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The people of this county are expecting much of the new officers who assumed office on Monday. The good majorities given them on the 4th of November is evidence of faith in them that they would discharge their official duties efficiently and satisfactorily. Now it is up to the new officers to make good and justify the confidence. It will be too much to expect that the new officers can make water run up hill, but they are competent to discharge the duties of the offices to which they have been chosen. Efficient, courteous and honest service is what the people will expect, and are entitled to.

The retiring officers, no doubt, did the best they could. For both personal and political reasons they aimed to give satisfaction, and they did so in some measure or they would not have received such a flattering vote at the recent election. These have many friends who will wish their lines to fall in pleasant places.

Gulford superior court is hearing this week the case against former clerk of superior court, Mason W. Gant, and the surety on his official bond for the recovery of a large sum of Confederate pension money received by him and misappropriated. It appears that he has regularly received pension warrants from the state for pensioners who have died, some of them more than 15 years ago. The sum received on these warrants, according to an exhaustive investigation, aggregates \$57,539.00, and the state pension department is claiming \$26,773.44 interest on the money wrongfully collected and misapplied. From an audit of the clerk's office it appears there is a shortage in Mr. Gant's accounts of about \$138,000.00. Next Monday has been set for trial of Mr. Gant, in thirteen cases in which he stands indicted for embezzlement and malfeasance in office.

Frank R. McNinch, the leader of the anti-Smith campaign in this state in 1928, has been appointed to a place on the power commission by President Hoover, and it appears that there will be opposition in the senate to his confirmation. Mr. McNinch was urged for the place of secretary of the navy in Mr. Hoover's cabinet. At last, tardily to be sure, Mr. McNinch is coming to his reward, provided he can get by the senate. It is claimed that his appointment has no political significance, but no one will take that statement seriously. Is not Mr. Hoover looking forward to 1932? The Southern states which gave him their vote in 1928 faced about on the 4th of November. These signs must have inspired Mr. Hoover to begin mending fences wherever opportunity presents itself.

Senator Simmons strongly endorses Frank McNinch, appointed by President Hoover a member of the power commission. It would be ungrateful if Mr. Simmons did not approve Mr. McNinch, considering how valiantly the latter stood by the former in the Smith-Hoover presidential campaign of 1928. But there will be opposition to the appointee's confirmation. It may be that the Republicans will approve of this appointment with more unanimity than they did that of Judge John J. Parker, seeing that the hold they thought they had on the south by reason of the results of the 1928 election, seems to have slipped away from them in the last November election.

Senator-elect Josiah William Bailey will address the North Carolina society in New York city on the night of the 10th inst.

On last Monday twenty-six counties in North Carolina, which had been presided over by Republican officers for the past two years, were again turned over to the Democrats and turned loose quite a large flock of "lame weaks."

James J. Davis, Republican senator-elect from Pennsylvania, was seated Tuesday over the protest of the Nye campaign funds investigating committee. The senate seems to be in favor of a candidate spending as much as he can afford and his friends will contribute.

The short session of the 71st Congress convened Monday. The feature of Tuesday was President Hoover's message. He stressed drought relief and unemployment. He asked that an emergency appropriation be made to accelerate federal construction and relief of farmers. With existing conditions throughout the country, the president was compelled to plod through without any trumpet blasts.

Mrs. Alice M. Council of Hickory celebrated her 98th birthday Monday. She was a close friend of Mrs. Stonewall Jackson. She keeps abreast of the current news and literature.

Two shipments of heifers and baby beeves from Halifax and Hertford counties topped the Baltimore market last week.

There is little that is dramatic in climbing an ordinary mountain. The road is rough and difficult and persistently uphill. There is not much chance to see where you are going nor anything else except the trees beside the trail, the rocks under foot, the small streams that take short cuts into the valleys. Only rarely on the way and at last at the top is the traveler really aware of the mountain—of height and space and freedom and accomplishment.

A symbol of progress is the farm telephone. The farmer's problem is not one of production only, but finding more efficient methods of selling his products. His telephone enables him to compete with other farmers and keeps him always within voice-reach of half a dozen markets. What modern farm machinery has done for production, the farm telephone has done for distribution. It has gone far toward putting agricultural marketing on a higher plane of efficiency.

History has always shown that the "oppressed" of any country, once they get in a position to rule, proceed to become as socially conscious of their place as their predecessors ever were. From Russia came the word that Dictator Joseph Stalin has exiled his own son for marrying "a poor but pretty seamstress whom the Soviet overlords do not think important enough to be admitted to the highest circles of Red society." Three cheers by and for the proletariat.

Deauville must be more modest, according to its mayor, who even insists that bathers wear some semblance of clothes and refrain from dressing and undressing on the beach. Thousands of French and foreigners alike will fervently hope his snails disagree with him; the crowd will move on to some other little town up or down the coast whose municipal executive is more tolerant where propriety is concerned.

Said to be the only papyrus of its kind recovered from ancient Egypt, a "dream book" dating back to 1100 B. C. has been presented to the British museum. Egyptians of that day probably had their own equivalents for hot mince pie and Welsh rabbit eaten just before retiring.

A seventeen-year-old girl in Switzerland, whose face was permanently scarred in an automobile accident, was awarded \$65,000 damages for the loss of her esthetic value. That's a new one to us, who are now busily engaged in estimating our esthetic value, if any.

"What is the idea in being presented at the Court of St. James?" some one writes to a question-and-answer department. That is a query that United States ministers and ambassadors have been wearily propounding to themselves for many years.

Human nature soon will have to be altered in the opinion of a savant if a world food shortage is to be avoided. Let the ladies carry this reducing fad a little further, however, and all will be well.

Europe assumes to set the literary pace for the world in spite of the fact that the people in several countries over there are still reading "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

JEWEL THEFTS SHOW INCREASE IN YEAR

More Arrests and Convictions Recorded.

New York.—There was an increase in the number of jewelry thefts and swindles during the first nine months of this year over a corresponding period of last year, according to the Jewelers' Security alliance, but the extra losses suffered by jewelers were more than offset by the additional number of arrests, convictions, and recoveries of stolen goods. Convictions have been obtained in 100 cases and a large number, having occurred within the last two months, are still pending. "Almost three-fourths of the tricked firms are members of the alliance," the report states, "warning jewelers to take precautions against robbery, and greater care would have prevented every one of those losses."

Be on Your Guard.
"A loss means action by the alliance—a hunt which may extend clear across the country and may last for months or even years. A loss means the payment by some insurance company of a sum of money. It raises the total of crime losses for the year in our industry and will perhaps result in an increase in insurance rates for next year or the years to come."

"Be on your guard. Don't trust anyone you don't know intimately. Don't let a single piece of jewelry out of your sight for a moment. Watch your customers, especially strangers, every minute they are in the store. Count every item you display as soon as you finish waiting on a person. Honest people won't resent your care and crooks will see that you are alert and won't try any tricks on you."

Carelessness in Displays.
The report points out that the increased number of thefts from unlocked showcases indicates that many losses to sneak thieves are due entirely to lack of ordinary precautions on the part of the jeweler. Additional precautions are urged during the holiday season near at hand. Carelessness in merchandise displays after closing hours leads to many losses through window smashing and this form of loss can be greatly reduced through the use of common sense and proper protective measures. "We are everlastingly at it to prevent robbery as far as possible and to punish robbers when our members are attacked," said H. C. Carter, president of the Jewelers' Security alliance. "Only about 5 per cent of our members are robbed each year."

Alaskan Hunt Yields Many Big Game Specimens

Seward, Alaska.—Packing a large Kenai moose head, the antlers of which spread over five feet, and two specimens of mountain sheep in addition to other trophies, Robert F. Walsh, Philadelphia investment broker and member of the Academy of Natural Sciences and Philadelphia Botanical society, has just ended an Alaskan hunting expedition that furnished diversified experiences. During his six weeks in the wilds, Walsh encountered more than 80 huge northern moose, 53 black bears, a number of brown bears and herds of mountain sheep. He obtained specimens of the moose and sheep, but said the bears were so amusing he didn't kill any of them.

In the moose lands of the peninsula game was so plentiful that Walsh said it resembled a zoo.

He gathered a large number of botanical specimens when tired of hunting big game.

Home Ownership Crusade Launched by Bankers

New York.—Representatives of banks and savings and loan associations throughout the country are planning a 1931 crusade for home ownership.

Their opinion, voiced through Collier's, is that there never was a better time than right now to build or buy a home. They do not mention straight sales, as nearly all home owners borrow to build and save to pay.

For most home builders it is a 10 to 15-year job to complete the deal, the bankers state, but the joys and satisfaction of home ownership last forever.

"Home ownership comes near being the keystone of American credit," it is asserted. "The land is indestructible; the loan is the buyer's spur; the material makes the buyer the customer of American industry. The experience is the best discipline to which a family can dedicate its energies."

Mexicans Living Abroad May Lose Citizenship

Phoenix.—Mexicans living in the United States, or other countries, for a period of more than ten years, who have not received special permission from the Mexican government to remain away that long, will lose their citizenship, according to a circular issued by the Mexican consulate general at El Paso.

Deed Drawn Up 68 Years Ago Is Recorded in N. Y.

Herkimer, N. Y.—A deed drawn up here 68 years ago was filed only recently. It listed the names of Maurice E. Viele and wife of Albany and Eliza H. Davidson and James J. Cook of Salisbury. It was dated January 28, 1862.

POLITICIANS AND LOBBYISTS

By WALTER LIPPMANN, Newspaper Correspondent, in Woman's Home Companion.

Coercion is more powerful than cash bribes and more often used. Lobbyists are in the saddle and there is nothing to be done about it. Using influence is one of the rights of the Magna Charta, but money is one of the smallest factors in obtaining the votes of legislators. Politicians are often as guilty as the lobbyists.

The safe course in public life is to speak vaguely; to use words which mean different things to different people. Examine political platforms and try to find out what they actually mean. Examine campaign speeches and see what they contain on the important issues. It is in this air of sub-truthfulness that lobbyism has flourished.

Bribery, by direct payment by private interests to public officials is not very common in politics. But there are many kinds of subtle bribery that are very common. They include campaign contributions; free and favorable publicity; the bribe of re-election and promotion; inside knowledge, special tips on the stock exchange; social bribes; election to clubs; bribes of vanity, tragic and comic alike.

No one can dispense with the host of those who pretend to represent large blocs of votes, business, farmers, labor, nationalities or religions. This is the greatest terrorism to which elected officials can be subjected.

MOVING TOWARD MATRIARCHY

By PROFESSOR VAN GINNEKEN, Belgium (Catholic).

The machine age has revolutionized the world. Nine-tenths of the home has been swept away by machines. With all the perfections of our modern technical age, woman really has nothing to do at home, compared to the slavery and drudgery of past ages. So what is the modern girl to do? She goes out; she looks for work outside the house. She goes to factories and offices. Girls who formerly didn't walk a step alone outside the house now hold meetings and become conscious of their personality and their power.

We are going right straight toward matriarchy. This isn't the first time that women have come into their own. All sudden changes in civilization are due to the alternating predominance of men or women.

Woman is often pictured as a dangerous being, capable only of picking forbidden fruits. But mind you, woman has done her part in shaping the world as it is today. Woman invented farming; woman created the first bit of property, that is, the garden, where she grew the plants she needed to season the meat her husband and sons brought back from their hunting.

Every sudden change in styles, tastes, art, science and literature is due to a victory or defeat of man or woman. When the women get the upper hand, they make things over to suit their fancy. That happens in periods of feminine domination.

GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS

By JULIUS H. BARNES, Chairman U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

The individual welfare of all people is wrapped up today as never before in a proper understanding and relationship between government and business. Government policies which obstruct and dislocate the functions of employing industry react into distress as never before. That distress individually reacts on government itself.

In a people of high literacy, trained in self-control and self-government, reaction takes the form of orderly expression through the process of ballot. In people of lesser attainment in self-government or feeling more keenly the selfish or ignorant burden of ineffective government, it takes the form of military revolution. The headlines in the daily press show both processes under way continuously.

They will continue in some measure until there is found between the exercise of government authority a harmony with the everlasting principles of economic law. Through this period I submit to you, with sober emphasis on the responsibility thereby laid, that the major continuous force in social stability lies in the field of economics of business, rather than the field of politics of government.

EUGENICS AND RACIAL DECLINE

By DEAN WILLIAM INGE, England (Episcopal).

There is an uneugenic selection going on, the cumulative effects of which must result in degeneracy. These effects are masked for the time by promoting at public expense many promising working-class children into the professional class; but to promote the ablest sons of laborers into this sterile class can only accelerate progress of the real decline.

At present we are not breeding from the professional classes or from the capable artisan class, but from the slum dwellers and mentally deficient. If, as Christians, we say this is no business of ours, how shall we justify the activities of the church in combating drunkenness and gambling?

I am not an advocate of any program of racial hygiene. I know enough of the complexities with which this young science has to deal. It is the mental attitude of churchmen on these questions that I wish to see modified.

Eugenics do not wish to introduce methods of the stud farm into human life. But we cannot repeal the laws of nature by ignoring them.

DEPRESSION CAUSED BY FEAR

By REV. DR. RALPH W. SOCKMAN, Methodist (New York).

The world depression is basically a thing of the mind's creation, since the earth still yields its crops and the world's gold is still in existence. The spread of this business depression shows more than anything else the universalizing of the human mind, and one feature of it is that this is the first business depression the world has known since the wide use of the radio has made local minds more sensitive to outside conditions and public fears more contagious.

We must arouse the peoples of the earth to loyalties larger than those of class and nation. Religious forces will have to give the answer. If this cannot be done through the existing churches, they will have to be discarded and a better agency devised. This, of course, is not beyond the bounds of possibility.

Value of Shade Trees

Strikingly illustrative of the dollar-and-cent value of shade trees is the definite appraisal placed on them by city authorities, observes the American City. Springfield, Mass., may be cited as an example. Figures show that Springfield has more trees in proportion to population than any other American city, and the municipal government places an appraisal value of \$100 on each tree. With a total of 25,000 trees in the city, this gives an appraised value of \$2,500,000 to be counted as an added asset of the community. Ann Arbor, Mich., uses a similar method of computation and reckons the value of its 8,000 trees at \$800,000. In reaching these figures the city officials follow the formula worked out by Prof. Filibert Roth, one of the foremost of American foresters, who formulated the first basis for shade tree valuation in this country.

Two thousand selected Mimosa trees were planted on highway No. 70 out of Morganton in Burke county on November 11 as a memorial to Burke county boys who served in the World war. The trees were selected from local forests by R. L. Sloan, county agent.

Four poultry flocks in Davidson county paid \$2,089.30 above all feed costs last year according to records kept by the owners. They started with 1,647 birds and closed the year with on 602, the others being culled out for low production.

Changing his fertilizer formula from an 8-3-3 to an 8-3-5 meant an increased price of \$34 an acre for tobacco grown by W. C. King, of Union Ridge, in Caswell county, he reports to H. L. Seagrope, county agent.

First Relative—The idea of old Uncle Sneezer willing all his money to have a mausoleum over his remains. It's just a willful waste.

Second Relative—Huh! I call it a wasteful will.

The pig crop of Beaufort county, one of the largest shipping counties in fat hogs in North Carolina, is short this year. Breeding stock has been cut down, says E. P. Welch, county agent.

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A Much Abused Word

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler is right in saying that use of the word "capitalism" to describe the existing economic and social order is misleading. The word is "liberalism." As the Springfield Republican says: There are already 67 kinds of liberalism more or less. If there is a movement backward or forward or an organized propaganda, or a reform group of any sort that does not like the name it bears or seems in peril of acquiring through popular usage, it takes over the name "liberal." The Republican suggests "individualism" as a proper substitute for "capitalism." It appears a very good suggestion, says the Houston Post-Dispatch. "Individualism" has often been used by American orators as descriptive of our social, economic and political structures. It is a familiar and comprehensive word, certainly better than that proposed by Doctor Butler, which is a term as vague in America as nationalism is in China.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Mrs. Maggie Martin, deceased, late of Alamance County, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned at his office in Burlington, N. C., on or before the 23rd day of November, 1930, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This the 23rd day of November, 1930.
W. L. THER CATES,
Administrator of Mrs. Maggie Martin.
Long & Ross Att'ys.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as Administrator upon the estate of Mrs. W. J. Quakenbush, late of Alamance Co. this is to notify all persons having claim against said estate to present the same to the undersigned duly verified on or before the 23rd day of November, 1930, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate settlement.

This November the 19th, 1930.
D. V. QUAKENBUSH, Adm'r.

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