



the conclusion it must have been dynamite.

Anyway, with sudden shocks like that taking place we can't see how the folks that do it expect a tiny baby like 1933 to ever amount to anything. Now don't let us have to mention this again.

P. S. Since going to press we've learned it wasn't dynamite after all. It was Jake Brown trying out the popgun Santa Claus left in his stocking Christmas.

Cycle News

Miss Sarah Ann Pardue remains critically ill at her home here, we regret to note. Little hope is held for her recovery.

Preston Shores, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Shores, died suddenly at his home near Marler Wednesday. The funeral was held from Asbury Methodist church Thursday, in charge of Rev. Bumgarner, pastor of the church.

Rev. W. V. Brown was called to Bethel Sunday to conduct the funeral services of Mrs. John Henry

Steelman, widow of the late Mr. Steelman, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Myers announce the birth of a daughter on December 30th.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stokes announce the birth of a son on December 21.

The schools of the community resumed their regular classes on Monday morning.

Several parties have been enjoyed by the younger people in our community during the holidays.

Misses Sadie and Eva Dobbins and Ab Myers spent Thursday in Winston-Salem.

Guethrie Stokes, who is a senior at Misenheimer College, has returned to his studies after spending the holidays with his mother.

Dr. Spencer Bell, who is completing his medical course in Chicago, returned Sunday to resume his work, after spending the holidays with his mother.

Mrs. Evelyn Pinnix is confined to the Hugh Chatham Hospital in Elkin, we are sorry to note. However, her condition is much improved.

The penal population of French Guiana consists of about 6,000.

HIGHWAY REVENUE FALLING

"We must respectfully call your attention to the fact that in view of declining revenue of the state highway commission, further burdens must not be placed upon the highway fund at this time," the state highway commission says in its report to the general assembly released for Monday, and in which survey is shown a slump from \$20,628,923 for the year ending July 1, 1932, to \$17,566,315, estimated for July 1, 1933.

MECHANIC KILLED
R. C. Wood, 35-year-old automobile mechanic, was killed in Raleigh Sunday when his car went out of control and crashed into a tree.

CHECKING UP ON THE ECLIPSE

After careful inventory of the solar eclipse on August 31, 1928, as the principal feature of Old Home Week in New England, the scientific findings of the phenomenon are roughly as follows:

About 860 photographic plates, most of them showing a double exposure of the battle of Chateau Thierry and a bowl of creamed onion soup; one fine picture of the corona suitable for framing or the Sunday newspaper supplements.

Thirteen tons of empty pop bottles and picnic plates scattered along the area of totality; a spectacular improvement in the hot-dog industry in Vermont and Maine, indicating an early return to prosperity; a brief epidemic of stiff necks, and 237,465 pairs of dark glasses put away for use at the seashore next summer where nobody will ever find them again.

Twenty-eight scholarly theses for the 1933 sessions of the American Association for the advancement of science; and an incalculable amount of new and up-to-date ignorance for

general consumption under the guise of popular science. Net effects on the sun, moon, solar system, Einstein theory and the price of eggs: Nil.

—Snitched.

LINE LOGIC

Many a crooked finger marks a straight ballot.

Good times will be back again when a man walking down the street doesn't shy away from the stranger who tries to ask for a match or the time of day.

"Slow, Gradual Improvement in All Industries." (Newspaper Item). At the rate conditions are improving, our great grandsons should have a nice healthy business left for them to manage.

It might be well to make pre-election promises in such a form as to have a definite date of maturity.

The one advantage of the Chinese system of settling elections with bullets rather than ballots, lies in the fact that there is never any necessity for a recount.

—Also Snitched.

ALONG MAIN STREET

There wasn't any corner loafing on Main street last week. The sidewalks and gutters were left strictly to the ducks. . . All the pretty Christmas decorations are gone, leaving rain soaked drabness on all sides. . . Wonder what the new year holds for us? Yesterday is a closed book—tomorrow a book that remains to be opened. The question is, will it be worth reading? . . . Wonder how one goes about catching amnesia? . . . Our heart bleeds for Sam Rose. . . At the date of this writing the sun hasn't shone for years and years. . . We've felt proud of ourselves ever since we learned how to spell inauguration. . . But why go on? Will someone kindly swat us with a brick. Thank you too much.

WHAT ELKIN NEEDS

The year 1932 was a hectic year in Elkin's history. About everything under the sun that did the town harm occurred while as far as we were able to see, nothing happened that did it any good.

Things have quieted down quite a bit now, though, and if the scandal mongers will cease their activities and various and sundry others who have been working against the town's good will quit meddling, Elkin has a fair chance of swinging through 1933 in peace and tranquility.

By glancing over the records of the past year it will be seen that all the strife and internal discord has accomplished practically nothing other than columns and columns of adverse publicity. By pulling together and forgetting petty differences and fancied wrongs, we'll find the town to be a much more pleasant place to live in.

And if that ain't lecturing, we don't know what is.

THIS AND THAT

You can cuss and rave all you want to about the new electric rates, but the fact remains that Elkin hasn't a more public spirited firm than the local branch of the S. P. U. Co.

Rumors are going the rounds that a new building is to be constructed here and will be leased for seven years. But it's a secret.

If we think and talk of the Good Times that have been promised, perhaps we can forget the bad times that are still with us. Let us pray, therefore, for a "Hopeful New Year."

CONSIDER OUR NERVES

As a rule we are not opposed (and if we were, it wouldn't amount to a row of pins), to a reasonable amount of noise upon the occasion of the birth of a new year, but when it comes to shooting dynamite almost in our own back yard, it is a little hard on our nerves.

Last Sunday morning, at exactly five or six or seven or eight minutes past 12 o'clock we were jarred from our chair (we would have been fared from our feet if we had been standing up), by a terrific explosion which was so near the house we distinctly saw the flash. At first we thought maybe a bottle of our nearest neighbor's home brew had exploded, but noting no excitement over in Silas' domicile we came to

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