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Sunday, May 21, 1931.

You are sized up by what you do instead of what you think.

Lots of our troubles as well as our burdens are due to "fool" laws.

Don't let George do it. Help George. George can't make Wilmington by himself.

This column is more or less serious, sometimes less, for the sake of variety. It's a kind of "hit or miss" affair.

"If a man die, shall he live again?" Some men live like they are not particular whether they live again or not.

Carolina! Carolina! May Heaven's blessings defend her from her fool friends who mistakenly do some things that would rend her.

"Life is a continued struggle," says the Washington Herald. That states it more mildly than the postal card version of what life surely is, if you don't be good.

The good roads sentiment ought to be unanimous by this time, for no man ought to be so far behind the times as to give himself away by kicking up opposition at the tail end of the procession.

When an object weighing several tons is to be moved, men get together to do it. If Wilmington is to move forward we will have to get together and do it. Try work instead of hot air to get Wilmington on the move.

An Arkansas law recalls any official who gets drunk twice in one year. Such laws as that, only discourage an officeholder to get on one and keep that one in commission all the year. All laws can be evaded if a man knows how.

People generally welcome competition but generally people do not so distribute their patronage so as to assure and secure competition. People like that do not deserve any of the benefits that result from competition. This refers to competition in any line.

Don't stand for something just because Gen. Ino Cocksure stands for it. He may not have any more sense than you have. In the meantime don't get ugly towards a fellow because you can't argue with him, because he might not be so batty as you are.

Don't get discouraged because some people snub you, for they are sure to hunt you up when they find you are getting to be important. Consider the malororous onion, at which every body used to turn up his or her nose, yet the onion has lived down prejudice and is strongly growing in favor every day.

Captain James D. McNeill, of Fayetteville, has been elected for his twentieth term as president of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association. The difference between those long terms of President Diaz and President McNeill is that McNeill's administration is more satisfactory the longer he serves. When an official can't be beaten there is no thought of "rotation in office."

Says the Atlanta Constitution: "The other day Uncle Joe Cannon danced an old-time double shuffle. Though undignified, it demonstrated beyond doubt that there's life in the old man still." Yes, but how could he be an "old man still" while he was dancing? However, you can see an old man still in the mountains of Virginia where the apples are so plentiful something has to be done with them.

THE BOULEVARD PROPOSITION.

In this morning's Star we publish an exceedingly interesting and timely communication from the Right Rev. Bishop Strange, in which that learned gentleman and progressive citizen endorses and supplements the suggestion of Col. Walker Taylor concerning the elimination of "Macomber's Ditch."

How unpoetic is the name of the thing but it is no Sweet Afton and is no purling brook or rippling stream, but a zigzag, ragged old branch which has developed into an eyesore and a nuisance. It is neither beautiful, nor useful, nor romantic, but a sluggish watercourse which flows through open banks, a kind of catch-basin which endangers the health of a wide section of the city and detracts from the appearance as well as the value of the numerous city blocks through which it wanders, crossing some streets and running along others.

Macomber's Ditch flows entirely across the eastern portion of the city having its source at Greenfield in the far southern part of the city. It has been a source of complaint for years and its presence has become a problem, principally because it menaces health and mars the beauty of a large and valuable portion of Wilmington. The question now is what to do with the ditch—whether to dredge it, tile it, pipe it, or wall it in. From Castle street to Rankin street, the ditch flows practically along what is Fourteenth street, almost if not entirely putting out of commission a mile of that street, or at least 12 city blocks of that supposed thoroughfare.

Bishop Strange endorses Col. Taylor's proposition to eliminate the Ditch and make a 100-foot boulevard of Fourteenth street from Castle to Rankin, and at the same time Dr. Strange takes the opportunity to renew the demand for a city park and playground for the children of the city. The bishop makes the proposition all the more attractive, for it would be a capital idea to convert Fourteenth street into a wide boulevard, with granolithic walkways, macadam or asphalt driveways, and park and playground features along the entire centre of the boulevard.

What a beautiful idea it is! Macomber's Ditch will disappear beneath the beautifying magic of engineering science, and above it would be pretty walks, inviting drives, cooling verdure and bewitching garden and park effects. The Star lines up with Col. Walker Taylor and Bishop Strange on a city improvement of the magnitude, utility and attractiveness of just such a grand boulevard as could be made of Fourteenth street. It is about the most captivating "City Beautiful" idea that has been sprung. It would be a dream of beauty if enough money were forthcoming to carry out the plan on the elaborate scale that one can readily conceive—a perfectly lovely avenue fit for alymphean resort.

Bishop Strange thinks now is the time to begin that boulevard and certainly the city can do that and carry out the plans year after year. Street and landscape engineers might be invited to submit sketches and plans, and the foundation can be laid and the superstructure completed from time to time. Wonder what an estimate of the cost of a really magnificent boulevard like that would be?

A THING TO BE CONSIDERED.

The initiative, the referendum and the recall is pretty good to get in on but it is mighty bad to get out on. It might be more popular but for some of the kind of people who will work for it all it is worth.

There isn't anything fundamental about it, for some communities can do good with it and others can raise Cain with it. It depends entirely upon who takes a notion to kick up a racket. This is one of the things of the political hour and it looks good, but don't let anybody fool you into believing that its advocacy solely entitles a candidate to your vote. The principle ground for which to vote for any candidate is his ability, his character, his integrity, and his position on the policies to be applied in actual conduct of our different forms of government—National, State, county and municipal.

What we are aiming to say is that while the initiative, the referendum and the recall appears to put the people in closer touch with their affairs, we must remember that as many fool things can be done under and by reason of it as good things that might be accomplished by it. Mark you, we use the word "might," because the principle as now being applied in our politics is an experiment which has to be tried before it can be established as a fundamental feature of popular government.

What we want to remember is that a demagogue can use it to the hurt of the people for whose benefit it is intended, and that the appeal to it will rarely be on account of spontaneous popular demand but at the instigation or behest of some agitator who wants to feather his own nest or we fold the nest of some other fellow. Its wisdom and efficacy also largely depend upon the intelligence, honesty, fairness, temper and patriotism

of the voting masses, since it might work ideally in one community and prove a consummate piece of devilry in another.

We are friendly towards the initiative, referendum and recall, but the amount of friendship we have for it will depend upon who is playing the game. So don't let us go daft on the thing, and, at any rate, refuse to be anyways nutty about it.

JACKSONVILLE'S NEW PIERS.

The Clyde Steamship Company on Monday for the first time used its handsome new piers at Jacksonville, Fla. The company spent a half million dollars on its new harbor terminals there, and from all accounts they are the finest on the South Atlantic. The Clyde steamship Arapahoe was the first ship to dock at the new terminals, and on her return to New York she stopped over in Charleston on Thursday. The News and Courier remarks that her officers and crew were "bristling with pride," and says:

"The passengers said that some of the officers had talked of little else during the voyage besides those piers. Even yesterday, three days after the opening of the terminals, they were the main topic of conversation, and one of the Arapahoe officers gave a graphic description of them. There was no unusual excitement to mark the opening of the terminals on Monday morning. The Arapahoe sailed up the St. John river, docked at Pier No. 2 and began to unload. Nobody was on hand to make the inauguration official. No speeches were made, and only the men who took part in the unloading realized that a new era had been started in the Clyde Company's business in Jacksonville."

Harbor facilities like the Clyde Company's in Jacksonville are notable, for they show the steamship company's faith in Jacksonville's future. It is said everything possible was done to make those terminals complete and modern in every particular. The Clyde Company owns the property, and its warehouses on the dock are capacious and conveniently constructed, in order to facilitate the discharge of cargoes and passengers. Among the features of the large buildings are spacious waiting rooms on the second floor, where passengers can make themselves comfortable. There is a ladies' room, a smoking room, and baggage room on the same floor. The company also has on the second floor a suite of nice offices.

The piers have been so constructed as to accommodate at one time eight of the Clyde fleet, the New York business being handled at the eastern end of the piers and the Boston traffic at the west end. It is said the Jacksonville terminals have not only been constructed to take care of the Clyde's present business, but it is significant that provision has been made on a tremendous scale to meet the future growth of Jacksonville's commerce. From all accounts, these new piers are models, and as they represent the latest in the way of water terminals, it might be worth while for Wilmington to look them over, in view of the fact that this city is going to vote bonds for the construction of municipally owned piers and warehouses.

A man feels better, looks better and acts better when he is a progressive citizen. A pessimist looks like a frost-bitten potato patch.

The average life of man has increased five years during the past twenty-five years, according to life insurance statistics. That is encouraging to the life insurance companies, but at the same time we are pretty well satisfied that many a man has been holding on to life in hope of seeing the country once more placed in the hands of a Democratic administration conducted by some man like Woodrow Wilson, or some other true-blue.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Congress is in extra session. The Governor of South Carolina is going to call an extra session of the Legislature of his State, and the Governor of Pennsylvania threatens to do the same sort of thing. It does seem that, with all the time at the disposal of the lawmakers, they ought to be able to pass whatever laws are actually needed at the regular sessions.—Savannah News.

The people of Clinton and Sampson county are very much interested in a cotton seed oil mill and fertilizer plant for Clinton. The Clinton branch Retail Merchants' Association has taken this matter up and will be glad to cooperate with the Farmers' Union and help them push it to completion. The association is composed of the very best men in Clinton, and if the farmers of the county will join with the merchants of Clinton we feel sure that the task will be accomplished.—Clinton News Dispatch.

Justice Harlan might give LaFollette a race if he were not 79 years old and somewhat frangible. He and Justice White never did have the same point of view, and since all the other members of the court have gone over to the new Chief Justice, the venerable Kentuckian sees the popular liberties in danger. Of course, he has a right to dissent, though the opinion of the court does not really mean all that he says it does. But the manner of his dissent is at least questionable—on grounds of good taste if on no other. Some allowance must be made, however, for a picturesque war-time relic left blooming alone.—Philadelphia Ledger. (Ind)

The sensational bidding of Mr. Hayne in the New Orleans cotton market this week, bold as it was, was founded, in our opinion, on excellent judgment and a most careful analysis

of the situation. The timidity of the bulls has been a sad thing for the South these many years. It is fortunate that at last the market knows men on the bull side who have the ability to think and enough money with which to act. Everybody knows that both of the last two cotton crops have been short, and from all appearances this year's crop will be shorter still. Texas has been flooded and the cotton kept back. In the immediate vicinity of Charleston conditions are so bad that one prominent planter remarked only Wednesday that never in a third of a century of planting had he seen such discouraging crops. The early season has been unfavorable all over the cotton belt. In the face of this condition and the deficiency in the world's supply brought about by two short crops in succession, Mr. Hayne has good ground for believing that the price for spot cotton will go yet higher, and that is evidently the belief of the bears also, for none of them rushed to unload when Mr. Hayne made his sensational bids.—Charleston News and Courier.

Representative Gillett, of Massachusetts, made a speech in the House recently in which he attacked the proposition to put cotton bagging on the free list. Cotton bagging, he it known to those who have not known it hitherto, is the jute covering used on bales of cotton. It is protected by a specific duty which, according to Mr. Gillett, amounts to about 10 per cent. ad valorem. He says the "proposed change is the striking down of a Northern industry at the behest of Southern capitalistic interests." To anybody who understands the conditions surrounding the raising of cotton such a declaration is the embodiment of foolishness. The production of cotton is absolutely uncontrolled by "capitalistic interests." It is engaged in by the people of the South at large. Any man who owns or can buy or lease a bit of ground anywhere between Middle Virginia and New Mexico, and between the Ohio river and the Atlantic ocean, can raise cotton. It is the crop of general production in the Carolinas, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma and parts of Virginia and Tennessee, and those interested in raising it are numbered by millions. Now, Mr. Gillett will not claim that there are more than a few thousands interested directly or indirectly in the manufacture of bagging, and yet he declares it outrageous to think of stopping the taxing of millions because a few thousands will be affected thereby. His idea of government seems to be the greatest good for the smallest number.—Baltimore Sun.

NEED IS PRESSING.

A Great Duty—A Great Opportunity—Macomber's Ditch, Boulevard and City Park.

I have been deeply interested in the draining of Macomber's Ditch, and the opportunities which naturally open to the city and its citizens, from the elimination of that enemy to public health.

The physicians say that the Ditch ought to be drained and covered, for the health of the community, and the Legislature has ordered the City Council to have the work done.

The City Engineer tells us that at a comparatively small cost the Ditch can be changed to run through the streets—from Castle to Rankin streets.

Col. Walker Taylor suggested to the City Council that Fourteenth street be made a boulevard, say one hundred feet wide from Castle to Rankin streets. He and others skilled in such matters say that the increased valuation of property will pay back to the City in large taxes all the money expended for the improvements.

This opens to us the opportunity for which I have been seeking for twenty years; a City Park and Playground for our children. Wilmington has needed this for years, and she will need it more and more as she increases in size and in density of population. It is an absolute necessity; if we wish to do our duty to our children, if we hope to take our place in the future among the "Cities Beautiful" of our country.

Now is our time, part of the work must be done, for the street can be widened now better than at any future time, property in that neighborhood is cheaper now than it ever will be again.

Look at this contrast, today, Macomber's Ditch, winding its uneven course through lot and street, breathing out its pestilential odors, vacant lots and unsightly houses along its pathway.

The near future—A Broad Boulevard across a large and central part of our City, beautiful homes on either side, shady trees, green grass, winding walks, alive with happy children.

Two adjoining squares, one to the south and another to the north of Market street, the gift of philanthropic citizens, small parks, in which vigorous boys delight in ball, baseball, tennis, football and other manly sports, growing in conscience even as they grow in body, amid such healthful and beautiful surroundings.

Let us, Fellow Citizens, meet this splendid opportunity, let us rise up to do this great work for our city, a work for which our children and our children's children will never cease to bless us.

ROBERT STRANGE.

FALL RIVER MILL'S CURTAIL.

Fifty Per Cent. Decrease in Output of Seven Cotton Mills.

Fall River, Mass., May 20.—A heavy curtailment in cotton cloth production is again in progress in this city. The seven mills of the Fall River Iron Works Company, owned by M. C. D. Borden, of New York, closed today until May 29th, the beginning of a 50 per cent. decrease in the output.

The American Printing Company also controlled by Mr. Borden, is running five days weekly, but part of the plant is in operation nights, finishing goods recently purchased by that manufacturer. Thirteen other plants nearly all print mills, are on short time. This week the curtailment in Fall River amounted to 170,000 pieces of fine and print goods.

Mr. Borden's curtailment will be about 40,000 pieces weekly. Castle Heights—More than a house a month built here since December, 1910—see Wright's Agency—Read Special Column.

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Men's Balbriggan extra fine gauge lisle finish short or long sleeve, each at .48c
Ladies' Underwear, fine gauge Vest, tape neck and sleeve, each .75c
Fine gauge lisle Silk Mercerized Vest, each 19c and .25c
Fine Silk Hose, garter tape, back, all sizes at .48c

and the same applies to Hosiery in lisle, silk and cotton, black and colors. The assortments are full and varied.

- Fine French gauge lisle men heel and toe special, at .23c
White tan and black gauge lisle silk finish, great values, at .23c
Misses' black, tan and white fine Ribbon Hose 15c
Misses' plain gauge lisle, sizes 6 to 9, silk mercerized, at .25c

Special values in white Muslin Underwear, see window display. Millinery, new shapes, white and black braid, just received the most wanted styles this season, prices very much reduced.

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PRISONER ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

Young Man Took Deadly Drug in Wilson Jail.

(Special Star Telegram.) Wilson, N. C., May 20.—George Briggs, a young white man, convicted of forgery this week, and sentenced to three years in the penitentiary, attempted suicide in the jail today by taking a deadly drug.

Dr. W. S. Anderson was called in and Briggs will probably recover. Briggs wrote a note saying he was not guilty and had rather be dead than go to prison.

Castle Heights—More than a house a month built here since December, 1910—see Wright's Agency—Read Special Column.

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- 1000 Bales Rice Straw.
200 Barrels Mullets.
200 Barrels Belle of Wilmington Patent Flour.
200 Barrels Waseco Patent Flour.
200 Barrels Gold Medal Patent Flour.
150 Barrels Violet, half Patent Flour.
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