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The influence of weekly newspapers on public opinion exceeds that of all other publications in the country.—Arthur Brisbane.

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A group of Washington physicians has been observing a man who has been laughing steadily for 25 years, although Congress has been out session at frequent intervals during that time.

—Boston Herald

The Zangara gent's counsel, adopting the only course open, will make a plea of "insanity," but even that plea is not at all likely to give the anarchist the freedom of the country. Might as well turn the jungle's most ferocious beast at large among the people.

—Charlotte Observer.

The State Senate came near making it against the law for members to hold positions they helped create. What sort of a Legislature are they having down there anyway.

—Greensboro (N. C.) Record.

The all-wise weather prophets who laughed at the groundhog's prediction are wearing a sickly grin these days.

—Stanly News and Press.

Free speech is one of the great blessings of the American people and will continue to be such until someone starts compulsory listening.

—Milwaukee Sentinel.

A Chinese bandit is a Chink who doesn't know the Japanese for "Yes, Sir."

—News and Times (Thomasville, N. C.)

New Mexico baby was born with teeth. Now your radio will tell you which dentifrice produced the wonder.

—The Elkin, (N. C.) Tribune.

"It is a wrecking crew," says Senator Dickenson speaking of the Democratic party. Certainly. The people summoned it last November to come out and clean up the wreck the Republicans have made of government. They'll clean up the mess after March 4th.

—News and Observer.

Judge Wilson Warlick hit the nail on the head when he told a blockader in the Rowan Superior Court that two pure bred cows made a better investment than a whiskey still.

SAVE THE RINGNECK PHEASANT

A special state statute forbids the killing of all pheasants in Rowan County for a period of five years. The act provides a minimum penalty of \$25.00 and the costs for each violation. Yet in spite of this law many pheasants are reported to have been shot and killed during the past year in this county. This is particularly discouraging to those who have spent time and money in attempting to stock the county with pheasants. Many farmers and sportsmen have reared these gallant birds and liberated them so that they might increase and multiply in our woods and fields. There were probably 300 ringneck pheasants in the county last year, but present reports show that in spite of a good breeding season the birds have not increased. In fact, some careful observers believe that they have actually decreased. For example two young

men reared and liberated about twenty-five birds of the ringneck variety, in Franklin Township, a year or more ago. These birds hatched out their eggs. One hen was seen with eleven half grown chicks late last summer. A single cock bird is said to be the sole survivor of this covey. What became of the others? Empty shot gun shells and feathers on the ground tell the mute tale.

The ringneck pheasant (Phasianus torquatus) is a bird worth protecting. A native of western Asia, he is hardy enough to make the grade in any climate. His natural habitat ranges from the frozen wastes of Western Siberia to the tropical jungles of Indo-China. He is primarily insectivorous and prefers insects to all other feed. In the winter season he lives mostly on weed seeds, having a particular fondness for ragweed seed. He does not like corn and refuse to eat it in captivity if he can get anything else. In a mixed scratch feed, such as is usually fed to chickens, he eats first any small seeds in the feed, then the grain, last the corn. Prepared pheasant feeds are usually made up of seeds. As an insect and weed seed destroyer his value to farmers is incalculable. The chief thing against this magnificent game bird is the alleged charge that he may invade the barnyard and knock the stuffing out of the farmer's chicken rooster. This may have occurred in isolated cases but it is probably of very rare occurrence.

Save the ringneck and cut down the insects.

NO LICENSE

Public sentiment in North Carolina may force the repeal of our existing prohibition laws. However, it is not likely that any majority of our people will advocate a return of conditions that will permit any Tom, Dick or Harry to sell alcoholic liquors, whether these liquors be beer or wine, by merely paying a twenty-five dollar license for the privilege.

One of the greatest elements of course in the liquor traffic has been that of private profit. When liquor legally comes back, if it does, it should be a State monopoly in which every dollar of profit goes into the coffers of the state. No private individual should be allowed to make a copper cent out of the sale of any alcoholic beverage, unless the same be a salary paid by the state for his service.

The state should control the matter just as the United States government controls the sale of postage stamps or the French government controls the sale of tobacco. Kill the element of private profit in the liquor traffic and the majority of its political exiles will disappear. The State needs neither licensed saloon keepers nor unlicensed bootleggers to solve the problem. The strict control of government monopoly is the best solution offer so far.

THE NATION'S PRESIDENT

In a few days—barring any unforeseen circumstance—Franklin D. Roosevelt will take office as Chief Executive of the United States. More truly than any other man of modern times he may be called the nation's President.

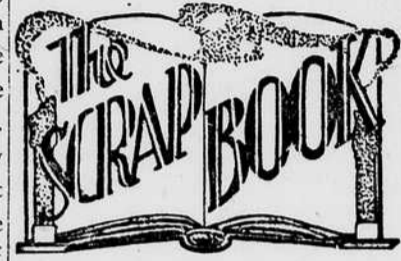
He was elected by a great and sweeping national movement. His mandate was perfectly clear. Almost every State in the Union showed that a majority of its citizens wished him to undertake the task of restoring order, if possible, to a perturbed and disordered country. Nobody doubts his sincere desire to do so; few believe that he will be ruled by political expediency. His ability has been tested in the fires of the Governorship of New York, to which he was re-elected by an astonishing plurality. He will enter the White House with no rash promises to keep, and wholly untrammelled by sectional obligations. In that sense, also, he will be the President of the whole people.

Mr. Roosevelt faces a colossal job. No President since Lincoln has been confronted with a grimmer

array of unfavorable facts to deal with. But, as was not the case with Lincoln, the whole country wishes him well.

These are times when a President is to be upheld by all the people in whatever of advantage to them he undertakes. We believe that that is the feeling toward Governor Roosevelt. We think that there is a general disposition to hold up his hands and give him a fair show as he tackles the job to which he has been called. And we are convinced that party lines are pretty well obliterated—for the time, at any rate—in this support and encouragement.

The President, with all his limitations of power, has a vast and far-reaching influence on the affairs of the country. As a nation's President, Governor Roosevelt enters upon the scene accompanied by the wishes of all that this influence be for the good of every citizen.



A CERTAIN young HUSBAND RIGHT here IN SALISBURY ARRIVED HOME much LATER THAN usual "FROM THE office" THE OTHER night, so HE TOOK off his shoes BEFORE HE entered his HOME. AS he stole into THE BEDROOM, his wife BEGAN TO stir. Panic STRICKEN HE hurried TO THE baby's cradle AND BEGAN TO rock it VIGOROUSLY. "WHAT are YOU DOING there, Sam?" QUERIED HIS wife. "I've BEEN SITTING here for NEARLY TWO hours trying TO GET this baby to SLEEP," HE growled. "Why SAM," REPLIED his wife. "I'VE GOT him HERE IN the bed with me." I THANK YOU.

COMMENTS

BLIND OPTIMISM WORSE THAN PESSIMISM

To The Editor: Are we not in danger of advocating too strongly some of the activities of our State while ignoring the perils which even the best minds admit threaten us. While millions of Americans are without income, and millions more out of employment with their children suffering so tragically from undernourishment in body that their minds are in no condition to take an education, are we not unwise in opposing any further reduction in the salaries of school teachers and school officials? Have we not also become obsessed with the idea that there shall be no reduction in the expense of and appropriation for our highways? And in regard to our highways, should not there be more regulation in the weight of load and taxation as applied to the huge motor trucks which are crumbling, cracking and damaging our hard surfaced roads in so many, many places? No one is opposed to doing all that can be done within reason for both schools and highways, but should we not in these trying times refuse to appropriate a single unnecessary penny for even such

TEXAS SOCIETY OF NORTH CAROLINA

The Texas Society of North Carolina, an organization including in its membership former students of the University of Texas and other Texans now residing in North Carolina, has in previous years made a practice of celebrating the second of March—Texas Independence Day—with a banquet at which Texas songs are sung, and the members entertain one another with reminiscences of experiences had before and since leaving Texas. Two such banquets have been held in the King Cotton Hotel at Greensboro, and one in the Carolina Inn at Chapel Hill. The latter celebration was featured with a debate between a visiting team from the University of Texas and one representing the University of North Carolina.

For various reasons it has been found impossible to arrange a dinner to celebrate the second of March this year, but a banquet may be held next year. All former students of the University of Texas, and all other Texans now living in North Carolina who might attend the next celebration, are invited to send their addresses to Prof. C. C. Rice, Catawba College, Salisbury, N. C., or to Mr. John A. McCurdy, Executive Secretary, Ex-students' Association of the University of Texas, 2300 San Antonio St., Austin, Texas.

causes as schools and highways when many noted thinkers are warning us that there are mutterings of the populace which we cannot afford to ignore. The millions of unemployed who are discouraged, undernourished and under-clothed, cannot be expected to have patience with unnecessary appropriations for even schools and highways. Is not this the time of all times to allow teachers, schools superintendents, highway officials, highway employes, all State employes and State officials to show their patriotism by their willingness to share the common lot of their fellow citizens so many of whom do not have even the necessities of life.

Pessimism is a vertiable blight and is inexcusable, but is not blind optimism worse? L. S. WEBB, M. D.

OPPOSES BOTH HUSBAND AND WIFE WORKING

To The Editor: Why is it every time the assembly meets a poor school teacher is pounced upon to help balance the budget and the girls that work for the state too for a mere sum of less than \$100 per month? One way to clear this up is to put a stop to married women and their husbands both working. If this was done even in Raleigh the school teachers in North Carolina would not have to be cut one cent. Take out every married woman in North Carolina where her husband is making \$100 (for there are thousands living and supporting families on far less than that) per month and not stop in Raleigh, but rid North Carolina of it. So many girls in the state today are trying to work to pay for their education. But a girl marries, keeps her job right on—her husband works—yes, they live. No wonder North Carolina is behind in education. Clear the legislative halls of the married women first, for charity begins at home, then take Raleigh and do the same thing. We would see a vast difference. Let the poor school teacher have a rest for God knows they have enough to contend with in the school room. The school teachers, 99 per cent come from the country and there is where a major part of the tax comes from to support these high salaried office holders and their wives—drawing almost what their husbands get.

While we are praying we should remember and ask our Lord for more Stacy Wades in this special matter. —Mrs. L. W. Brantley.

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Into Harness Again

By Albert T. Reid



PRESIDENTS . . . and Double-O

Franklin Roosevelt is the third successive President to have a double "o" in his name. He is also the third President whose surname is the same as that of one of his predecessors. We have had two President Adams two President Harrisons' and now two President Roosevelts.

Mr. Roosevelt is the third President of Dutch descent, Martin Van Buren and Theodore Roosevelt being the other two. He is likewise the third President elected in his fifty-first year.

If there is luck in odd numbers President Roosevelt ought to have plenty of it.

MASONS as Presidents

President Franklin Roosevelt is the thirteenth member of the Masonic Order to be President of the United States. I have often heard some of my Masonic brethren say that every President has been a Mason, but that is not true.

Washington was Master of his Lodge. Monroe, Jackson, Polk, Buchanan, Johnson, Garfield, McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, Taft and Harding were Masons. There is no Masonic record to prove that Jefferson was a member of the Order, but there is collateral evidence which is taken and accepted Masonically as indicating that he was. Mr. Taft was not a Mason before he was elected, but the Grand Lodge of Ohio made him a "Mason at sight," between his election and his inauguration.

President Roosevelt was recently initiated into one of the Masonic societies, the Tall Cedars of Lebanon. RELIGION of Presidents President Roosevelt will be the ninth member of the Protestant Episcopal Church to be President of the United States. It is a curious thing that this small denomination should have had more representatives in the White House than any of the other branches of the Christian Church. There are less than two million Episcopalians in America compared with nearly eight million Baptists, but only one President, Harding, was a Baptist.

There are nearly twenty million Roman Catholics and none has ever been President. One President, Coolidge, was a Congregationalist, one, Garfield, a member of the Disciples of Christ, one, Hoover, a Quaker, two, Van Buren and Theodore Roosevelt, belong to the Dutch Reform Church. Both the Adamases, Filmore and Taft, were Unitarians. Johnson, Grant and McKinley were Methodists. Jackson, Polk, Buchanan, Benjamin Harrison and Woodrow Wilson were Presbyterians. The Episcopalians include Washington, Madison, Monroe, William Henry Harrison, Tay-

lor, Pierce and Arthur. I don't imagine it makes any particular difference to what church the President belongs. Two of them, Lincoln and Coolidge had never been members of any church before they became President. But every President of the United States has been a deeply religious man, as every man must be if he is to command the confidence of the people.

GRANDFATHERS a few

Although one of the youngest Presidents, Mr. Roosevelt is one of the few who were grandfathers when they were elected. Mr. Hoover was also a grandfather, Not from then back for nearly a hundred years I cannot find a record that any President was a grandfather at the time of his election. Washington had no children at all. Johnson Adams and Jefferson were grandfathers, and so I believe was Monroe. William Henry Harrison, who lived but a month after his inauguration, has a grandson who later became President, but I believe there was no other President than those I have named who had grandchildren at the time of his election.

Mrs. Warren Harding was a grandmother, through her son by her first marriage. Not that any of that is important but I set it down as of possible interest while we are talking about the new President.

BLUE inaugural gown Thirty years ago a President's daughter gave her name to a new shade of blue. "Alice Blue" was so named because it was the favorite color of Alice Roosevelt, now Mrs. Nicholas Longworth.

Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt has given her name to another new shade of blue. It is called "Eleanor Blue" and she will wear a costume of this color at her first White House reception on March 4. It is described as a shade of hyacinth blue, between a gray-blue and a blue-gray—if anybody knows what that means.

If this starts the women of America to buying new dress materials it will be a good thing for the revival of business.

CO-EDS KNEES GET COLD

Salt Lake City.—Miss Blanche Henderson predicts a flair for long skirts and woolen stockings at the University of Utah unless spring comes soon. Co-eds' frozen knees are the basis for her prediction.

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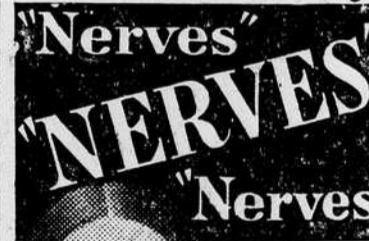


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