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Sen. Magnus Johnson kin now milk without a photographer. Some o' these fine days th' Chicago police are goin' to interfere with a prominent beer king, or a well-to-do grammar by mistake, an' lose their jobs.

One can't help feeling that the County Home of Fredell, with its herd of pure bred dairy cattle, could not be a very bad place to have to go to.

The seventeenth annual sale of the Christmas seals of the National Tuberculosis Association is now on and The Advance hopes that Elizabeth City's response may be as liberal as usual or more so. And again "He gives twice who gives quickly," because his example is an inspiration to others.

The proposal to establish a National Park in Western North Carolina is reported to have stirred considerable interest among North Carolinians at Washington. But it will have to stir more interest among North Carolinians at home if it is ever to become an established fact.

Last year, through efforts on the part of Postmaster General New and his assistants, Christmas mailers were induced to dispatch their Yule-tide presents earlier in the month than ever before and much of the heartbreaking last minute rush among both store clerks and postal employes was obviated. This year, with the co-operation of the public a better record is hoped for. The Advance passes along this word in the hope that Elizabeth City's record in this matter may be as good as that of any city of its class in the State.

And at Norfolk Too
 This immediate section, it seems, is not the only one where holly is becoming almost extinct as a result of the demand for this popular evergreen at the Christmas season. We quote from yesterday's Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch:

All who enjoy the beautiful in nature must be in full sympathy with the Garden Club of Norfolk, which is endeavoring to prevent the wholesale destruction of evergreens, which is, most unfortunately, so common at the Christmas season. The members have pledged themselves not to break or to buy holly or native evergreens for decorations this year. This action is the direct result of the practical raids of past years upon the beautiful, berry-laden holly trees and symmetrical cedars. Limbs have been hacked off by the hundred and the trees left standing, ragged wrecks, disfiguring instead of adorning the landscape. It is possible, by the exercise of common sense and ingenuity, to secure evergreen decorations for Christmas without disfiguring the trees. In places where they grow thickly whole trees can be removed not only without injuring, but to the positive benefit of those left standing. But if evergreens are not to be secured in a proper and sensible manner it is much better that they should not be troubled at all, but left to beautify the countryside and to form havens of refuge for the birds. Unless depredations in this section cease action similar to that of the Garden Club of Norfolk will have to be taken by some organization here.

WHEN CO-OPERATION CEASES TO BE OF ANY BENEFIT



Washington Letter

BY HARRY B. HUNT
 NEA Service Writer
WASHINGTON—No similar event in Washington official and social circles since the birth of a daughter to President and Mrs. Cleveland back in the '90s has so piqued the interest of the capital as has the report that the stork shortly will pay a visit to the home of Nick and Alice Longworth.

It is suggested the arrival of an heir might play an important part in the political as well as the personal future of the popular Cincinnati congressman. Should the stork time its arrival propitiously the House might be minded to hand Nick the speakership, for which he is a candidate, as a token of its felicitations. Some members however believe that with a baby in the home Nick would be more valuable in his present position of floor leader. "A new father is bound to get a lot of valuable experience on the floor," they say.

SECRETARY OF NAVY WILL
 RUMOR knocked the tradition that cabinet members must at ways move with circumspection and dignity for "a row of ten pins" the other night when he showed up at the Y. M. C. A. bowling alleys. Wilbur shed his coat rolled up his sleeves and forgot all about dignity and circumspection for an hour while he hurled the ebony ball down the alleys for a succession of spares and strikes. After he got the kinks out of his elbow Wilbur is said to have hurled a mighty wicked ball.

WASHINGTON'S BOBBED HAIR
 Increased by criticism of bobbed heads, voiced by a visiting evangelist, choir girls in the Mount Vernon Methodist Church walked out on strike. It took all the diplomacy of the pastor, plus an

open appreciation of bobbed-haired girls as "a mighty fine lot" to win them back.

ONLY on formal occasions do statesmen and diplomats in Washington don the shining, tall top hat—the "plug" hat—which a generation or so ago was affected by every legislator from the storks who came to the capital. But there is one person in Washington who holds fast to the fashion of the old days. Charles C. Lancaster, lawyer and son-in-law of the late Samuel J. Randall, who was speaker of the House from 1877 to 1881, never walks abroad without his shining "plug."

Winter and summer, rain or shine, Lancaster's towering figure in his towering hat, is one of the sights of the city—a touch of what the capital looked like in the good old days before high buildings came in and high hats went out. If you have visited the capital building any time in the last three or four years, you doubtless paused to watch the interestingly attired pointer person who, apparently oblivious of the rubbering crowds around him, was engaged in restoring the brilliantly colored mural decorations of the big building. If you came today, however, you'd miss him. For the artist fell in love with one visitor who paused to admire his work and today they are honeymooning. This painter, Charles Ayer Whipple, has given a touch of color to the gray old building where Congress meets that will be remembered by visitors when they have forgotten what the decorations on the walls looked like. In his jaunty artist's smock, a Tam O'Shanter cocked artistically over one ear, a long stemmed pipe in his mouth and a big palette splashed with vivid colors and stuck full of brushes, he himself made a picture more striking than any of the pictures he painted.

GILBERT MAKES STATEMENT
 RELATIVE AYDLETT LETTER
 Does Not Believe Public Wants to Read So Much Personal Stuff—People Know O. F. Gilbert and Know E. F. Aydtlett and Gilbert Willing Leave Case Up to Them

Mr. Aydtlett did not notify me relative to the letter which he had published in yesterday's paper until the paper was on the press. Upon learning what he had done I went immediately to his office and told him that I thought he should have notified me before publishing it as many things he said were not in line with all the facts. I have been paying Mr. Aydtlett for the past five years twenty-four hundred dollars (\$2400) per year; and when he charged me six thousand, three hundred dollars (\$6,300) per year, an increase of three thousand, nine hundred dollars (\$3,900) per year, or 162 1/2 per cent, and wanted me to sign up for five or three years. I did not feel my business could stand this increase and felt justified in declining to sign for more than one year, hoping to subside part of the building. I am taking a tremendous loss in selling my entire stock at cost, and the public, I believe, knows whether I am going out square or not. (Signed) O. F. GILBERT, adv.

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BIG BACHELOR CROP IN NEW LEGISLATURE

Raleigh, Dec. 5.—There will be a healthy crop of bachelors among the members of the Legislature which convenes in January. Single men also will make a good showing. Letters from 87 of the 170 legislators show that 15 of them are unmarried, 21 married and one widower. Eleven of the single men are between the ages of 20 and 40 and four are between 21 and 30 years of age. The oldest man among the 87 was 78 and the youngest 24 years of age.

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 -E. Fitzhugh-

DOROTHY DARNIT



Regular
 At 3 p. m. on the 20th of each month Edward Pichard must leave his home to spend the night at the Meigs county county jail. This is the unique sentence that was passed on him in March after his plea of manslaughter had been accepted in connection with the fatal shooting of his brother, William. He must make four more of these monthly trips to the jail.



WARNER'S CORSET, \$1.00
 In this assortment will be found a shape for almost every figure and all the quality and shapeliness that is characteristic of the high-class corsets. Real value at \$1.00.
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WANT ADS Too Late to Classify
 FOR RENT—STORE, W. MAIN, near Norfolk-Southern depot, suitable for commission business or general store. Address "X" care The Advance, dec.5-11-pd
 \$500 REWARD FOR EVIDENCE that will convict the person who set fire to my barn night of Dec. 3, A. L. Aydtlett, dec.5-11-pd

FORD WEEKLY PAYMENT PLAN VERY POPULAR
 Detroit, Dec. 5.—(Special.) The Ford Motor Company has delivered approximately 150,000 cars on its weekly purchase plan and has about 100,000 enrollments on which payments now are being made. New enrollments are being received at the rate of 700 to 800 a week.

Christmas Just Around the Corner

Don't wait until the last minute to buy your Suit or Overcoat. Our line is now full and complete with Everything that Men, Young Men and Boys wear, Up-to-Date in Style, and low down in Prices.
 Men's Overcoats, from \$10.00 up. Men's Suits, \$12.50 up. Boys' Suits, \$5.00 up. Hats, \$2.50 up. Shirts, \$1.00 up. Silk Sox, 50 cents up. Shoes, \$2.50 up. Various grades of both cotton and wool Underwear, at low prices.

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By Charles McManus

