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EDITORIAL

Labor and Labor Day

MONDAY was a great national and state holiday, a day set aside in honor of that great army of American workers called laborers, which includes every productive American.

Labor day is supposed to be the special holiday of the man who works his hands—the wage earner. He is entitled to it, for even if our wage earners do kick over the traces once in a while and go wrong because of false leaders, they are the finest and most capable workers on earth.

There is something fine, and particularly American, in the fact that labor is thus recognized. If there is a country that believes in doing things it is youthful America.

North Carolina As A Taxpayer

RECENT figures made public by Internal Revenue Bureau officials reveal that North Carolina takes first place among the Southern States in still another respect, namely, that she is the largest taxpayer to Uncle Sam of all her sister states south of the Mason and Dixon Line.

Many North Carolinians will not take comfort in contemplating the new rank of the Old North State has been placed on; and, in fact, when one subordinates national to state patriotism, there isn't any particular comfort in the fact that such a large sum goes from this state into Uncle Sam's coffers.

a good barometer of economic conditions. Viewed from this angle, the new position our state has assumed should be a source of satisfaction to every North Carolinian.

Georgia's Road Policy

THERE have been some misgivings on part of North Carolinians about the Georgia section of the Asheville-Murphy-Atlanta highway. It has been feared by some that the Georgia section may not be completed for perhaps some years to come.

At the barbecue at Gardner Road Camp last Thursday, State Highway Commissioner Holder and Highway Engineer Neil renewed their pledges to hasten this road to completion and expressed great satisfaction at the progress North Carolina is making on her portion of it.

The Japanese Disaster

SADNESS spreads over the land of Japan today. Where there were flowers and happiness, now there is death and destruction and sorrow. Thousands have been killed, more thousands have been wounded and millions of dollars worth of property has been laid waste.

For years the people of the region around the Japanese capital city have dreaded this earthquake. They have known that the shock may come at any minute, yet they have not, and many of them could not, leave the region.

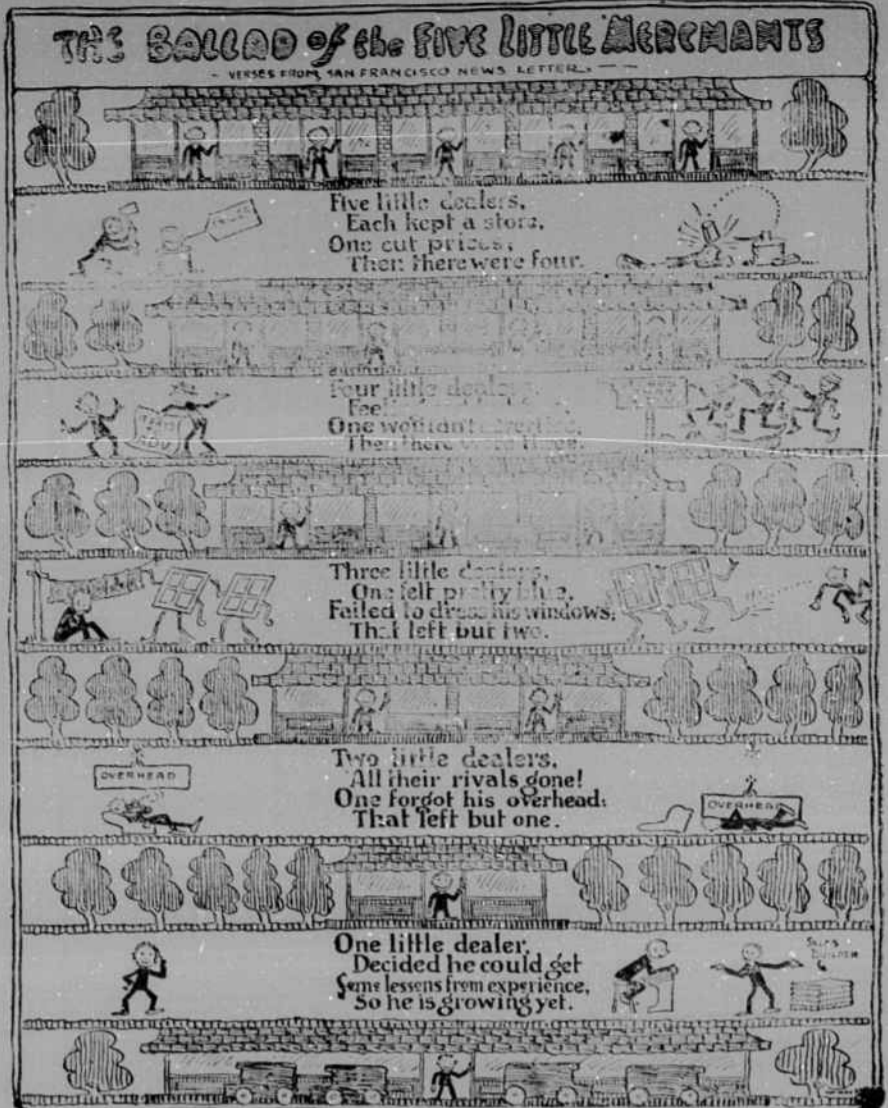
Curing Snake Bite

IF YOU are traveling in a reptile-infested region always lay in a good supply of chewing tobacco, and if bitten by a poisonous snake chew the tobacco and swallow the juice until you are sick at the stomach.

One good test to try on a snake to see if it is poisonous, is to hold its head with a forked tick and spit tobacco juice into its mouth. If the snake is of a poisonous species it will die shortly in great convulsions; if not of a poisonous species the tobacco will not affect it very much.

Lady (just returned from Egypt, showing curios to visitor): "I bought that scarab from an Arab boy, who assured me he had stolen it himself during the excavations in the temple. And I'm sure it must be genuine, because he had such an honest little face."

About all there is to do for breakfast now is to knock in the head of a big yellow box and call the children.—Duluth News.



Building the Nation

By HENRY W. GARDES, Historian and Statistician

THE MATERIALS.

THE first stone, the very cornerstone of the entire structure now called the United States of America, was that historic document called the Declaration of Independence. July 4 is celebrated as Independence Day although the only reason for the selection of this date is that the autograph copy in the handwriting of its great author, Thomas Jefferson, was signed on that day by John Hancock, the President of Congress, and by the Secretary, Charles Thompson, of Delaware.

The fundamental principles are nearly purely Virginian. They are embodied in the twenty-six Fairfax County Resolves adopted July 18, 1774, at Alexandria, by the Virginia Assembly, and were written by George Mann of that county. This was the first clear statement of the rights of the Colonies.

The first real declaration of independence consisted of a set of resolutions presented to Congress June 7, 1776, by Richard Henry Lee, another Virginian, and the adoption of these resolutions, not unanimously, however, led to the drafting of the final document by that third great Virginian, Thomas Jefferson. These resolutions contained the important declaration "That these united colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent states and that all political connection between them and the state of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved."

son by his colleagues. As the author of the resolution and chairman of the Resolutions Committee, Lee was entitled to the place occupied by Jefferson, but he was called home by illness in his family.

The Rough Draft.

The original rough draft was presented to the committee for approval and several changes were made, each of which is shown in the text with the name of its author in Jefferson's handwriting. The fair copy made also by him was presented to the Congress June 28, 1776, and was signed on July 4 by the President and Secretary. July 2, however, was the date of the passing of the actual resolution of independence and on the following day, July 3, John Adams wrote to his wife, "The 2nd of July will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America."

The original rough draft is carefully preserved by the government but the copy signed by Hancock and Thompson has disappeared. It is supposed it was sent to the public printer as "copy" and was probably never returned with the printed duplicate.

The Signed Declaration.

The beautifully engrossed copy on parchment, with its fifty-six signatures, is kept in a hermetically sealed case which is opened by Hancock and Thompson has disappeared order and on some very special occasion. It is so faded that the signatures are almost undecipherable.

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We know a wise guy who bought a hundred thousand German marks and deposited them at interest in a Berlin Savings Bank. Last week he got word that the bank had stopped paying him interest, and gone to charging him storage.—Pithy Paragraphs Film.

It's a sad world. Yo go into a garage when your engine is missing, and when you come out, your tools are.—McLean's Magazine.

The Fat Man's Corner

Ma married couple had engaged a cook. She was as pretty as a picture, but her cooking was terrible, and one morning the bacon was burned to such a crisp as to be wholly inedible.

"Dear," said the wife to her husband, "I'm afraid the cook has burned the bacon. You will have to be satisfied with a kiss for breakfast this mornin'."

"All right," responded the husband gruffly, "Call her in."—American Legion Weekly.

"See here." "Yes, boss." "Why did you let that book agent into my office?" "He seemed so confident that he had something good that I thought he must be a high-class bootlegger."—Selected.

Sergeant Blank was hungry as a bear and I went into a restaurant with him. The waiter ran up to us and said: "Oh, good evening, sir." I have deviled kidneys; calves liver and pigs feet."

"Well, don't tell me your troubles," said the Sergeant, "I came here to eat."—Dry Goods Economist.

"Why don't you get rid of that horse if he's so vicious?" asked one farmer of another.

"Well, you see, Jim, I hates to give up. If I was to sell that horse, he'd regard it as a personal victory. He's been trying for the last six years to get rid of me."—Implement Trade Journal.

We bet Adam and Eve didn't dream, that day in the garden, that the day would ever come when a great country would celebrate national apple week.—Arkansas Gazette.

Jimmy: "Dearest, I must marry you—" Shimmy: "Have you seen father?" "Often, honey, but I love you just the same."—Juggler.

Republican: "What do you think of Bryan's lecture against Darwinism?" Democrat: "Well, I voted for his name."

Customer: "I would like to see a good second hand car." Salesman: "So would I."—Lehigh Burt.

"I've been to the hospital and the doctors have taken awa' ma appendix." "These doctors'll take anything. It's a peety ye didna have it in ye wife's name."—Seabenville Herald Star.