Charlotte Observer.

Foy's Follies

'em, for so very soon we're going to

be listed as, "The best town under

TRIFLING IRRITATIONS

By THOMAS A. CLARK

Deap of Men, University of

fillpois.

the seemingly insignificant situations

sistent habit of taking his soiled hand-

tice, and, failing in this, sought re-

lease from the annoyance through the

with heroism and fortitude the seri-

It is seldom the vital or important

unexpected annoyance or omission.

which we yield without a struggle.

We even become elated or take pride

in the fact, at times, that there are

certain things which we do not like

or which we cannot stand. Some men

boast of their little folbies or Irrita-

tions as if they were an asset rather

I heard a man admit the other day

that a corroded pen, or a dry inkwell,

or a waste-paper basket put thought-

fully out of reach by the janitor did

more to dieturb his equanimity than

a dozen difficult customers would have

In my college day I saw an other

wise well-balanced instructor-an ex-

parienced middle-aged gontloman-

thrown into a frensy because his hat

dropped twice from the hook on

which he was trying to hang it. He

would have met a crisis in life with

Perhaps when we learn to estimate

men's character's justly it will not be

wholly from the great crises which

they meet, but by triding irritations

as well which they are able to over-

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or receive a refusal of marriage

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THURSDAY MAY, 1, 1924.

So this is May!

O Epring!

How far away is Summer?

your family and the neighbor's chickens.

And Muscle Shoals was not worth a row in Congress till Henry Ford wanted it.

Nevertheless we still hold that Josephus Daniels would make a better President than be thinks he would.

Our mail is swelling with bulky envelopes from the candidates. Our waste-basket day by day grows fuller and fuller.

Henry Ford proposes to extract fertilizer from the air. But Congress is going him one better and throwing the air full of it.

HOW MUCH CAN A CANDIDATE STAND?

Candidates for political office have long since learned that they didate can be resigned. They know

in this go-round to fork up a bunch the late forties and early fifties. of coin of the realm to aid some unknow that a candidate for office was expected to "put out" that way?

be possible that the writer would through. help him out in his effort to hook the Attorney-Generalship. But the help THE IMPROVING was not promised outright. Kind o' cautious-like the writer feit his way along till he reached the heartglared up, just like that.

many such epistlers. But ten dol- spect and confidence." lars against an altogether uncertain ballot! Great chance for a gambler, the country town or on the farmand Charlie isn't a gambler either, stead, the weekly visit of the coun-When last seen by a reporter, Charlie try paper or the small city dally is had not remitted the ten-spot. It an event enjoyed by all. is quite likely that he will not. When with "What'd you do?"

thunder would he care for votes?

THE SAME **OLD STORY**

their way to the waste-basket." How country paper a vehicle of opinion do that. He does not want to see often and how long must that be re- and a mode of political leadership. his state turn backward. He should peated before the people will underpaper can afford to publish articles a large part in earnest discussion people to suppose that he, if elected, sent in without signature? Can it of public affairs from a disinterested would somehow be able to cut their ical politician who thinks the high- American homes. ways and byways are packed and jammed with people who are enger HAPHAZARD FARM. to grasp and devour any wise thing that he may let fall from his overflowing brain, and coming on up the County Agent in another State de- tion so that the workmen might get grade to the public-spirited citizen scribes the real cause of most of the their beer and their wines. He has who is really trying to do something agriculture distress as follows: that will help to lift the old world! Most of us have been so busy per cent beer-the article which inup a bit and relieve the squeaking watching the upgrade movement of toxicants. It is not probable that on its axis—all along the line there high prices of land that we have for- the laboring people would back him are people who think, or seem to gotten almost all the fundamental in this demand, for the conditions think, that the newspaper is the com-principles that underlie farm value. surrounding the American workmen

the unsuspecting public.

ing in the door-jam of our commo- value of produce from our land is and of American labor has been im- in foreign countries. to the people of this section. We ful document with excerpts from the ing, waste of land, poor seed, inferi- by prohibition. It might be interask that the name of the correspond- wiselets of some psychologist or oth- or stock, all must go by the board esting if Mr. Compers would call for bered was: A Subscriber.

is not willing to sign a name to?

final. If you want your letters nub- uation. Please, mother, dear, may we take lished, please have the goodness of heart to sign your name. Otherwise they will find their way to the waste- a year. Now she seems on the edge

SIGNS ON

HIGHWAYS

ica's roads well under way, atten-| man and a Nationalist, so the question may well be turned to the tion unless soon settled peacefully, character of sign posts marking will present every excuse for war.

a pointing hand. The board bears to know just what to do next. upon its face, usually in weatherobliterated letters, the manie of the

must stand for plus. They are re- ful bronze sign post has already been civil war. signed to that, just as much as a can- designed by a famous sculptor. Road associations interested in some parthat they must laugh heartly at the ticular road have adopted distincstalest of jokes. They are well aware tive markers, in many cases of a that they must lie like Turks when high degree of art and beauty, as praising the hospitality of their well as utility. The Old Oregon of nonsense about taxation. Being hoped-for constituency. They are Trail, for instance, which it is pro- an intelligent man, he knows that not unwise to the fact that they posed to improve from the Missouri this state, and the counties and the must call each baby intelligent to the Columbia, is now in process towns have got to keep on spending looking and even kiss some of them. of being marked with signs of real money for education and roads and They are free to confess that they are beauty and significance. Professor other good purposes; yet he seems expected to extol the virtues of the Fairbanks, of the University of Ore- to want to convey the impression proletariat from hilltop and vale. gon, designed the marker, showing that his election would cut down A candidate who doesn't know these a typical covered wagon and pioneer taxes. There is small chance that things and some others is slated for family of early western days. Such it would have any such consequence. the also-ran column in the finals.

A sign is narticularly appropriate for the average tax rate in North or receive a refusal of marriage a sign is particularly appropriate for The average tax rate in North

COUNTY PRESS

Chas. Moreau Harger, in the April touching (or rather pocket-touch- Scribner discusses the powerful ining) point, and then the pithy point fluence which the rural press has exerted in the making of a nation: The author of the epistle only "Coming as it does close to the wanted ten dollars, which isn't much hearts of its readers, the old home to a man like Charlie Ross, provided peper—even if its policy be not alof course there are not too all-fired ways commended—commands re-

He shows that to the family in

Cartoonists in the metropolitan pressed for a decision in the matter press have visualized for the public he put it squarely up to the scribe a ridiculous and peculiar type as representing the country editor's The information came quickly, If personality but this writer shows the scribe had ten dollars, what in that his readers know him and are not disillusioned.

"He is close to his constituency. Further, it is a constituency with more leisure than any other, more time for reading the news and opin-"Anonymous communications find ions of the day." This makes the

The country paper is loyal to the stand that no self-respecting news- government and continues to take be that there is a certain element standpoint. It is the country weekwho are of the opinion that news- ly and smaller city daily that makes papers are glad to put their hands the path of radical and demagogue upon just anything that will fill the difficult, standing as it generally columns? Starting with the egotist- does for prosperous, independent

mon dumping-ground for all sorts While we want and hope that our have improved immensely since proof stuff that may be shot forth upon land will be high priced, we do not hibition went into effect. Not only

dious publication bureau a folded the thing of supreme importance to measurably raised. Mighty few insneet of paper the opening of which every farmer and every land owner. telligent working people in the South exposed to our noble eye-sight to an A very considerable bit of serious would be willing to be sent back inexhortation upon the virtues of cor- thought must be given to carrying on to the conditions which prevailed in rect voting. Quotations from Holy of production in the business farm- the days of the open saloon, condi-Writ mingled throughout the wonder- ing. Haphazard methods of farm- tions from which they were rescued er, pedigree foreign to our limited if we are going to succeed in this a vote of American labor on the knowledge. Christianity rang the new and large venture of high pric- question, a vote open to women and title in, and God's goodness wound ed land. The methods of our fath- men, alike. He might be faced with up the expostulation, the whole re- ers and grandfathers can not be pos- a result which would cause him to plete with the king's English severe- sibly be used for successful results. abandon his Old World contention. ly slaughtered. The only marker by We must use our most modern meth- American labor is proud of its supwhich it might be known or remem- ods and must discover and plan new remacy over the labor to which beer things if our success is to be main- is available and customary. The Now, then, somebody's mad. The lained. The scrub must be relegat- money it formerly spent over the writer of that article is probably ed to scrap heap the same as the saloon counter has been going into reading right here and what the ed- old horsepower threshing machine homes and happiness. itor is catching in the mind of the and old reaper. This is no idea that In this particular direction it author would probably be less fit has been hatched in a pipe dream might develop that Mr. Gompers is to print than his article. But whose or in idealism but in cold facts that a leader with none following, or at fault is it? Must the editor be re- stare us in the face. It is for us best, with but a straggling few. The sponsible for something which a con- to go to work and plan out for our- time has come when American labor inibutor, even though a subscriber, selves the things that are going to should sit down to a little serious put the best stock and best equip- conversation with Mr. Gompers. He 'Tis the same old story, friends, ment on our farms and to make is yet a foreigner where beer and We're just not going to do it, that's them produce interests on their val- wine and labor are concerned .- 1-6).

Ireland has been quiet for over Plant enough in your garden for basket. Paste this up for reference, of another outbreak. Under the treaty which set up the Irish Free State, the boundary between the South, which becomes a Dominion, With the campaign to remove un- was not defied. There is no enmity times for this old town have certain-

it has failed. The conference called women, bless 'em, they've formed a The historic "sign post" is of at London to fix the line broke up Woman's Club; and from now on wood, with a board nailed to the last Thursday without any apparent side, ending in a representation of hope of agreement. No one seeems

In South America a peace is beroad as an ox cart among automo- are three major factions in that ing bankrupt—not a penny left." biles. Modern practice dictates that country, all fighting the others, and They laughed and planted more so knows all things. road signs and posts should be per-several minor ones. An American, our Treasury's bereft. But there will 2. Serve Idols (vv. 10-17). They not manent, sightly, plain as to inform- Sumner Welles, is there trying to be more money—taxes coming fast. only compromised by "walking in the

(Editorial Chapel Hill Weekly) Josiah W. Bailey is talking a lot

But here's something you didn't this trail, which is the route follow- Carolina in 1912 was \$1.34 on the from the girl they love with fortitude know, much less did a candidate od by early-day pioneers in their ox- hundred; today it is about \$1.50," and resignation; it is the trifling irriknow it. Neither you nor the canditeam emigration from the Eastern Mr. Bailey is quoted as saying in a and wreck our nervous systems. We date knew that they were expected States to Oregon and Washington in speech the other day. Well, what of can meet death without winking an it? This fact in itself is without any eyelash, but cold pancakes for break-It is not necessary to wait for special significance. The important fast or a lost collar button unfits us known person in a distant nook to some large association to design question, are the thing people are for business for the day. Our friends realize his own personal political or place markers. Every town can paying worth paying for? Every and our raputations are often made ambition. Now, honest, did you help by seeing to it that the sign body knows that the citizens of North or lost by the way in which we meet posts along its entering and leaving Carolina are enjoying far more of of life. roads are plain as to intent, yet the blessings of civilization, and in I knew a man once who lived with Well, Charlie Ross is the victim. handsome and distinctive. Placing general are on a higher level of edu- his wife twenty years. They stood by The other day he pulled from his such markers embodies the spirit of cation and health and prosperity, each other through all sorts of sorpigeon-hole down at Uncle Sam's welcome to the tourist, which is than they were 15 or 25 years ago. rows and disasters, but he finally appostal warehouse a letter that was "good business" for any town, and And this is so largely because of this written real intelligent-like. The is most excellent work for local civic very increase in the tax rate about epistle informed Charlie that it might organizations to take up and follow which Mr. Bailey professes to be ning and substituting a fresh one. It alarmed. The increase has come was a violation of his rights, which about through the action of the pen-leculd not be brooked, and which bade ple themselves in voting to spend limit to sour his whole disposition; he money to make their communities tried in vain to break her of the pracbetter communities and North Carolina a better state. To keep talking divorce courts. Yet they had met about the tax rate increases as if it had been an evil thing is misleading, our things of life. and we do not believe that Mr. Bailey will get anywhere by this kind of campaigning.

It may be true that in his speeches the complete text of which we have not seen, he expresses approval of the state's progressive policy, which means, inevitably, a moneyspending policy. But he appears to be putting his main emphasis upon the tax rate. He must be fully conscious of the fact that, should he become governor he could not effect any reduction in the average tax rate in North Carolina. That is, he could not do it unless he deliberately set out to influence local action throughout North Carolina by employing his cleverness and eloquence done. and high position to preach an antischool, anti-road, anti-health, and generally an anti-progress doctrine. not becloud the issue by leading

GOMPERS AND BEER.

Ever since the Eighteenth Amendment went into effect Mr. Samuel Dr. Ernest C. Brown Gompers, head of the American Federation of Labor and the accredited spokesman for the labor organizations, has been advocating modificarecently renewed his plea for 2.75

About 90 per cent of the school want it to be so high priced that it is there more happiness in the homes states manufactured in large numbers Just this morning we found stick- will not bring fair returns. The of the working people, but the stand- in this country every year are used

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL

Lesson for May 4

ASSYRIAN EXILE OF ISRAEL LESSON TEXT-II Kings 17:1-18.

pelf in Thy statutes: I will not forget Thy word."—Ps. 119:16. PRIMARY TOPIC-How a Little Girl Helped a Great Soldier. JUNIOR TOPIC-Israel Driven Into

IC-A Nation Punished for Its Sins. YOUNG PROPLE AND ADULT TOP-IC-Lessons From Israel's Downfall. I. Israel Taken Into Captivity (VV.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOP-

This was in fulfiliment of that which Amos had predicted in the days of Jeroboam II at a time when the nation was at the height of its prosperity. The northern kingdom was ruled by nineteen kings, all of whom were wicked. Their wickedness was not because of lack of information or op-You may talk about your plenies, portunity but in spite of it. God and Ulster, which remains as before, your parties and your fun, but good promised the first king His blessing if he would be loyal to Him. Jerosightly advertising signs from Amer- like the enmity between an Ulater- ly begun. Just see how clean our tasy thus begun continued downward streets are not a single can in sight to the end. In the reign of Hoshea, the last king, the king of Assyria came —as for papers and old rubbish and besieged Samaria and carried the roads to show their destination and Almost the last hope of so settling they're also guarded tight. It's the children of Israel captive to Assyria,

from which they never returned.

ii. The Sine Which Caused Their Doom (vv. 7-18). yon crusty fellows have certainly 1. Conformed to the Ways of the got to scrub. They're behind the Heathen (vv.7-9). God had commandschools and churches, yes, and in the ed them not to follow in the ways of back lots, too. They're in the stores! the heathen, but these Israelites, Inand homes to see that you your duty stead of maintaining lives of sepaing attempted. Honduras which has do. June will find us blooming as ration, secretly did that which was Such a marker was all right for a been suffering from an unusually you never dreamed. Why they've displeasing to God. Secret ains, as trail, or a wagon road, but it is as acute case of revolution, is being planted seeds by the thousands until things are naked and open to Film much out of place on a fine, hard treated by the United States. There the mayor screamed, "The town is go- with whom we have to do. The One things are naked and open to Him who visits judgment upon the sinner

hammer knocking morning, night step from following in the statutes of let the public know it at once:

and near We've just got to house the heathen to worshiping their gods.

I sincerely hope that you will favand noon. We've just got to house Before they worshiped idols they cast off the true God. Indeed idolatry came into the world because the race did not wish to retain God in its affections (Romans 1:21-28). Idolatry did not come in through ignorance but through willful perverseness. People today worshiping false gods have first cast off the authority of the living God. Man is a religious being. When he ceases to worship, the true God he worships other gods.

3. They Were Rebellions (vv. 18-15). God by his prophets has said unto them, "Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments," but they stubbornly refused His testimony. even rejected His statutes: : Gody in love tried to save them. He sent some over spoke to men to persuade them to turn from their sins, such as Elljah and Elisha, but they stiffened their necks and plunged deeper into wickedness. This they did in defiance

of God. 4. Caused Their Sons and Daughters in to be burned to death. This was the depth to which the Israelites had

5. Resorted to Magical Practices (v. 17). When faith in the true God wanes men always turn to the megical Lord and provoked Him to anger,

III. The Judgment Falls (v. 18). At this stage of the drama the curtain dropped. God could not be inac-

occurrences which try our tempers or 1. God Was Very Angry. His anger upset us, or make home heaven or is not raving fury but the revulsion hell for us; it is the trifling thing, the of His holy nature against sin. God Many of these things are largely His wrath must strike. Though He matters of personal temperament to waits long, the debt must be paid and that always with compound interest. There is only one way to escape God's wrath; that is to turn from sin unto God through Jesus Christ,

2 Remove Them Out of His Sight, The land of Palestine is regarded as the land of God's sight—that is, the place of His manifested presence. These people are still scattered among the nations and as a political organization they will never return to their land. The judgment was severe, but not more so than the sins merited. God had waited long. The despising of His grace eventually works ruln. Therefore, what judgment must fall upon the people who in the light of this day reject His grace and His mercy.

Practical Christianity

"Go," never spells "Stay." We need more religion in the s-o-l-e, as well as in the soul-a walking as well as a talking religion. The trouble is not so much with non-church-going masses, as the non-going church. We need not only a lookout committee but a "Go-out" committee.—H. G. Gibbud.

A Christian

A Christian is one who follows tian Fierald.

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Political Advertising

Dunn, April 22 1924. Hon, N. A. Townsend.

Dunn, N. C.

Dear Nat: bly. I am prompted to ask you, what it. your attitude is, in making any I have been informed that there

months, and desire to have this im- returned to the Legislature, pass a raising, from six to eight months. no foundation in fact for such ru-I want you to say so, and if you are mor. For the reasons stated above ation conveyed, sturdy, and artistic negotiate with 11 factions, a settle- why folks just can't resist us as they statutes of the heather," but wer- going to stand by the new system. I could not if I would pass any such For national highways, a beauti- ment which will allow them to quit have in the past. You can hear the shiped their gods. It was a short it is even more important that you logislation, and I am sure that my

this answer. Yours very truly,

JESSE F. WILSON. April 24, 1924. Hon. Jesse F. Wilson.

Dunn, N. C.

My dear Mr. Wilson: I have your letter of the 22nd inst inquiring as to my position upon the question of lengthening our school term from six months to eight months. Should I represent the County in the next Legislature of the noblest and best prophets who shall certainly not attempt to pass any legislation increasing the length for County Commissioner. I think I of the school term in Harnett County express the feelings of the many without the submission of that ques- friends he holds in this County. tion to a vote of the people of the We know his capabilities and his County. Personally, I am inclined to fitness for the office he aspires to. the view that it would be better if He is, as already proven, fully comto Pass Through Fire (v 17). This all of us would, for the time being at petent to look after the interests of was the dreadful Molech worship, the least, exert ourselves to secure our the taxpayers of Harnett_ possessed most cruel rite of heathen worship. It school to be taught eight hours a of a keen judgment and marvelous was done by kindling a fire in a holday for the present term of six memory, cautious and economical, low metal image until its arms were months rather than to have them yet broad enough in his ideas to be

> tended term of eight months. length of the school term for the and in his integrity. the levy of special taxes in the count- His experience and ability hoad Consitution would, as you know, re-relection. quire that the amendment be first adopted by two-thirds majority of

> each branch of the Legislature, and that it then be ratified by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the State at an election to be held there-Haying become very much inter-after. The other method, that is, the ested in our public school system levying of special taxes, would rethroughout Harnett County, and af- quire the affirmative vote of a mater considerable amount of letters jority of the qualified voters in the from all over the county, concerning County, or other special school terthe question of the public system as ritory, to be affected, at an election now provided for our school, and duly called for that purpose. All further that you are now offering this, as you know, is fixed by the yourself, as the candidate for repre- Constitution of the State and the sentative, in the next general assem- | Legislature has no power to change

> change, in the now public school sys- is a more or less general rumor tem, whether you will let it stand affort in the County to the effect as it now is or, will you favor an that the Board of Education witheight months term for each school in drew the call for the recently advertised school election with the under-The public in general are unfavor-| standing or frame up between that able to a longer term than six Board and myself that I would, if proved only, and the people are law putting into effect in the County very anxious, especially the writer, the objects of that election without to know how you stand on this ques- the same submitted to the vote of tion, should you be favorable to the people of the County. There is record as the Representative of Har-I sincerely hope that you will fav- nett County in two terms of the Legislature will satisfy any citizen I am satisfied you will accord me that I have no disposition to put anything over contrary to the will of the citizenship of my county.

Understanding from your letter that you desire a statement of my position in order that the public may know where I stand. I am taking the liberty of publishing your letter with this reply thereto. Very respectfully,

N. A. TOWNSEND.

Dunn, N.C. April 28th, 1924.

In endorsing Mr. Jas. A. Taylor

red hot and placing live children there- taught six hours a day for an ex- safe and at the same time progres-

Further referring to the question | He has often been honored by the of increasing the length of the school voters of his home town in the City term, you, as a lawyer, are well Government, served at various times aware that there are only two ways a sAlderman. Mayor and Treasurer. arts. In this way the Israelites sold in which the school term can be while serving as Treasurer of Dunn, themselves to evil in the sight of the lengthened beyond six mouths. One he handled and accounted for more of these ways is by amendment to the than THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND State Constitution increasing the dollars and his town required no length of the school term for the bond of him, which is proof of the entire State. The other way is by faith they have had in his judgment

ty or other special school territory commend him to the tax payers of cannot tolerate sin in His presence, for the purpose of lengthening the Harnett onnty when they for to exit school term therein. To amend the their ballot in the coming Primary Very truly,

JAS. A. PEARGALL.

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