

News and Comment

By J. M. Fleming

We often wonder why a certain type of newspapers delight in taking a part of their space to tell the preachers how to preach. They get enough theological shucks elsewhere. It is amazingly surprising that the modern refinery doesn't make out a program for the angels. We are not yet ready to believe the Almighty has ever yet made a mistake in calling men to preach the gospel, and we further believe that those whom He calls answer and go to the task, and that they are cared for and protected while thus engaged.

"Cyclone Mack" got good money for his services in Greensboro and we hope he may have continued success in several other places until he shall be made able to pay up his bankruptcy. It hurts the cause for a preacher to be in debt even though the courts declare him insolvent. The people just won't forgive him.

For our part, we hate to hear people criticising President Coolidge for not being a member of the church. That is a matter strictly between him and the Master. We should be glad to know that he was a Christian and identified with the church as was the lamented Harding, but he is not the only President that was not a member.

We hope that at no distant day the presidency of our country may be made easier. It has gotten to be so burdensome that, instead of having a man to look after the affairs of our nation with comparative ease, his life is in jeopardy from beginning to end.

Yes, Lieutenant Governor Cooper should resign his office. If he will not do so the good old State of North Carolina should show him the way to the back door. We are real sorry for him. It may be that Mr. Cooper is sincere and innocent. He may not knowingly have done any wrong. To resign as Lieutenant Governor would not necessarily be admitting his guilt, but it would show that, guilty or not guilty, he is unwilling to see the fair name of his State encroached upon. Somewhere there is wrong. Somebody is to blame and he is under censure.

It makes us sorry to see men playing hide and seek with their lives in flying machines. They are a failure. In the long ago men undertook to build a tower by which to climb up into heaven and the Almighty came down and overthrew it and made it impossible for them to proceed further with their plans. He meant to show men they could not get into His heaven by means of their own invention. If He had wanted men to fly He would have given them wings. Maybe the time hasn't come yet in the process of evolution for the wings to appear.

Mr. Q. T. Williams and family have our most sincere and deepest sympathy in the loss of the good wife and mother. May great grace be upon each one of them in these hours of isolation and sorrow.

Our meeting of days will begin at Oakdale the 3rd Sunday. Rev. J. L. Shinn, D. D., of Linwood has promised to come and preach. Everything is in shape for a good meeting.

It was an exquisite pleasure and privilege to spend an afternoon and night recently in the splendid home of our good and long-time friend Mr. W. C. Townsend, of route No. 6 from Lumberton. He is a most excellent man and has a fine farm and very attractive home. A married daughter and her husband live with him and an unmarried son. Their lives seem most pleasant and agreeable together. We just wanted to stay a whole week right there with them. Mr. Townsend has a son, Mr. Bunnie, in the U. S. navy who is doing well, we were glad to hear. Some years ago we had a most delightful pastorate with the church at Raft Swamp, of which Mr. Townsend and his children are all members. It has been six years since the good wife went home to glory. Everybody in all that section of good old Robeson is our friend and we just wish we might have time to visit each family again. We were glad to hear good things about the present pastor, Rev. Mr. Paul, and the church.

Nice, Sept. 3.—Isaac R. Strayhorn, of Durham, N. C., who was injured when a sight-seeing bus fell over a 300-foot precipice near Guil-laumes last month, died suddenly here today from the effects of a blood clot on the brain. He underwent a trephining operation ten days ago.

Whipping Out The Weevil
The American Cotton Association, of which Harvie Jordan is managing director, has this year operated 933 demonstration farms and in this year's issue of Cotton News, Mr. Jordan is giving summary results. The farms are scattered through eleven States and, on every farm the work is being carried on to the end of the season, except in less than half a dozen cases where the crop was practically destroyed by hurricanes, bad stands or sudden loss of labor. The gratifying feature of the campaign is found in the success of weevil control and the prospect to date of a splendid yield of cotton per acre on all of the demonstration farms. Many of the operators, under the simple, practical, yet effective methods employed, feel assured of harvesting from one to one and a half bales of cotton to the acre on their test plots.

The weevil fighters seem to have proved that it is possible to conquer the pest, but the important point is that the work must be started in time. What Mr. Jordan has to say along this line ought to be impressed upon the mind of every cotton farmer. The time to begin fighting the weevil is the time the farmer generally "knocks off work" for the year. It is in the Fall, as soon as the cotton crop is picked out. Then the farmer has a chance to get at the weevil and destroy him before he has an opportunity to burrow in for protection against frost. The line of fight is to either turn the stalks under with tractors or turn plows, or plow the stalks out so that they will die before frost. If this is done, advises Mr. Jordan, all adult weevils and grubs in the field will die. The farmer is advised to keep the ditch banks terraced and hedgerows around the cotton field clean with hoes or burning. Do not plant cotton next year where cotton grew this year. Rotate the crops. Thousands of weevils will come out of their long winter's sleep next Spring and die of hunger looking for cotton in the same field they left a few months before. Old weevils do not live, on an average, longer than a week to 10 days after they come out of hibernation in the spring, unless they find young cotton to feed upon. Burn out old stumps and destroy dead trees near cotton fields.

The clean, well kept farm is a very unattractive place for a weevil to hang around on in the winter months. Don't wait until next Spring to begin the weevil control campaign, but do all the damage possible to the insects before they leave the fields this season. Plant this year's cotton fields in small grain or prepare them for corn and velvet beans or peanut crops next Spring. Put your next year's cotton on the other side of the farm where other crops grew this year.

The farmer who does this may contemplate the casting, cultivation and picking of the crop of 1924 with a comparatively untroubled state of mind.—Charlotte Observer.

THE COST OF CRIME
(From The Winston-Salem Journal). Speaking of deficits, the biggest leak is not in wasteful expenditure of the people's money, but in the expense of crime. Every year, it is estimated that crime costs the American people \$3,000,000,000 — or roughly, \$30 for every man, woman and child in the entire country. This is the estimate by the National Surety Company, which bonds employes who handle money—cashiers, treasurers, etc. It is only part of the real bill, of course, for it covers only the visible or reported crimes. Petty thefts, which never get publicity, never are called to attention of public officials, must mount up to a staggering sum each day.

What do you think is the most costly form of crime? Stock frauds, answers Cromwell, president of the New York Stock Exchange. He figures that swindling by the sale of securities costs the American people \$1,000,000,000 a year, or a third of total cost of crime. Fraudulent bankruptcies get away with \$400,000,000 a year. Based on police estimates, the National loss from burglary, larceny and general petty thefts is only a fourth as much as the stock swindlers.

Embezzlers make off with \$100,000,000 a year. Forgers get about the same. A fourth of this amount covers railroad freight thefts. Bonding companies' books show that between 1910 and 1922 the losses from burglaries increased 1,200 per cent, while embezzlement's jumped 500 per cent. These figures are based on money losses. The average criminal job, of course, involves more money than it used to. Putting it on a straight dollar and cent's basis, and eliminating moral considerations, the theft of \$200 today is equivalent to the theft of \$100 before the war. Even thieves have to figure on the increased cost of living.

A prominent expert attributes the increase in financial crimes to discontent, envy, unemployment, desire for luxury beyond earning capacity, carelessness of people whose funds are stolen, unfairly low pay and "widespread disrespect for property rights and law, caused partly by the World War." The last reason may be the most important one. Comparing the National crime bill with the total income of the American people, about \$1 in each \$15 or \$20 that is produced by honest effort is stolen by the parasites.

Bound to Disintegrate
"The development and progress of the Klu Klux Klan is stopped and disintegration is setting in throughout the entire bounds of the invisible empire, due to lack of leadership and constructive programs of activity." The foregoing is a quotation which



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BENTONVILLE
A great many people who know little or nothing about Bentonville, N. C., will be reading up on its history with information that a monument marking the spot of the last Confederate victory of the war is to be dedicated in October. The BMatte of Bentonville was in fact the last of the struggle. In the vicinity to this day bones of Federal soldiers slain in the fight are occasionally uncovered. Bentonville has figured only slightly in the histories of the war, yet it was one of the bloodiest fights since Bethel, remarkable for casualties considering the comparatively few men engaged on each side. Doctor Alexander Graham, veteran now, was a boy soldier in the fight, and unless he should find time to write a story of the engagements and the incidents, some of the most valuable and entertaining of all war literature will die with him.—Charlotte Observer.

Drink Water If Kidneys Bother

Take a Tablespoonful of Salts if Back Pains or Bladder is Irritated

Flush your kidneys by drinking a quart of water each day, also take salts occasionally, says a noted authority, who tells us that too much rich food forms acids which almost paralyze the kidneys in their efforts to expel it from the blood. They become sluggish and weaken; then you may suffer with a dull misery in the kidney region, sharp pains in the back or sick headache, dizziness, your stomach sours, tongue is coated, and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine gets cloudy, full of sediment, the channels often get sore and irritated, obliging you to seek relief two or three times during the night.

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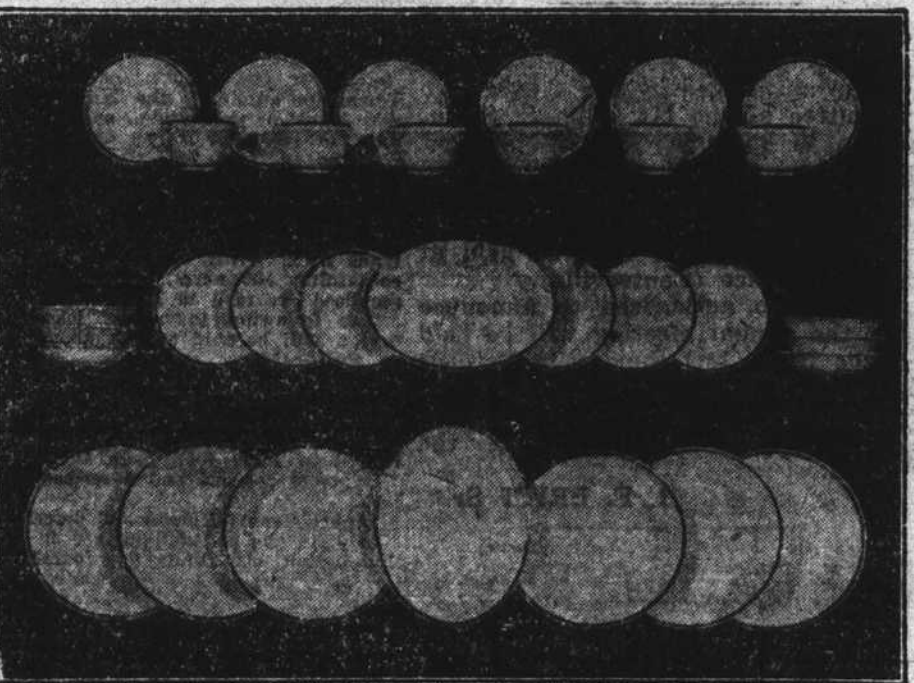


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