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This Week

By Arthur Brisbane

JAMES SIMPSON'S PREDICTION. MAN'S GREATEST WAR. GET YOUR MONOPLANE. THE QUEEN BOBS HER HAIR.

Manufacturers that produce, merchants that distribute, and workers that depend for employment on generally prosperous conditions will be interested in one paragraph of a letter just received from Mr. James Simpson, President of Marshall Field & Company.

Mr. Simpson, whose business far exceeds one hundred millions a year writes: "Business for the year starts off very well with us, and the general feeling of confidence is developing with just enough conservatism to make me feel certain that we are entering upon a period of sound business development and activity."

Mr. Simpson's opinion does not merely reflect the enormous retail business done by Marshall Field & Company in Chicago.

The Wholesale Department of Marshall Field, biggest in the United States, reaches into every corner of the country, doing business with thousands of merchants.

There is no better test of national conditions than the story told on the books of that gigantic firm.

The duty of each citizen is to believe and say that prosperity is here, that it will remain and grow, and that this nation will realize to the full its extraordinary position and opportunities among the nations of the world.

We have everything that any nation could possibly ask for. The only thing that could injure us is lack of confidence.

Secretary Weeks tells the Congressional committee that he holds no grudge against Brigadier General Mitchell for telling the truth, and that he has no thought of disciplining General Mitchell. That is welcome. The world would like to think that the truth is not kept from them by official threats.

Science says the greatest battle of the human race is to be against insects and microscopic germs.

Those tiny enemies do infinitely more harm than ever was done by all the wild beasts and poisonous reptiles that men have gradually conquered. Insects and plant insects destroy billions every year in crops and forests. And germs destroy millions of lives.

Young men with courage and ambition TURN YOUR MINDS TOWARD FLYING. Ex-service men that flew in the war, cheer up.

Henry Ford and his son are building all metal monoplanes, and small dirigibles, with all-metal gas containers. That means opportunity.

Be among the first to get one of the monoplanes that will fly 140 per hour and carry a useful load of two thousand pounds.

Such a machine, once he knows how to run it, should enable a young man of the right kind to earn \$100 a day. And that sum of \$600 a week would be a "useful load" to carry home each week.

For further information write to Henry Ford, or better still, to Edsel Ford, Dearborn, Michigan.

Mark this prediction: Within twenty years a million Americans that now ride in automobiles labeled Ford will fly in airplanes also labeled Ford and go 100 miles on a gallon of gasoline and no tire wear.

The Queen of Belgium bobbed her hair, and there is much excitement. Kings and Queens take up new ideas cautiously. The King of England still drives to the opening of Parliament in a gilded coach drawn by six or eight cream colored horses. And he wears a crown on State occasions, although everybody knows that the

DISGRACE MAKES GIRL POISON SELF

Girl Who Had Recently Visited This City Found in Dying Condition on Lenoir-Blowing Rock Road. Father Refuses to Admit Her to Home.

Owing to the fact that the girl mentioned in the following dispatch from Lenoir to the daily papers under date of March 17, spent some days at the Blackburn house in Boone where she tried to find a taker for the child, gives the story a touch of local interest.

Francis Mae Cook, young woman who was found nearly dead from the effects of carbolic acid several days ago on the Lenoir-Blowing Rock road is improving, according to news reaching here yesterday. The young woman was found in a ditch by the side of the road by Bob Craig of this place. Nearby the girl was an infant a little over a week old, nearly dead from exposure.

Another passerby assisted Mr. Craig in picking up the young woman and her baby and taking them to the home of the girl's father, Bob Cook, who lived only a short distance from the road at that point. The father protested, but finally allowed the baby to be carried into the house. But under no circumstances would he allow them to take his daughter, nearly dead from poison, into his home. She was then taken to the home of a brother.

According to reports reaching here the father of the girl made her leave home several weeks ago when he learned that she was to become a mother. She went to the home of friends and remained until the child was born. It is believed that she then started back to improve her father's forgiveness. Having failed in this she went to the home of her brother, reports say, where she found a small bottle of carbolic acid which she later drank on the road. There was only a very small amount of the poison in the bottle, it is said.

BEET PICKLES MAY BE NEW WATAUGA INDUSTRY

Last year we tested out the markets on beet pickles and found them ready to buy. This year we wish to use a part of the vinegar we have in storage in making these beet pickles in a small way. We wish to find ten or twelve farmers who will put out 1-10 of an acre in beets to be used in manufacturing pickles. This of course is still in an experimental stage and we wish to find farmers who are willing to help work the proposition out with the understanding that whatever is derived from the sale of these pickles will go to the man who grew the beets in proportion with his deliveries with the understanding too, that if the matter proves out good that those who helped to test the thing out will be given an opportunity to increase their acreage as much as they wish before anyone else is allowed to come in. If you are interested in the proposition come in and we will talk the matter over.

JOHN B. STEELE, Co. Agr.

WHISKEY FOUND IN IRISH SHAMROCK

According to a Boston Dispatch more than 1,000 packages of shamrocks intended to brighten Boston homes on St. Patrick's day, were ordered sent back to Ireland by representatives of the department of agriculture.

The action was taken under the regulation which prohibits the importation of live plants because of the danger of insect pests. In one box inspectors found a small bottle of Irish whiskey, with a note reading "This will keep the shamrock fresh so St. Patrick said."

Blonde Bass Opines

"I am not a cross word puzzle addict, still the only word I can think of in five letters which means 'the latest thing in haircuts' is 'Woman!'"
Crown has long been the property of the House of Commons. If Carlyle, creator of "Sartor Resartus," were here, he would find deep meaning in the Queen's bobbed hair.

AFTER THE SIXTY-THREE DAYS' LEGISLATIVE GRIND, SOLONS REST

Raleigh, March 18.—The ceremonies marking the close of the General Assembly were interesting as they most always are. Scarcely one of the 169 men and one woman who had been here for sixty three days fighting, struggling, worrying and arguing on the floors of the two chambers but felt an odd tightening in the throat when the gavels in the two houses fell at precisely the same moment and the General Assembly of 1925 was declared adjourned sine die at eleven thirty on Tuesday evening March 10. The two halls of the Assembly are exactly opposite with the rotunda of the building intervening. The two doors were thrown wide open, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, stood, gavels in hand, ready for the final "drop." The reading clerks called the rolls, slowly and solemnly, the answers of the members lined along each side of the aisles in two long lines extending from the presiding officers' desks to the doors were faintly echoed in both chambers. Simultaneously with the response to the last name called the two gavels fell with a thud, the members waked up told one another good bye and it was all over for another two years, unless an emergency shall arise which necessitates another special session.

The calendars of both houses were cleared of all important bills and the members went home with full assurance that they had completed the job. Bills were put through with surprising rapidity during the closing days of the session and state officialdom is busy trying to ascertain exactly what has been done to them. Some of those holding major and others minor positions, are disfigured slightly but still in the ring. The State and Insurance Department no longer exercise the privilege of collecting revenues, otherwise their activities will be unhampered by any act of the General Assembly, barring the transfer of the supervision of the Blue Sky Laws, from the Insurance Department to the Corporation Commission. This was recommended by Commissioner Wade early in the session and he is shedding no tears over the passing from his hands of an agency which has bred trouble from the very beginning of its operations in the State.

Differences between the Senate and the House of Representatives over the Revenue act were adjusted late Tuesday afternoon when the House practically capitulated to the upper branch of the Assembly. The two branches also, finally found themselves in agreement touching the provisions of the bill carrying appropriations to the various state charitable penal and educational institutions, but the Nettles bill providing for increases in the pension fund for the ex-Confederate soldiers and widows met its Waterloo in the Senate through preliminary tactics that were started by Burgwyn of Northampton, who proposed a tax of one cent of the hundred dollars worth of property in lieu of the tax of one cent on theatre tickets provided in the Nettles bill. "Class legislation" was the cry of the opposition to the House bill and survivors of the "days which tried men's souls" will have to struggle along on the small pitances which have been doled out to them during the last biennial period. And there is a reason. The line is rapidly thinning, and the influence in politics is no longer a factor to be reckoned with. The Legislators say five things about his daring and deeds of valor, but vote additional appropriations to institutions the very existence of which is due to the courageous stand of these men in their early manhood and through the years that have followed the historical event at Appomattox.

Repeated attempts to put through a bill permitting State Treasurer B. R. Lacy to retire on half pay were defeated in the House strictly on account of the precedent it would set up, and further because this General Assembly made up its mind early in the session to cut out non-essentials. The time-honored custom of paying janitors, firemen, watchmen and laborers connected with the state departments for extra service during sessions of the previous general assemblies was not observed this time

only the Capitol telephone operator and the sub-station postmaster receiving a bonus at the hands of the Legislature. All other bonus bills presented promptly found their way to the unfavorable calendar, or to the table. The table was literally loaded with instruments of this character when the smoke of Legislative activities was finally cleared away. Employees of the general assembly itself were provided for in a general adjustment bill during the early days of the session, when the door was shut against those regularly employed in the various state departments although required to perform extra service.

State owned automobiles are in for a season of rest. Likewise public owned machines in the counties. An act of the recent session of the General Assembly prohibits the use of any public owned automobiles by a State or county official and employees for private purposes of any character; forbids public officials and employees to use public owned and operated garages for repairs to private cars and makes it unlawful to use gasoline, oil, tires and accessories bought with state or county funds for private automobiles; except with the consent of the Governor or the Council of state, no state department institution or agency, and no county shall be allowed to pay more than \$1500 for purchasing an automobile with public funds. The provisions of the act make violation of the a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$1000, or by imprisonment in the discretion of the court. The act further provides that it shall be the duty of every executive head of every department of the state government, and by any county or by any institution or agency of the State, to have painted on every motor vehicle owned by the state, or by any county, or by any institution or agency of the state, a statement with letters of not less than three inches in height setting forth such ownership. The act is enforceable from and after its ratification.

Senator Seawell did not get the desired increase in the equalization fund for public education, but secured a continuance of the present basis for the distribution of this fund. Under the scheme proposed many counties would have lost heavily. A commission is to be named by the governor to fix the basis for the distribution of the appropriation made available by the new appropriation bill which carries a provision allowing \$250,000 for equalization purposes.

While the Senate declined to approve the House bill increasing the number of judicial districts from twenty to twenty four that body did adopt a measure authorizing the Governor to name special judges to hold special terms of court where congestion of dockets warrant such action. The traveling allowance of judges was supplemented to the extent of \$250 annually. The House did not like the Senate bill, preferring its own, but swallowed the pill on the idea that half a loaf is better than none. Governor McLean had made a plea for some plan that would relieve court congestion and the members felt impelled to do something.

The final official act of Governor McLean during the session was the announcements of nominations for the State Highway Commission and members of the State Prison Board. The personnel of the Highway Commission remains in tact, slight changes in Prison Board and that of Agriculture were deemed advisable by the Governor, for either personal or political reasons and a stroke of his pen placed new faces in state administration circles. The Senate promptly confirmed his recommendations, viz: Highway Commission, Frank Page, Chairman; W. A. Hart, Tarboro first district; W. C. Wilkinson, Charlotte, sixth district; A. M. Kistler, Morganton, ninth district. Members Board of Agriculture, Clarence Poe, fourth district; Fred P. Latham, 1st district; E. Grover Robertson, tenth district; Finch Wheatmore, eighth district. The new prison board is composed of James A. Leake, Wadesboro; R. M. Chatham, Elkin; E. A. White, Lumberton. Henry K. Burgwyn, Jackson; Ben B. Everett, Palmyra; J. Preston Wilson, Warsaw;

PIANO RECITAL CROWNING EVENT OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

Perhaps no event of the current school year has been more thoroughly enjoyed than the joint piano recital of Miss Ena Alexander and Miss Vera Cook, Monday evening, March 16 in the school auditorium. This recital was significant inasmuch as it means graduation in high school music for these young ladies.

The stage was most attractively and artistically decorated, a graduated background of small pines forming a pretty setting for the many tall graceful baskets of pink and white carnations grouped here and there near the front of the stage.

Miss Alexander wore a soft georgette dress of pale peach color draped front and made distinctive by a wide shoulder bortha of lace. Miss Cook's dress was of pink and yellow changeable faillie silk, trimmed with long floating streamers of robin's egg blue.

The program throughout showed evidences of skill, practice and finish on the part of the youthful performers, and splendid supervision on the part of Miss Ellison Rouse, Superintendent of the Music Department.

The numbers were varied and pleasing, and the program well balanced. Following is the program:

- Sonata F. (Mozart) Vera Cook;
- Sonata D. (Haydn) Ena Alexander;
- Solfeggietto (Bach) Butterfly (Merkel) Vera Cook; Norwegian Bridal Procession (Grieg) Ena Alexander and Vera Cook; Serenade (Lobish) Ena Alexander; To a Wild Rose (McDowell) In Autumo (McDowell) Vera Cook; Impromptu (Mlo Deyo); The Nymph (Schubert) Ena Alexander; Country Dance (Nevin) Vera Cook and Ena Alexander.

Miss Alexander played Haydn's Sonata D. with force and understanding, her rendition of Schubert's Impromptu also deserves mention. Miss Cook was at her best in "Butterfly" by Merkel, and McDowell's "To a Wild Rose" which she played with rare sweetness and charm. Nevin's Country Dance was indeed a wise choice for the closing number, leaving in the memory of the audience the happy lilting air of this quaint melody.

The ushers for this recital were Phil Mast, Ina Prevette, Lucy Moretz, Gordon Winkler, Frank Winkler.

WHERE NORTH CAROLINA'S COLLEGE GRADUATES GO

More than three fourths of the graduates from Colleges in North Carolina became school teachers and teach in rural high schools. In 1923 of 550 college graduates 349 went into rural high schools and 201 went into city high schools. In the past the subjects and the manner in which they were taught in rural schools differed out little large number of schools in which vocational agriculture is taught and other schools with courses in one or more branches of agriculture subjects, the rural pupils are being given training more nearly suited to fitting them to the lives they are to live than ever before in the history of Education in North Carolina.

Not Counting the Tip

She held his hand
And he did fidget.
She manicured at
10 cents a digit.

and John M. Brewer, Wake Forest.

The privilege hitherto exercised by the Board of Agriculture in naming oil inspectors and appointees of like rank was eliminated by a bill giving the Commissioner the right to perform this service. The bill goes a step farther and by giving the head of the department more general supervision of matters entrusted to his care.

Members of county boards of education were selected in the usual way and additional justices of the peace for a number of counties were included in an omnibus bill. The list appended may be of interest:

- Justices of the Peace, Watauga County: Bald Mountain, C. H. McGlannery; Cove Creek, Ed. Pennell, John E. Combs; Meat Camp James W. Wall; Stony Fork, R. L. Wagner, Henry Hardin; Blowing Rock, T. F. Coon.
- Board of Education: W. F. Sherwood, D. D. Dougherty, B. T. Taylor (2 years.)

TENN. WILL BUILD THE 8-MILE LINK

Senator Butler Has Assurance from Commission that Boone Trail Will Be Connected With Tennessee for All-Year Travel This Season.

Mr. H. W. Horton of Miami, Fla. and Boone, N. C. in writing to the Democrat encloses a letter recently received from Senator E. E. Butler of Johnson County, Tenn., which speaks for itself.

Mr. H. W. Horton, Miami, Florida.

Dear Sir:
Just in receipt of your favor and in reply to same I am glad to say that I am just in from a trip with our Highway Commission through East-Tenn. and from Mountain City by Trade into North Carolina by Boone, Winston-Salem, Charlotte and Asheville.

I have the assurance from the Commissioner that he will put this link in traveling condition (all kinds of weather) this summer.

I am now pleased with the situation and hope to see work started soon.

Very truly,
E. E. BUTLER

Mr. Horton says "with the road from Mountain City to Trade built I can see a solid stream of travel from both north and south going both ways. There is no reason why it could not be made the principal route for millions of people from the central northwest to the southeast. . . . I meet people every day who would like to take that route back to their northern homes."

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

to be held with Watauga Baptist Church March 28, beginning at 2:00 p. m.

Devotional, Rev. L. H. Greene.

How to secure Sunday School Attendance, T. C. Hodges, W. J. Cook, Rev. W. D. Ashby, L. M. Hodges.

How to secure church attendance Blaine Coffey, N. L. Harrison, Henry Store.

7:30 p. m. Sermon, Rev. D. M. Wheeler.

Sunday School 10 a. m.
Sunday School address, Prof. B. B. Dougherty.

Sermon Rev. J. A. Hampton.
Dinner—Noon.

1 p. m. Round table discussion.
B. F. WILCOX
T. C. HODGES
Z. T. GREENE,
Committee.

BOONE'S OLDEST LANDMARK IS BEING TORN AWAY

The little brick house on Main St. the home of the Democrat for 33 years, is being torn down, as an imposing structure became an obstacle in the path of progress of the hustling, busy, building town.

The house, we are told by Mr. W. L. Bryan was built by Messrs J. C. McGhee and Bart Woods in the year 1855. Mr. Benjamin Council having it erected for his son Mr. J. C. Council. Mr. Bryan says he made the mortar for plastering the building, the owner Mr. Joe Council putting it on. Mr. Council went west, married, later came back, and he and his family occupied the home for a number of years. Mrs. Council and the two boys went back to Texas, but the husband and father remained here until his death 30 years or more ago. This is the same house that one of North Carolina's most distinguished editors once referred to as "the house Daniel Boone built."

SOUVENIR POST CAR RATE TO BE 2 CENTS THIS SEASON

Anticipating much larger use of the one cent postal cards by business firms for advertising purposes, instead of private mailing cards, the postoffice department had given the public printer orders for millions of these cards.

The new postal law increases the rate on souvenir and all other private mailing cards from one to two cents beginning April 15. Information reaching postal officials is that many business firms who heretofore have made their own private mailing cards will buy one-cent postals, print their advertising thereon, and thus escape the increased postal rate.