

Dinner Stories

"What became of that widow with the teething child?" "She's all right. She married a floorwalker."

Police Sergeant—Have you caught that burglar yet? "Cop—No, but we've got him so scared that he doesn't dare show himself when we're around."

Little Alice—Aunt Belle, what makes you put powder on your face? Aunt Belle—Oh, to make me look pretty.

Little Alice—Well, why don't it do it? Klumseigh obtained a job as a packer in a China warehouse. On the third day he smashed a big vase. On pay day he was called into the manager's office and was told that half his wages would be deducted each week until the vase was paid for.

"How much was the vase worth?" he asked, anxiously. "About \$300," replied the manager. "Hurrah!" shouted Klumseigh. The manager asked the cause of his jubilation.

"Well," said Klumseigh, "it looks as if I've got a steady job at last."

Mrs. Gabbie—Is your son still a member of the army? Colored Servant—Ah, ain't sho'. But ah knows dey ain't lookin' for him, so ah guess dat he's at least a member-at-large.

"Are you an actress, grandma?" "No, darling. Why do you ask?" "Because daddy said when you came we'd have a scene."

Doris—I think he's the meanest man I ever met. Gladys—What's the trouble? Doris—I have made up my mind to refuse him, and he won't even propose to me.

Jiggs—Would you patronize a boot-legger? Jiggs—I'd never try it. All the bootleggers I know have become too wealthy and influential to be patronized.

WAS A NATIVE OF STANLY.

Stanly News-Herald. In a recent issue of the Charlotte Observer Dr. E. A. Sondley carried an interesting article on the world's largest man. He told of Miles Darden, who weighed over 1,000 pounds and said he was born in North Carolina. The following is the description of Darden as specified in Dr. Sondley's article:

"Miles Darden was born in North Carolina in 1798, and died in Henderson county, Tennessee, January 23, 1857. He was seven and one-half feet high and at the time of his death weighed a little over 1,000 pounds. In 1830 his coat was buttoned around three men, every one of whom weighed over 200 pounds and together they walked in it across the square at Lexington. In 1850 it required 12 1/2 yards of cloth one yard wide to make Darden a coat. Until 1853 he was able to work, but after that he required to be hauled around in a two-horse wagon. His coffin was eight feet long and thirty-five inches deep and thirty-two inches across the breast and eighteen inches across the head and fourteen inches across the feet. Twenty-four yards of black velvet was necessary to cover the side and lids of the coffin. Miles Darden was twice married and left children none of whom attained to his gigantic proportions. See 2 Appleton's Cyclopedia of American Biography (1895) 77 and other authorities."

"Thus Miles Darden, the North Carolina giant, exceeded David Lambert in weight by more than a third and was undoubtedly the largest man who ever lived. To see such a being moving about would give the observer an eerie feeling and recall the stories of Polyphemus and Jack the giant-killer and with a viridness unknown before produce a deepened conception of the earth in the days of the dinosaur, the ichthyosaurus, the plesiosaurus, the deinotherium and the pterodactyl combined with those of the mammoth and the mastodon."

Now far be it from us to claim something for Stanly county to which we are due no credit, but an Albatross man, whose veracity is unquestioned, handed us the above clipping and said, "You can say that this man was born in Stanly county." He then went on to say that Darden, according to tradition, was born in the Meadow Creek section and that the older men of that section remembered having seen him. We don't say this is true, we are only quoting from the Albatross man who said he would vouch for the authenticity of the report that Darden was a native Stanly man. But the editor does remember hearing one of the oldest men in western Stanly tell of a man who was so large that he had to be hauled around in a wagon and into whose coat three men were wrapped with sufficient freedom to walk. So taking these together, we make bold to claim the honor for Stanly as having been the birthplace of the world's largest man, who in his best days tipped the scales at more than 1,000 pounds. If Venus can beat that let him trot out his fat man.

A Fearless Judge. Winston-Salem Journal. Superior Court Judge Thomas H. Calvert, of Raleigh, has a fight on his hands for renomination. He is being opposed by some of the strongest Democratic politicians in Wake county. Judge Calvert is not a politician, never has been and never will be, but he is one of the ablest and most fearless jurists in North Carolina. He carries his backbone with him both on and off the bench.

Interrified by the well-organized opposition of political leaders, the judge has confidentially left his cause in the hands of friends who know his record on the bench. At the same time he defied the political ring that is fighting him and demanded in a public statement that "bootleggers and gamblers" be required to resign as members of the Democratic executive committee of Wake county.

While Judge Calvert is not a politician, it has turned out that he played better politics than many a veteran in the game when he made this demand. As a result of his re-

tion the political organization opposing him has been put on the defensive and two members of the Democratic committee have resigned. One was a convicted gambler and the other had been found guilty of bootlegging.

The state needs more men of the type of Judge Calvert on the Superior Court bench—men who cannot be frightened on or off the bench by the threats of political leaders high or low. A judge should live always above the fog of petty politics.

Public Health Work in North Carolina. Southern Agriculturist. Writing of our recent discussion of health conditions and medical service in the rural districts, Dr. G. M. Cooper, acting state health officer of North Carolina, says: "We heartily com-

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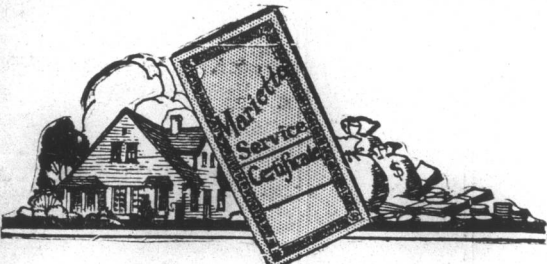
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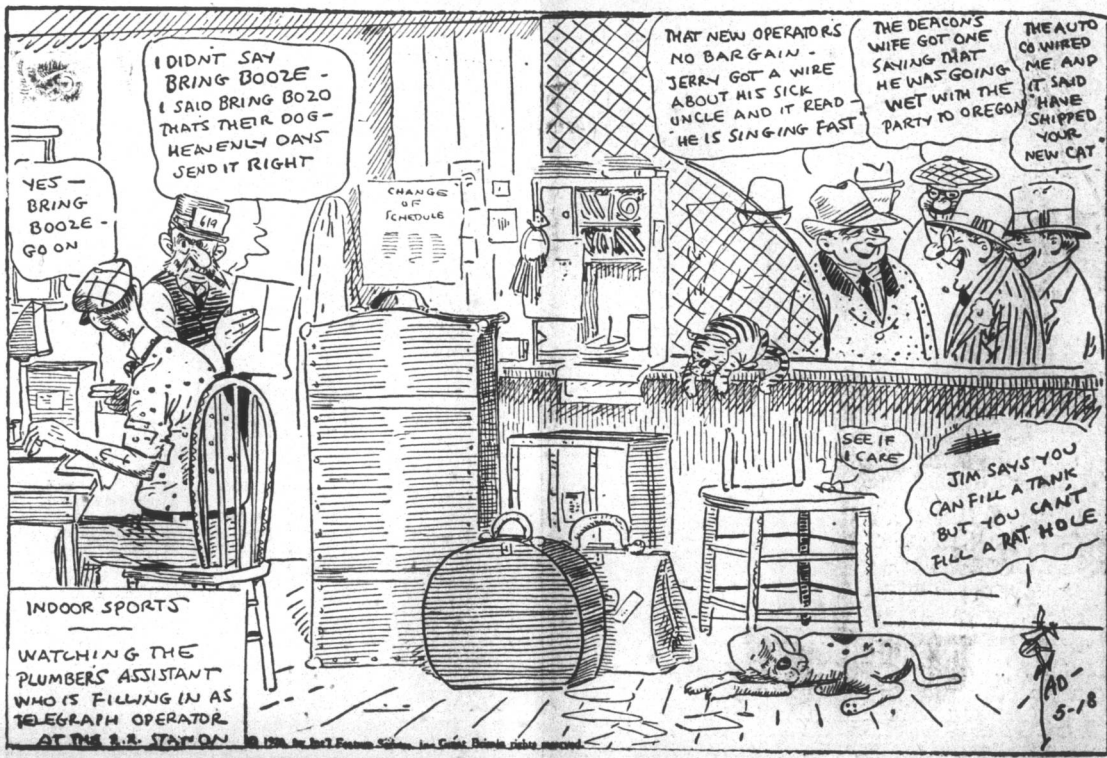
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