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BERGDOFF

Grover Cleveland Bergdoff, the wealthy and notorious drunk dodger, is once more in the calcium rays. Some time ago aided and abetted by friends, he slipped, and ran for the land of ex-cultar and many considered it a good riddance, however, a determined effort was put forth by governmental authorities to apprehend and bring him back across the briny deep for trial.

Safely in Germany, supported by his bank roll and surrounded by sympathetic kulturist, it was comparatively easy for him to defeat justice and remain at large, but once having enjoyed the benefits of American life and cognized that one of the chief characteristics of the American people is to forgive and forget, it is unofficially reported that he is seeking to return to this country.

LAWMAKERS

The members of the General Assembly, after the usual preliminaries, have organized and in due season the hopper will begin to function, evolving such enactments as the solons deem wise and expedient for the best interests of the State.

Mr. Dawson in his speech of acceptance emphasizes the fact that the assemblymen should take no backward step in the education of our children, care of our unfortunate, construction of good roads and other measures that work for the improvement of conditions and the betterment of the people generally.

WAYSIDE JOYS

By Jack Lee

Great excitement prevails in New Rauge, La. In some sections (oh, out in Alaska) people frequently become "upset" over trifles, but these folks down in "Lousiana" have some cause to be aroused. Last fall five men were kidnapped by a hooded crowd while returning from a local gathering, and just recently the dead bodies of two of the men were found in a deserted quarry.

These returning from the convocation of the Legislature at Raleigh state that the session started off under very auspicious circumstances. "Uncle Sam's Daughter," grand old man and veteran legislator of Allegheny, is back; Walter Murphy of Rowan and Everett of Richmond are there, and so are the Honorable Tom Davis, Lindsay Warren, Harry Smith, E. G. Cannon, Jr. and the two Terrasachs, with John G. Dawson.

men of Lenoir as speaker. The Legislature this year has an added attraction in the person of Simey O'Neal of Orange, sort of a deluxe entertainer and royal jester. O'Neal we presume will be used as a kind of a counter irritant for the minds of the lawmakers after they recess for diversion.

A few days ago the natal day of a wonderful character was observed when Woodrow Wilson passed the sixty-sixth milestone of his career. Although crowds besieged his S. Street home in the city of Washington clamoring for an opportunity to do him additional honor, quietly and unobtrusively did he spend the hours surrounded by his faithful and devoted wife and a few intimate friends. Only a little while ago the dominant and magnetic statesman dictating the policies of the greatest Republic, holding within his grasp more power than any earthly ruler, and before whom princes and potentates bowed. Now shorn of power, upon whose noble physique the hand of affliction has laid its icy claws, a broken and pathetic figure. Humanity's friend, living peacefully and perhaps slightly bitter, fervently hoping that some day the world will be ripe for the reception of his ideals and principles.

Mr. Charles Fletcher Honeycutt, one time resident of Dunn but now living in Suffolk, Va., was in the city yesterday afternoon. It is a pleasure to greet him, and he enjoys coming back to Dunn where he spent his earlier days. Charlie looks just about like he did when E. F. got his goat in the old days.

Senator Rob Baggett Plans To Make The Attack First

While apparently North Carolina has been spared the general epidemic of whipping, tarring and feathering and kidnappings which have been credited to the Ku Klux Klan, throughout some sections of the southland, it looks as though Senator Baggett of Harnett county is going to force the issue and "call the hand" of this organization, as it were, before it may start on any such rampage in this state. The "hooded knights of the invisible empire" are insisting that their appearance in public with masked faces and in white robes are with the consent of the authorities, and apparently the Harnett county senator is not going to give the authorities the power to grant this permission.

The best motives in the world might attend the idea, the precepts and the teachings of the Ku Klux Klan but undoubtedly their method of procedure is wrong. There is no need for a man to decry his virtues from the housetops but at the same time there is no real reason why he should go about white robed at midnight with flaming torches in order to safeguard the secrecy. The Klan itself undoubtedly has the best purposes and the highest of desires for Americanism and true citizenship but that doesn't prevent a very liberal interpretation of what it takes to carry these out, and a construction that men with power and the opportunity



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Yes, Peruvia when man gets too warm, he often takes off his shirt, but when your auto gets too hot, it is not well to strip the car. When things go wrong with your auto, send it to The City Garage.

Some women are fine impersonations. They can take off anything. Sometimes an old maid will take off her hair and teeth at night. There's better things to take off at Walter Jones.

Some men hid their wives far away bending over the oven making bread. Others hid to their wives well done and being home a loaf of Nitty Nitty Bread.

might see fit to carry through just about anything that they might wish. As a secret order the Klan has just as much right to exist as any other fraternal or secret organization, but they overstep the bounds of the law and good citizenship when they seek to keep inviolate the names of the members, officers or anything else, and in fact the reports declare that it is the wish that the individual klansmen should not know his fellow klansmen. Certainly such tactics are not a carrying forth of the idea of Americanism and it is well enough that they might be avoided so far as North Carolina is concerned.

We don't need Americanism of the hooded faced, white robed, flaming arrow kind.—Rocky Mount Telegram.

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chamber of Commerce, as organized and operated in this day and time, has become recognized as the machine that pulls the business of the community. In times past it functioned largely as a social factor where men gathered to talk and smoke and eat, and generate hot air. It is something very much different from that now. The important part of the Chamber of Commerce plays in the business life of a community has had enormous illustration in the fact that so important a trade paper as The New York Commercial made chief department on the Chambers of Commerce throughout the country for months upon which it based its annual report of commercial and industrial conditions. It was through the agencies of these organizations that it was enabled to compile what it calls "a National business inventory." It expresses appreciation of this service through editorial tribute, in the course of which it says that Chambers of Commerce and trade associations are keeping American business alive. They represent business in the mass, theirs is the composite business view; they represent the community of business of which the individual is a part and by which the individual benefits. The Commercial thinks it should be the part of our Government to encourage these associations and to rely upon them for the help they can give. As long as they are composed of human beings it is to be expected that here and there the pur-

pose of some of these associations may be abused, but there never was a agency created by man that was not abused. The Government should not be these abuses as they occur nor such punishment exercise a repressive effect; but to hamstring the associations themselves would be crippling the street cars because pickpockets sometimes operate on their backs. Fortunately this view is gradually being impressed upon the Government, for which The Commercial claims no little credit because of its definite campaign it has waged for this cause.

Chambers of Commerce and trade associations play an important part in our community life but they are now faced with a duty they may not disregard. There has been an access of radicalism in Congress and there is an announced purpose to make an attack on business. The radicals are very much in the minority but there may be times when, by resorting to sandbagging methods, they can force some of their schemes through. By their agitation they can produce an unrest that will undermine confidence and hamper business. No association can sidestep its responsibility in this respect on the plea that it must not meddle in politics or that it must confine itself strictly to those things bearing directly upon its own affairs. Everything is the affair of every organization of business men, no matter for what specific purpose it may have been organized, if it has any bearing upon business in general or upon the welfare of the country at large.

"Congress," says The Commercial, "must be made to feel the force of public opinion, to which it is extremely sensitive and this can best be done through organized public opinion. What these organizations can do has been demonstrated more than once. On one occasion Congress sought to abolish commercial attaches by withholding the appropriations for their maintenance and on another it proposed to cut down the consular appropriations. In both of these instances The Commercial sought the aid of the Chambers of Commerce and trade associations throughout the country with the result that Congress was overwhelmed with protests and the appropriations were restored. Congress must be watched more closely

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more than ever and must be admonished whenever it shows a disposition to undertake wildest legislation, not in polite pussyfooting terms but in straight-from-the-shoulder vigorous language that politicians can understand.—Charlotte Observer.

BUSINESS FAILURES IN THE U. S. DURING 1922 SET NEW HIGH RECORD

New York, Jan. 2.—Business failures in the United States established a new high record in 1922, Broadstreet's reported today. Last year's failures totaled 22,409, the report showed, 11.9 per cent more than 1921 and 164 per cent more than 1920. As compared with the boom year of 1919, the 1922 failures were four times as great. Last year liabilities, however, totaling \$646,955,693, were 14 per cent less than in 1921, but 51 per cent greater than those of 1920, more than five times 1919's liabilities and 81 per cent in excess of 1914. Assets of 1922 failures were \$364,602,439, which totalled 56.3 per cent of the liabilities. The number in business in the country was 2,074,617, a

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