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CATCH-ALL COLUMN.

By Eugene Ashcraft, in Monroe Enquirer.

Good Old Summer Time is here. Women have gone to wear their furs. If a few neckties will keep out cold, why not keep out heat?

Western North Carolina mines great quantities of talc. It is worth about one dollar a pound at the mine. When ground into a powder it is used for a little perfume added, and it is packed in a pretty box it is sold for more than a dollar a pound. Talcum is used in talc, but by the addition of a little glycerine it has gotten into society.

Early in the year horticulturists and entomologists predicted there would be a dearth of insects and worms this season, owing to the exceptionally mildness of last winter. The prognosis was correct, witness the innumerable hordes of flies in the forest and field. We should by all means protect our birds as they will not be the only thing which destroy insects.

Scrub our handsome and well-dressed girls on the streets, their dresses a more or less artistic fringe around the neck, reminds us we have around our necks and maybe a coat or scarf which would have been in the closet at home. If only the men would wear a sensible style we editor would wear himself a perplexing economic problem solved.

By the Statesville Landmark: It is recorded that a wealthy young man of Shelby in front of his \$10,000 home 'struck his wife on the head several times with an automobile pump, inflicting serious injuries. All of which would have been a good deal if it had only the names of the participants of the little fracas been mentioned.

Said an observant citizen: "Fine spirit some of our Monroe people have who own big automobiles. They always profess the use of their cars at 'uterals.' They take chance the man who heads the procession in a box had of ever enjoying a ride in any of these same fine big automobiles. Most rear seats of the cars are empty while their selfish, snobbish, self-satisfied owners drive around these hot evenings and never a chance do many good citizens have of an 'airing' until they get a ride to the cemetery."

Judge W. O. Lemmond states that according to the law as now made and provided a citizen cannot possibly make vinegar from his apples and not at some time during the process become a violator of the law. "For," said he, "it is against the law to make sweet cider, and it is against the law to possess cider, but it is a violation to possess cider in the alcoholic stage—that is, when the cider is 'hard.' It is the opinion, however, of officers that no one is likely to be molested if the making of cider vinegar is done in a legitimate manner and the amount is such that it is properly stored away and not molested until it is vinegar."

Says A. Conan Doyle, spiritualist: "Ninety-nine per cent of those who die go immediately to heaven at death. Of the other one per cent, all will have to undergo a purgatory state, in some sort of hospital, and in some or less isolation, but God is merciful, and the wages will not be frightened by the ideas formerly used to terrify children. "Soothing thoughts if we could be given to the dying, but most of us have a notion that we might belong to the minority crowd, and, too, we know hospitals sometimes fail to effect a cure."

Nice upstanding young fellow came into The Enquirer office one day last week looking for a job. He did not care to pull a cigarette all the time he was there. Said he had been looking all over the place for a place to work but he couldn't find any place that he would like to work. Said, did you know the average business man needing help wouldn't under

Who Owns the Air.

Harold O. Nevin and Leon Smith, aviators, were fined \$4 and costs by Justice of the Peace C. C. Rowan recently on a charge of trespassing over the land of O. F. Grube, a farmer residing near Painsawaddy, Pa. The two fliers had been giving exhibitions. Mr. Grube objected to their flying over his farm, and is posted against trespassers. When the aviators refused to discontinue their flights which carried them over the Grube property, which they never touched, the latter made information against the two fliers. Francis Cole for trespass. Cole was a passenger in one of the machines. He was discharged by Squire Rowan, but the aviators were fined. The case will be appealed.

(Here is another legal nut to crack. The ownership of land and water courses has long since been determined. With aerial navigation there comes "something new under the sun" for lawyers and courts to wrestle with as to the freedom of the air, and to what height does ownership cease, if it exists at all.—Local Editor.

Heart On Wrong Side.

Harold Jones, aged 20, died at the St. Paul, N. C. hospital a few days ago, following an operation. He was taken to the hospital ill and was brought to the hospital from his home in Chatham county, six miles of Pittsboro. It is said that several years ago he was seriously hurt when a bale of cotton fell on him. The undertaker found his heart on the right side when he went to embalm him, and other organs out of their natural position.

The fuel situation at Danville, Va., owing to the coal strike, is said to be getting acute.

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CAUGHT ON THE FLY.

"LAUGH AND THE WORLD LAUGHS WITH YOU."

What Our Shears and Paste Pot Captured of a Humorous Vein From Our Exchange.

ONLY TEACHING THE WORM. Pa to Bill—Don't you know it's wrong to fish on Sunday? Bill—I'm not fishing. I'm only teaching the worm to swim.

HARD ON THE JUST. And when it rains, it rains alike upon the just and unjust fellow, but more upon the just because, The unjust steals the just's umbrella.

WHAT SHE SHOULD HEAR. Lady—Are these eggs really new laid? Shop Assistant—Yes, madam. If you will kindly step up to this telephone, which is laid on to our farm you will hear the hens that laid them still cackling.

WHAT SHE HOPED. "I'm quite a near neighbor of yours now," said Mr. Bore. "I'm living just across the river." "Indeed," replied Miss Smart. "I hope you'll drop in some day."—Christian Register.

INEXHAUSTIBLE SOURCE. Mr. Nextdoor: "Johnny, you've got a new brother—the stork just brought it." Johnny: "Stork nothing—the milkman did!" Mr. Nextdoor: "The milkman?" Johnny: "Sure! Doesn't it say on his wagon, 'Families supplied daily!'"

THAT SETTLED IT. The girl's lips quivered and her breath came in labored gasps, but she did not speak. "Do you love me?" pleaded the young man. "I don't know," was the answer.

Gently he insinuated his arm around her. "Darling, would you like me to ask your mother first?" With a sudden cry of terror she grasped his arm. "No, no, no!" she shrieked convulsively. "She's a widow; I want you myself!"—Minneapolis Tribune.

HE FELL OUT OF THE WINDOW. "A much-battered young man came into the hotel at midnight and asked the clerk for Room 23. "Can't give you that one," replied the clerk. It's taken. "Who's got it," asked the unsteady man. "A man named Jones." "What Jones?" "Mr. A. B. Jones has Room 23."

JUST LIKE WOOLWORTH'S. Hodge: "If you were standing on a dime why would it be like Woolworth's five-and-ten-cent store?" "I'll bite. Why?" "Because it would be nothing above ten cents."—American Boy.

ROUGH ON HIS TONGUE. A bricklayer was jaying bricks on the third story of an unfinished house, and, unfortunately, dropped a brick on the head of a colored man who was mixing mortar down below. The bricklayer, his heart in his mouth, leaned over the parapet. He thought he had killed the colored man. But the latter looked up at him with a good-natured and forgiving grin.

"Hey, w'at you doin', white man?" he shouted. "You done made me bite mah tongue."

QUALIFIED FOR THE JOB. "Rastus, how is it you have given up going to church?" asked Pastor Brown. "Well, sah," replied Rastus, "it's dis way: I likes to take a active part and I used to pass de collection basket, but dey give dat job to de brother Green, who just returned from 'Over There.'"

"In recognition of his heroic services, I suppose?" "No, sah. I reckon he got dat job in rec'no'ition 'o' his having lost one o' his hands."—Argonaut.

THE HORSE BLEW FIRST. A veterinary surgeon was instructing a farmer as to a suitable method for administering medicine to a horse. "Simply place this powder in a gas pipe about two feet long, put one end of the pipe well back in the horse's mouth, and blow the powder down his throat."

Shortly after the farmer came running into the veterinary's office in a very distressed condition. "What's the matter?" asked the veterinary. "I'm dying!" cried the farmer. "The horse blew first!"—Fishes Magazine.

We Are Riding Some. They tell us that there is a motor car in the United States for every ten of its inhabitants. North Carolina has one for every seventeen people. This country has ten times as many cars as Great Britain, Canada, France and Germany.

They have less flivverboobs and jaywalkers and therefore have fewer automobile accidents.—Charity and Child.

Gold Strike at Washington, D. C.



Panning gold almost within the shadow of the capitol building at Washington, D. C., is now being done. The strike was made of the Potomac. The picture shows Senator William H. King of Utah, a gold expert, looking on while discoverers of the placer mine pan the gold for his inspection.

INDUSTRIAL WAR.

Assistant Secretary of Navy, Calls Lawlessness and Laziness U. S. Biggest Problem.

Theodore Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, delivered the principal address July 13th, at the final session of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Atlantic City, N. J.

"Lawlessness and laziness were two sinister signs of the times to which the country would do well to give immediate heed, Mr. Roosevelt said. He mentioned the Herrin massacre as an instance of the lawless spirit abroad, and demanded the law take its course without delay in fixing the responsibility and punishing the guilty, regardless of their affiliations.

"But a few short weeks ago," he said, "in southern Illinois, as atrocious a massacre occurred as is contained in our annals. Men were killed, not cleanly killed, but brutally killed, and up to the time in which I speak there is no shadow of a conviction of the murderers in sight. I know not who was to blame, whether employer or employee—perhaps both—but if my country is to stand we must mete out justice in this case regardless of the affiliations. A blot of this kind on our escutcheon can be wiped out in one manner only, and that is by due process of law. If we are to exist as a nation we must be law-abiding. On the law depends society. Without law our civilization crumbles. Our government is arranged in such fashion that it provides a method whereby we who compose it can change it. Our laws can be changed in like manner.

No Excuse for Breaking Laws. "There is, therefore, no excuse for breaking laws. Nevertheless we seem to be increasingly lawless; we seem bent on destroying the structure we have builded. Illinois is but an instance, though a ghastly one, of our reckless disregard for our own laws, made by ourselves.

If we love our country, if we believe in civilization, if it is our solemn duty now, as never before, to throw our weight behind the law and the law-enforcing bodies.

Urges Industrial Partnership. The tendency toward lawlessness and laziness sprang from the same source, Mr. Roosevelt said—the idea in the workman's head that his position in industry did not receive proper recognition. Capital and labor should be in partnership, and labor should not harter with each other like separate nations.

A partnership between them could be worked out, he said, with the aid of wise legislation, which simply should point the way, and cordial co-operation from employers and employees. He advocated the placing of labor on a profit-sharing basis with a minimum wage, regardless of corporation earnings.

Dies From a Peculiar Accident.

Troy Starling, who lived near Smithfield, N. C., died at the hospital there following a most peculiar accident. While barning some tobacco, Mr. Starling fell from a truck which was loaded with tobacco and struck a nail which held some bagging to the sides of the truck. The nail fractured his windpipe, and he was rushed to the hospital and it was thought at first that there was a chance for him to live. Air escaping through the puncture in the windpipe, however, soon caused his face to swell, and all hope was given up. He leaves a wife and seven children.

Bobbed Hair Hurts Industry.

Loomister, Mass., an important center of the comb and hairpin industry, has been hard hit as a result of the prevailing fall for bobbed hair.

AS WE GO TO PRESS.

The Peach Show at Hamlet, N. C., Tuesday, was attended by 5000 persons.

D. N. Cato dies in a Concord, N. C., hospital from wounds inflicted by Geo. Barringer.

A board of officers began duty in Washington Monday "plucking" or reducing some 2,000 officers from service in the army.

All the buildings of the Brookridge Dairy Farm near High Point, N. C., were burned July 24th. The cattle were saved, excepting two calves.

Robt. M. Barnes, aged 58, and Mrs. G. Ed. McNeil, died at High Point, N. C., the past week. The latter was, prior to marriage, Miss Bronsie Brown, of Madison.

Welcome, Davidson county, had a big Community Picnic and Educational Rally last Saturday. There were a number of speeches and a good time generally.

Rev. Elisha S. Ivery, former pastor of the Baptist churches at Denton and Liberty, Davidson county, died at Gastonia, N. C., last week. His age was about 53 years.

Liberty bonds continued to establish new high records on the Stock Exchange in New York, July 25th, the 3 1-2s rising to 101.16; the first 4 1-4s to 101.68, and the fourth 4 1-4s to 101.74.

The Durham, N. C., tobacco market will open September 15th for the sale of leaf tobacco. The Co-Operative Tobacco Marketing Association is also ready to receive the 1922 crop in that city.

Gov. Morrison offers a reward of \$100 for Talmadge Billings, of Wilkes county, who escaped from the prison camp at Boone Ford, in April. He was serving a life sentence for killing Will Chatham in Wilkes county.

Gov. Morrison has appointed J. L. Delaney, of Charlotte, and Harry P. Grier, of Statesville, to succeed Geo. Stevens and Charles A. Jones, of Lincolnton, on committee on location of proposed medical college in connection with the University.

A restraining order signed by Judge E. S. Cranmer several days ago against the sheriff of Brunswick county, in connection with the enforcement of the stock law in that county, will be dissolved not later than Friday, Judge W. H. Devin presiding at the present term of Superior court so states. The order restrained the sheriff from enforcing the stock law provisions in Brunswick.

Hickory Chips.

Voting school bonds doesn't always mean better schools. The law, "to keep the Sabbath holy," has never been repealed.

Good citizens try to obey the State's laws; good Christians God's laws. A good shepherd loves his sheep, and a good teacher loves his pupils.

It is easier to jump at a conclusion than to give a reason for it. The trouble between capital and labor started in Eden by the devil.

As long as capital organizes into unions, labor will in self defense. In all unions of capital or labor, some get too much, some not enough.

If farmers were to strike for higher prices on their products, then what? This age is loaded down with organizations in society, in business and in church.

Congress spends \$18,000,000 words a year and costs \$9,000,000. So talk is not cheap. American freedom means that capital, labor and the public shall be free from strikes.

If progress simply means frolic, debt, bonds and increasing taxes, we are opposed to it as a reason for it. Protection to American labor wherever employed, and to American capital wherever invested, made America.

The same wage for the same work may be wealth to one of a small family, bankruptcy to one of a large family.

Unions should have a scale of wages to suit strength, family and obligations of its members. Every member should love his or her church and party too well to bring reproach on either by word or deed.—Hickory Times-Mercury.

Condemns Ford's Offer.

In a comprehensive report submitted to the Senate July 20th by Chairman Norris, of the Senate Agriculture Committee, Henry Ford's offer for the purchase and lease of the government's war-initiated projects at Muscle Shoals, Alabama, is condemned in unusually strong language, while the Nebraska Senator's bill, proposing development of the properties under a government owned and controlled corporation, is described as "the most wonderful plan" that has ever been proposed in the history of the country. Chairman Norris declares that the offer would put the government of the U. S. into business with a vengeance and that those who ask Congress to accept the offer ask it in effect to lease this property without any real consideration and then keep it in good condition for the next one hundred years.

John Quincy Adams' Reply.

John Quincy Adams once said when asked a "good morning" as to his health, replied: John Quincy Adams himself is very well indeed, Sir, but the house Sir in which John Quincy Adams lives is very much dilapidated, Sir. And I notified the owner that if he does not soon mend it John Quincy Adams will have to move out."

WHAT THIS CONGRESS HAS DONE FOR THE COUNTRY.

By John T. Adams, Chairman of the Republican National Committee.

The first of a series of messages to be delivered to Republicans by the National Chairman says: The achievements of this Congress will rank among the greatest in any of the history of the country. No Congress ever assembled confronted so many problems of such magnitude.

There was the necessity of reconstruction following the most destructive war in human history which had consumed the accumulations of centuries and completely changed all economic and political currents.

In addition, it inherited the results of eight years of riotous waste, gross mismanagement and class legislation. Over so much was expected of this Congress, it was inevitable that all expectations were not realized. The work was so great and so complete that it could not be cleaned up in a day or a month or a year.

It has become a custom to criticize Congress and fair criticism is not resentful. But since the beginning of this republic no Congress has been so deliberately lied about and misrepresented as the present one. The proof of this is in its record, which is made up and cannot be denied or minimized.

The Congress tackled the task of reconstruction promptly. Almost immediately it re-enacted the budget law, which the previous Republican Congress had passed only to have a Democratic President veto it. This was the first and the essential step toward putting the nation's business on an economical and orderly basis. It was easily the most epochal piece of business legislation which has been enacted within this generation.

It enacted no destructive, paternalistic, class sectional legislation. On the other hand, no Congress in time of peace ever enacted so much constructive, national, helpful legislation.

No Congress ever came into power with a greater problem to be carried out. No Congress has ever enacted a greater percentage of legislation promised by the administration and requested of the legislative branch by the executive.

It has not been a "do nothing" Congress, as falsely charged. No Republican need or will apologize for it. Its record is not on the defensive. It will go before the country and receive endorsement and a commission to continue in power. The people are not going to stop the magnificent work it has so well begun. They are not going to lose the advantage it has gained. They are not going to return the Democratic party to power, and thereby restore the evil conditions in public and private affairs which this Congress has so largely corrected.

A Lack of Gratitude.

Editor Charlotte Observer: You have been very good to me indeed both by giving me money and by printing my letters to others, that I regret to call on you to publish another letter.

Sunday July 16th will be the sixth anniversary of the great flood that washed away the Catawba River bridge, and Monday the 17th will be the sixth anniversary of my trip in the boat to rescue the six men from the tree tops.

I just want to take this opportunity to remind my friends of this event, and to thank all who have given me anything. I am still just a poor negro and will certainly appreciate anything anyone wishes to do for me.

As I said above on that occasion I saved the lives of six men. Only one of them, Mr. J. A. Killian, Knoxville, Tenn., remembers me, and every once in awhile sends me money and other things.

Thanking you very much for your kindness in bringing this to the attention of my friends, I am, Very respectfully yours, A. L. (FONS) ROSS, Belmont, N. C.

(We print the above to show how some people fail to show gratitude to those who may have favored them. This humble, needy negro, it seems, saved the lives of six persons and only one of the six remember him. Christ referred to this spirit in one of his healing incidents, inquiring as to where were the others, as only one had come to give thanks. We heard ex-Gov. R. B. Glenn say once, that when he was Gov. error, that one of the men he had pardoned, not one ever came to the executive mansion, or by word or letter, returned thanks for executive clemency. It is "man's inhumanity to man that makes countless thousands mourn." We should be more appreciative. It affords some satisfaction to those who express kindness, by word or deed.)—Local Editor.

How He Beat Hard Times.

"There hain't nuthin' special in the paper today," replied an acquaintance who had been interrogated by Toke Wolford of the Owl Gulch, Arkansas neighborhood, "except that it says four million folks will starve to death in Riochilly this winter if they don't get help."

"Well, they ort to starve, if they ain't got no better sense than to stick right there in Riochilly when times is thataway," was the disgusted answer. "When things get to such a pass with me that it looks like something has got to be did I hook up the hosses, pour a gourdful of water on the fire, call the dogs, and take the family over to Oklahoma to visit my wife's kin."—Saturday Evening Post.

Exegesis.

"To the law and to the testimony!" As to the bonus, see Luke 3: 14: "And the soldiers likewise demanded of him (John the Baptist) saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely, and be content with your wages."

As to the strikers, see Psalm 144: 14: "That there be no complaining in our streets."—Reader in N. Y. Tribune.

John Wanamaker Asks.

What are the true marks of a good friend? To cheer you in well-doing. To warn you in danger. To give you courage to do better. To assist you with useful information. To point out to you your mistakes. To tell you of their own experiences. What a happy world this would be if we were all eager to help each other!—John Wanamaker, June 17, 1922.

Unions Have 7 Banks.

The big international labor unions now have seven banks in full operation, with nearly a dozen more in process of organization.

Yellowstone park is 62 miles long and 54 miles wide.

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