and recommend Mexican and Cleveland in general and for special soils Cook and King do well. One of these four should meet the soil needs of any farmer in Calamus on whatever one or more of the 21 soil types he may have on his farm however it would be a fine thing if we could gradually work to the growing of one variety for the county.

If you have good seed of one of these varieties and have kept them pure at the gin this year, and the party to whom you sold your cotton staple, you are reasonably sure that you have a uniform length of your cotton and should be reelected and plant the most of your crop with them until you find something better and try it out on a few acres.

Reclaiming won't make the variety pure and if they are not pure then it will be best to buy some good ones.

Never make an important decision or enter into a big business deal on an empty stomach. You mind isn't working and you'll probably get the worst of it, according to a professor of the psychological department of the university of Chicago.

"Cycles and motor-driven vehicles must light their lamps 30 minutes before sunset, the exact hour of which will be fixed by the mayor." So decrees the mayor of Koege, a small town in Denmark.

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DAVIDSON TRUSTEES IN SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING
Thirty-Four Members Will Be Present From Georgia, Florida, Virginia and North Carolina.
Davidson, Feb. 16.—The Davidson College board of trustees will meet at that institution tomorrow morning for their semi-annual meeting, at which time 34 trustees will be in attendance, these having certified that they will be present. The complete list follows:
Dr. W. L. Lingle, of Richmond, Va., chairman; Rev. R. H. McCaslin, Jacksonville, Fla.; Rev. W. E. McElwaine, Pensacola, Fla.; Rev. A. R. Howland, Atlanta, Ga.; W. A. Watt, Thomasville, Ga.; Rev. L. G. Henderson, Albany, Ga.; Rev. E. L. Hill, Athens, Ga.; Rev. S. L. McCarty, Augusta, Ga.; Rev. Carl Barth, Macon, Ga.; Rev. H. L. Smith, Dalton, Ga.; Rev. E. R. Leyburn, Rome, Ga.; Rev. N. L. Anderson, Savannah, Ga.; Wheeler Tolbert, Columbus, Ga.; J. A. Cannon, Concord; Rev. C. E. Hodgins, Greensboro; Rev. A. A. McGeachy, Charlotte; Rev. A. A. McLean, Lenoir; Rev. W. A. Murray, Shelby; Rev. E. D. Brown, China Grove; Rev. Byron Clark, Salisbury; Rev. A. R. McQueen, Dunn; Rev. H. D. Scanlon, Durham; S. A. Robinson,

TODAY'S EVENTS
Wednesday, February 17, 1926
Today is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.
Observance of Child Welfare Day, the anniversary of the founding of the National Parent-Teachers' Association.
David F. Houston, secretary of agriculture and later secretary of the treasury in the cabinet of President Wilson, is 60 years old today.
Greetings to the Speaker and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth (formerly Alice Roosevelt) on the twentieth anniversary of their marriage.
The annual convention of the association of highway officials of the North Atlantic states meets at Syracuse today for a session of three days.
Six o'clock in the morning is the usual opening time for Chinese shopkeepers.

Gastonia; J. E. Johnson, Winston-Salem; R. A. Dunn, Charlotte; G. W. Hall, Hickory; Rev. J. H. Carter, Elkin; F. A. Barnes, Concord; H. S. Huske, Reidsville; Rev. W. M. Baker, Mt. Olive; Z. V. Tarlington, Mooresville; B. R. Lacy, Raleigh; Rec. C. M. Richards, Davidson, and Rev. W. J. Garrison, Hollywood, Fla.