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

POPULATION DAT	CA.
(1930 Census)	
Salisbury	_16,951
Spencer	
E. Spencer	_ 2,098
China Grove	_ 1,258
Landis	_ 1,388
Rockwell	
Granite Quarry	_ 507
Cleveland	
Faith	_ 431
Gold Hill	
(Population Rowan Co.	

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 1936 EVIDENCES OF RECOVERY

stocks and bonds by the buyers and fire.

For every barrel of sap boiled sellers on the New York Stock Ex-down you get about a gallon of the roads stopped giving out passes change. That is not to say that maple syrup. Boiling the syrup to newspaper men. prices at which stocks sell always down still more, leaves a residue of reflect the actual values behind sugar, which is worth in trade at KING styles them. What they do reflect defi-pound. The owners of the biggest business community as to whether sugar under their own brands, for business is improving, so that the the city markets. stocks which they buy will have a higher value, or whether it is fall-

this year there had been 11 conse- had the temperament and disposirise began, in March last year, the agronomists of the agronomists of the great drug manufactural strategy is began, in March last year, the life try another.

However, I take my hat off to ginning to develop. Nobody the ginning to develop the ginning to develop. Nobody the ginning to develop the ginning to develop. Nobody the ginning to develop. Nobody the ginning to develop the ginning to develop the ginning to develop the ginning to develop. Nobody the ginning to develop the ginning to d to \$119.21 a share. Three years ing house of Parke, Davis & Comago every bank in the United States pany, who has just celebrated the was closed. Since that time the 50th anniversary of his connection herself well-dressed unless she had a crime he didn't do. I can't de-concern only his reelection. average increase in the price of with the same concern. He startstocks has been 136 per cent.

Last year on all of the registered been the head of the business for national security exchanges 661 fourteen years. million shares of stocks changed hands. It is foolish to regard these FARE and passes stock transactions as pure gambling. mission has ordered all the Eastern A fair percentage of stock trading railroads to reduce their passenger is done by speculators, but the vast fares to two cents a mile, with anmajority of these transactions are other cent for the privilege of ridpurchases by investors of dividend-ing in a Pullman car. This is paying securities, which enable them to earn more than bank interest on their surplus funds. They New York and Chicago from buy stocks and bonds rather than \$32.17 to \$18.17, and other trips real estate because of the existence in proportion. of the stock exchanges, providing an open market in which any listed se-

diately at a price. ine business recovery, and that the trains, even in the summer tourist world of business believes in it, is season, over 100-mile stretches with the evidence provided by the record not one more than a dozen passenof the stock exchanges during the gers to a car except at week-ends. past 11 months.

THOSE AMAZING JAPANESE

To the American mind nothin that has occurred in recent year has been so amazing as the story from Japan of the assassination of several of the nation's high officials by hot-headed young army officers. The workings of the Oriental mind are beyond the power of most of us to follow. Apparently the soldiers who slew their statesmen were merely trying to protest against the anti-militaristic policy of the government, which has attempted to restrain the army's activities in Manchuria and Mongolia. It was a demonstration against the growing control of Japan by industry and finance, instead of by the military caste. The leaders of the movement regard themselves as patriots

Carolina Watchman bent on restoring the ancient sys-

One authentic tale of true herosm comes over the cables. The assassins were reported to have killed the premier of Japan, Keisuke Okada. Three days later Premier Okada turnd up, alive and unharmed. The man whom the rebels had killed at his house was his brother- HARD TO know what to expect law and secretary, Col. Denzo Matsuo, who looked so much like the FROM THE ladies. If you are premier that, when he offered himself for sacrifice, there was no doubt about his identity. That incident reveals another phase of the Oriental mind, its indifference to GOOD PLAN to keep your eyes human life, even its own.

Altogether, the Japanese episode OPEN. YOU might be taken suggests that the nation is far from being a unit in its aggressive policy of conquest on the Asiatic main-

TODAY AND **TOMORROW**

FRANK PARKER STOCKBRIDGE

SAP the season

It's "sugaring-off" time now, up in my home county of Berkshire. They are tapping the maple trees in every "sugar bush." It's great fun -and profitable, too. The average maple tree yields about 25 gallons of sap. It is gathered in buckets-old-timers still use the old wooden "sap-pails"—and poured The best index of the state of into barrels on sleds, which the oxen business confidence at any time is or horses draw to where the big the values which are placed upon iron sap-kettle stands over the log

SUCCESS one business

I am always interested in men stocks, fearing that they will dimin- worked up to the top in one busi- them. The immediate result was to die. ness. Perhaps they are more in-Up to the end of February in teresting to me because I have never

dent of the great drug manufactur-out so suddenly. I imagine the did some. I went myself.

The Interstate Commerce Com-

It is the idea that the lower rate will induce more people to travel, and I am inclined to think that is curity can always be sold imme- true. The biggest passenger-carrying road in New England, which The very best evidence of a gnu- is the New Haven, runs many

jected to paying railroad fares since



MOTHIN' BOTHERS US SO MUCH AS T'HAVE SOME ONE INTERFERE WITH OUR LOAFING.



New York-A short squat man SINCE THIS is leap year, it is who helped decide a State election after he was hanged 52 years ago, came out of the bayous of Mississippi recently to describe how it feels to "die." William Isaac Purvis, of Purvis, NOT MARRIED, and you are a MAN, IT would be a pretty

WITH OUR story in order that

WE MAY justify our warning.

FIRST LASS. "Let's

TITHES . . . abolished

or a long time.

ny church.

10 INJURED IN GAS BLAST

give one-tenth, or a "tithe" of his

I THANK YOU.

Miss., was hanged Feb. 7, 1894, because they said he shot and killed Will Buckley. They led him to the steps of the yellow pine gallows, strapped his arms and legs and wrapped a thick silk bandage around his eyes.

"Have you anything to say?" UNAWARES. BUT let us be on they asked. Purvis choked back the tears, because he was 19 and had much to live for, and answered:

"Before God I am innocent." They cut the rope which sprang the trap door and Purvis plunged It HAPPENED right here on Main down to what should have been his death. But the knot slipped or un-STREET THE other night. "I'm tied-no one remembers now-and Purvis crashed eight feet to the SURE THERE'S a man following ground.

The tough hemp rope seared his US", SAID one girl to another as neck, tearing the flesh, and Purvis collapsed, unconscious. A prison THEY WALKED up the more or deputy scratched "executed Feb. 7, 1894" after Purvis' name, but the LESS DARK street. "Gosh, what 62-year-old Bayou farmer lives today as the world's only executed SHALL WE do?" asked the second prisoner who can discuss his own GIRL. "I'LL tell you," said the

Will Buckley was killed from ambush June 22, 1893, while riding back from Columbia, Miss., with his brother Jim, where they told a grand jury how the Ku Klux Klan had beaten a Negro to death.

Purvis was a member of the 'White Caps" and that same night he was arrested at his home near the litical customs. town named after his family. Jim Buckley said he recognized a figure doesn't play ball with politicians, King Edward is starting out to through bushes as Purvis.

nitely, however, is the belief of the "sugar-bushes" pack their own British Empire products as he was degree murder and sentenced to die be just as good a salesman for Purvis was found guilty of first politicians don't like him. when he was Prince of Wales: He Sept. 6, but an appeal was carried THE POLITICAL SITUATION went to a commercial exhibit of to the State Supreme Court and the Empire-made goods the other day execution was delayed. Then the have its mind pretty well made up He stopped at a booth where they court affirmed the verdict and the that Governor Landon of Kansas is were showing pipes made on the execution was set for Feb. 7, 1894, going to be the Republican nomi- pressing regret over the recent ta.

> that the Malta pipe makers were Purvis, a ruddy-faced man with keep them busy for a year and a his slow halting speech.

ing prices of securities on the na- faster than that, and if there were the ladies had stopped wearing them crowd. They were just a blur of in regard to Mr. Landon. tion's Stock Exchanges. Since the too many above me on one ladder, in their hats. A big boon in os- faces. Maybe I was sobbin', I The Democratic strategy is be- cinct committees and to have coun-

> war had something to do with it. I two or three "willow plumes" in scribe it, I just suddenly felt all ed in as an office boy when he was her hat, which cost \$15 or \$20 alone and cold, and a second later President himself has not the slight- have power to act and voted to seed corn situation there was the one night in a theater in Columbus, and everything went black."

in front of her. That set us back took up the story from there.

"When the crowd saw the rope slip, some of the women fainted,' McDavid said. "A strange hush fell Israel was that every farmer must screamed:

ng continued for many centuries after the beginning of the Christian vide a fund, called Queen Anne's State Supreme court."

The court, however, refused to its defects. Bounty, to support poor churches whose members could not afford to admit that Purvis was legally exepay the ministers a decent living. cuted, asserting that he "did not that he has been trying to substi- other problems. All we want to be abolished. At that time the tithes produced hang, by the neck until dead." about \$100,000 a year. They Purvis' second execution was set have grown, with the increase of for Dec. 12, 1895, but a few weeks farm incomes, to about \$11,000,000 before that date friends stormed year and the farmers of England into the jail and rescued him.

have been protesting against them For three months he remained in hiding as A. J. McClaurin, candi-The British Parliament the other date for governor, campaigned day voted to abolish the tithing across the flat water regions of system and instead provided a fund Mississippi with the commutation out of which to pay clergymen of of Purvis' sentence as one of the the Church of England whose planks in his platform. congregations could not support

McClaurin won, and when he took office the third week of 1896, I have always thought the found- Purvis surrendered. McClaurin ers of the Republic were very wise who later became U. S. Senator, n providing in the Constitution commuted the sentence, and after that there should be no relation be- Purvis served 22 months on convict tween the Federal Government and farms, granted him a full pardon.

> ROBBED OF \$55,000 IN **IEWELS**

Corpus Christi, Tex.-Ten men New York—A burglary in a 12were injured—five of them critical-

BOYS WILL BE BOYS

by A. B. Chapin



THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

(Continued from page One) cordance with long-established po-

In other words, Mr. Tugwell

Politically, Washington seems to ing off, in which case they sell their who started at the bottom and have Island of Malta, and bought one of and the 19-year-old youth prepared nee. A great deal, however, de-leath of Thomas D. Warren of New Bern four times chairman of pends upon Mr. Landon's acceptability to former President Hoover the committee. swamped with orders—enough to a barrel-sized chest, described it in and his following, and of Senator Borah and his following. Very lenburg, vice chairman, proposed abundant areas to deficient ones cutive calendar months of advanc- tion to climb the ladder a rung at half. He admired some African "I had given up all hope," he little evidence is at hand either way amendments to the party plan of at fair prices. They advised farma time. I've always tried to go ostrich feathers and wondered why said. "I really didn't see the as to where these two figures stand organization to let women be ers to test seed now, even though

> imagine anybody else heading "You can't explain the feeling a Democratic ticket this year. So to double the size of the county The high moisture content of last remember when no lady considered man has, when he's about to die for far as there are any doubts they committees, now composed only of year's crop also caused disease.

apiece or even more. I remember my feet dropped from under me est doubt. Numerous recent visi- recommend the amendments to the worst since 1917. tors to the White House, some of State convention. Ohio, when somebody stole two C. C. McDavid, a friend of Purthern friendly to him and some of Governor Ehringhaus spoke DOUGHTON DEFENDS willow plumes off my wife's hat, vis and publisher of the Percy them opposed to him, have reported briefly to the committee by inwhich she had pinned to the seat County Herald in New Augusta, unanimously his extremely cheerful vitation. He said the record of confidence that he will be reelected the party in State and nation was in November.

"This is an act of God. It is a stream of business men in and out urged a united front.

existing capitalistic system) that we go too far." the Republicans are expected to make their major fight on the Presi- Plan Drive To

OTHER ACHES

A good deal of interest is being shown in proposals to change the present method of subsidizing American shipping. It is now on method will be substituted for this tions on hand by today. resentatives on the other side.

room Park Avenue apartment left reach some of the boys on Capitol 376 applications have been denied ject by our committee to the end y-by an explosion of gasoline va- Mr. and Mrs. Kurt M. Simon minus Hill was the announcement the due to incompetency of the drivers. that the amount of revenue repor in a 30,000 barrel tank at the jewelry and a mink coat valued, other day that Columbia Universi- An average of 200 to 300 new Humble Refinery. Workmen said police said at \$55,000. The rob-ty had granted Rex Tugwell an-applications are being received raised by the most equitable meththe explosion was caused by a ber was equipped with a pass-key other year's leave of absence from daily. Besides checking as to lishort-circuit in an extension cord and a hacksaw, said police, and ap- his professional duties. There are censes, highway patrolmen will inattached to a light by which they parently rode up the front eleva- those in Congress who lack confi-vestigate brakes, steering equipdence, either in Mr. Tugwell or in ment, lights and horns on cars.

his rural rehabilitation program, which is to cost \$350,000,000. \$350,000,000 is a lot of money

and there are a good many members of either House who can put up a good argument to demonstrate that he should have something to say about having some of that money spent in his own district.

With the fund in Tugwell's and that is the real reason why the hands, the boys know it is hopeless to try to get it distributed in ac-

> DEMOCRATS TO MEET JUNE 10

(Continued from page One) New Bern, four times chairman of

Mrs. C. W. Tillett, Jr., of Meck chairmen or vice chairmen of pre-

chairmen of precinct groups, and A. J. Surratt, federal agricultur-On the point of reelection, the the committee decided it did not al statistician for Illinois, said the

one of which no Democratic or

tute Socialism or Fascism for the know is where we are going before

Enforce Driver's

ter is now a political tangle, with 660,668 permits had been issued definite view in mind of doing no the Postmaster General on one side through last Saturday, and of this injustice to any taxpayer or to any and some of the Senators and Rep- number 1,807 have been revoked legitimate industry. since last November 1 when the The most unpleasant news to act became effective. In addition, now being made of the entire sub-

Seed Shortage In Corn Belt

Des Moines, Iowa - Midwest agronomists said the corn belt faced a shortage of high quality seed corn unparalleled in years, as farmers planned their 1936 plantings, scarcely two months away.

The agricultural experts termed the situation serious in Iowa, Illinois, and Minnesota, with good seed scarce in Wisconsin, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, and South Dako-

They warned, however, against 'panic buying" asserting the soluion of the problem lay in locating and distributing the seed from tests were run in the fall.

The shortage, the agronomists the corn from properly drying

F. R.'s TAX PROGRAM (Continued from page One)

"Second, impose a graduated tax The Democratic strategy seems other citizen need have any sense on that portion of corporatin to be to cultivate the confidence of shame or sadness. He said he profits which is not distributed to One of the rules laid down in the over the 4,000 people. Then a and good will of the conservative was prepared "as a private in the stockholders in dividends. Establaws of Moses for the Children of minister leaped forward and elements in business and finance. ranks" to carry on the fight he had lish rates for this tax which will There has been quite a steady always waged for the party. He yield just about the same revenue to the government from these unincome to the temple and the priests sign of Providence that this man is of the President's office recently, In recounting progress made in distributed profits as if they had every year. The practice of tith-innocent. Shall we let him die?' at his invitation. Many of these financial, welfare, prison, and oth-been distributed and personal in-"They all shouted: "No!" and visitors have commented upon the er matters during his administra- come taxes had been paid on them. took Purvis away from the Sheriff. reassurance tone in which he has tion, the Governor commented, At the same time, make all diviera. It was revived by Queen Later he was returned because an-told them that he was trying to de- "And now we are faced with the dends received from corporations Anne of England in 1712 to pro- other appeal had been made to the stroy the capitalistic system but to problem of getting fair prices for by individuals subject to the same preserve it by attempting to cure tobacco. Those in high places in tax as any other personal incomes democracy will meet this with They are now exempt from the It is on that point (the charge courage and fairness, as they have normal tax. This exemption would

"Thus there would be only one corporation tax instead of three, double taxation would be ended and there would be one system and scheme of taxation that would affect all alike.

"These are the plain facts to bear License Law in mind about what has been proposed. It will be well to bear in mind amid all the confusing and Raleigh-An intensive drive to misleading voices that will be the basis of mail carrying con-enforce provisions of the State's raised, many of whom will speak tracts given to ships by aid of Ship- driver's license law probably will from the standpoint of self interping Board loans, at the rate of start next Monday as indications est and partianship. While I be-\$2.50 a mile, whether they carry were the Highway Safety division lieve the principle of reform emany mail or not. That some other will complete issuance of applica- braced in the President's message to be sound, it must, of course, be is reasonably certain, but the mat- Arthur P. Fulk, director, said applied constructively and with the

> A thorough and careful study is quested by the President may be od possible."

Patronize Watchman Adrer-