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Governor Ritchie Favors Dry Law Modification. BY CHARLES P. STEWART NEA Service Writer

Washington, March 22.—In the belief that Governor Albert C. Ritchie, of Maryland, is due to figure increasingly in the news for some time to come, I chased over to Baltimore the other day to find out for myself how he looks, talks and behaves, generally.

He does all three admirably. Governor Ritchie, in short, was a charming personality. He's a big man physically, he obviously has brains and he's a gentleman all over, somewhat of the southern type.

It was a tradition, prior to Ritchie's regime, that governors of Maryland had only one term apiece. Ritchie's had two and now he speaks a third. It's his for the asking, on Maryland's part. This speaks well, and correctly, for his gubernatorial records.

Governor Ritchie is best known as a wet.

Well, he is in favor of modifying the Volstead law, but not, he says, because he's a wet. He's in favor of it because he thinks the cause of temperance was gaining ground up to the time prohibition was enacted, and, in his opinion, absolute prohibition gave it a bad setback, and since then things have been getting worse and worse.

He wants modification, not as a wet measure, but as a temperance one.

However, his advocacy of prohibition modification is only incidental to his main issue, which is—State rights.

Gastonia Preacher Is Author of a New Play.

Gastonia, March 20.—Rev. Forrest J. Prentiss, D. D., pastor of Main Street Methodist Church here and former United States Senate chaplain, has entered the role of playwright, his latest contribution being "The Pilgrim" which tells the story of a superannuated Methodist minister and his wife, tending to solve their problems of a homeless age by means of the superannuated endowment fund recently established by the church.

The Chapel Hill Weekly, speaking of the rift in the Democratic party over the prohibition issue, says, "Nothing short of a miracle can beat the Republicans in 1928."

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"Saw-ye." "Would you like an airship trip for a honeymoon tour?" "No, there wouldn't be any tulle."

Smart Pupil. Professor—When you examine patients' lungs with a microscope what do you see? Smart Pupil—The seat of his pants.

Same Thing. Doctor—Are you married? Much-banded Patient—No; I got run down by an auto speed artist.

Reserved. Wife—Mr. Jones is a most attractive man; is he married? Husband—He's a reserved chap—keeps all his troubles to himself!

One Way Traffic. Indignant Autoist (to man driving at car)—Here, you duffer; traffic way only here. Don't you know it?

The Duffer—Well, I'm—hic—only one way, ain't it? No Secret. Old Man—You can put in your newspaper, young man, that my secret of health is eatin' lots of onions every day.

Reporter—What makes you refer it as a secret? No Difference. Mistress—Maggie, these eggs are as hard as ever. I thought I told you I wanted them soft? Maggie—Sure an' I biled them five hours this time, mum, but it didn't seem to make no difference.

Would Shatter Faith. "How would you feel," asked a young Supt. "if you were to receive me for a Christmas gift?" "Well," answered the fair girl, "it certainly would shatter my faith in Santa Claus."

Bound by Honor. Weary Walker—No, ma'am, I ain't got no choice. I'm bound by honor. I wrote a testimonial for a soap-maker once an' promised to use it.

Mrs. Housekeeper—Well, why do you not use that? Weary Walker—Because, ma'am, that firm failed about five years ago.

I had an important business proposition whose success depended upon how I presented it before a certain body of influential business men. Naturally, I wanted to make a good impression. I launched into my subject with every confidence that I would win. I was thoroughly acquainted with every phase of the proposition and was a good talker.

I could see from the expression on the faces of several of the men that my remarks were being favorably accepted. Thus encouraged, I waxed warmer as I proceeded to present the most important issue. * * * Crash! What was that? My false teeth had fallen with a clatter upon the polished surface of the table before which I stood. I was facing my audience toothless.

It was a horrible moment. Only my keen sense of humor saved the situation. Nevertheless, if there had been a hole in the floor, I certainly would have stepped into it and most likely been falling yet.

Silk Stocking Coupon Craze. Monroe Enquirer.

The Silk Stocking coupon craze has at last reached Monroe. The plan is to purchase a coupon for one dollar, sell three other coupons to neighbors or friends, and receive a five-dollar pair of hose, after said neighbors or friends have purchased one and sold three other coupons to neighbors or friends—on and on ad infinitum.

Looks as if some of these self-same Monroe ladies who get into the game at the eleventh hour are going to be left with the bag to hold. And if they are going to depend upon the coupon scheme for their hosiery needs this summer they will have nothing to roll.

Impossible. "Henry, it's raining cats and dogs. We must lend Mrs. Whitaker an umbrella or she will get drenched going home."

"My dear, it's impossible. The only umbrella we've got has her husband's name engraved on it."

Jack Knew His Business. "I cannot understand, Jack, why you always sit on the piano stool when we have company. Every one knows you cannot play a note."

"I'm well aware of it, dear. Neither can anybody else when I am sitting there."



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