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The "Slickest" Swindler Perhaps That Ever Came North Carolina Way-Receives the Glad Hand as an Investor by Business Men of Greensboro, Even at Banquet.

By ANDREW JOYNER. Greensboro, N. C., Nov. 13 .- Another "confidence" man has just made the people of Greensboro wake up and take notice. Probably there has never been a bigger swindling sensation here than that perpetrated on some of our business men in the last few days, the perpetrator having laid his plans before landing in the Gate City. The chain of events connected with the affair are interesting and extend over a period of some two or three weeks at father was contemplating the location of a branch house in North Carolina, and was desirous of larning the best town in the State for the lohe best town in the Mr. Van Noppen peing one of Greensboro's most public pirited men, spoke in the highest erms of Greensboro, whereupon Mr. mith stated that he would be in this city in a few days to look the field

y made known his presence to Mr. Van Noppen, who immediately took Mr. Smith out to look for a suitable of the Chamber of Commerce, whereupon Mr. J. S. Kuykendall, secretay,
met Mr. Smith, drove him over the
city, showing him such available sites
as would suit such a plant as Mr.
Smith proposed to locate.
Things progressed smoothly

Things progressed smoothly and without event until Monday morning when Mr. Smith Intimated that he had when Mr. Smith intimated that he had decided to purchase a site shown by Mr. Van Noppen, and instructed him to have the land surveyed, stating that his father would be here on Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning. at which time he would probably close the contract for the deal, in the meantime employing Mr. W. & Brewer, one of the leading architects of the city to draw up suitable plans for the necessary building. He also purchased from Mr. Charles L. Van Noppen ed from Mr. Charles L. Van Noppen a set of "Sketches of North Carolina," in payment of which he gave a check on the Exchange Bank of Los Angeles, California, for \$100, with instructions that the books should be shipped to a friend at Garmantown shipped to a friend at Germantown, Pa., by express. Mr. Smith while in company with Mr. Van Noppen told im that on the previous Saturday he drawn on New York Exchange Bank, New York City, and endorsed by one Mr. McCarmick. Mr. Smith stated that he had several car loads of material on the way, and would need some cash and that he wanted Mr. Van Noppen to deposit his check for \$250 to his (Van Noppen's) per-sonal credit for collection, stating that Mr. Van Noppen could let him have a portion of the amount which, when summed up he estimated would be \$125.00 which would be meet his demands,

Whereupon Mr. Van Noppen having on his person a sufficient amount, paid him in cash the sum of \$125, placing Smith's check for \$250 to his personal credit for collection. Later during the day, while in conversation with Mr. Van Noppen Mr. Smith stated that Wednesday, the 11th being his father's birthday, he desired to secure a nice present for his father and was taken to the jewelry store of Mr. R. C. Bernau to whom Mr. Smith was introduced and purchased a valuable diamond ring, giving in payment his per- great progress under nts direction. sonal check drawn on the Exchange Bank of Los Angeles. Cal., for the NEW NET AND TWINE FACTORY.

About three o'clock in the afternoon Secretary J. S. Kuykendall was in conversation with Mr. Bernau, who had just received Smith's \$397 check, congratulating himself on having sold this valuable ring. Mr. Ku kendall remarked that it was rather unusual for a business man, such as Smith rep-resented himself to be, making such therity that Washington is soon to an investment and asked Mr. Bernau have a net and twine factory. A num-lif he was sure the check was good, ber of prominent business men are in-whereupon Mr. Bernau stated that as Mr. Van Noppen had introduced Mr. are now in correspondence with par-smith, stating that he was all right, ties in Boston, inquiring into the dehe felt safe that it was. Mr. Kuyken-dall suggested that for his own protection and that of Mr. Van Noppen's he thought it advisable that he wire the bank on whom the check was drawn to know if it would be honored when presented. Mr. Bernau immediately wired through one of the banks of the city and their tributaries, would mean much to the large of the city and not being able to reof the city and not being able to receive an answer until the following morning. Mr. Smith with several praspective investors who happened to be at Greensboro at this time was receiving such attentions as are usually shown prospective investors who visit the Gate City.

an invitation to attend a banquet tour with a view to establishing a given by the Merchants' Association deep sea fishing industry on that islhifn a glad hand of welcome.

up to the situation and went to the hotel at which Mr. Smith was stopping where he secured the return of his ring. Smith however expressed great surprise, but refused to take great surprise, but refused to take the check he had given Mr. Bernau in payment of the ring, stating that there was a mistake somewhere as he had money enough to pay for anything he wanted to buy, and told Mr. Bernau to deposit the check which he said would be honored and when his local bank here received notice from the Los Angeles bank to this effect that he would then secure the ring, which he still wanted.

Mr. Smith had stated several times that his father would oe in Greensboro and that he would be obliged to go to place in three forms, standing, run-Danville Tuesday morning and would ning and lying down, with a possible Danville Tuesday morning and would return on the evening of that day in company with his father, and left the hotel about nine o'clock presumably to take the 9:30 northbound train for that point. It was however learned that he did not leave the city until the afternoon. In the meantime Mr. Van Noppen was growing anxious about his \$125, but waited until the first train from Danville arrived, which brought no Smith, though the Benbow Hotel received a telegram sent from Danville by Smith, about six o'clock requesting the hotel to reserve a room for himself and his fathperiod of some two or three weeks, at which time Mr. Charles L. Van Noppen, of this city, while stopping at the Huffman House, in New York, while at supper got into conversation with a gentleman who save his name as Mr. Charles H. Smith, of Passadina, California. This gentleman spoke of the extensive slaughter houses owned and operated by his father. Mr. Sherman H. Smith, in Norfolk, Richmonth, Atlanta, Memphis, New Orleans, and most of the large Western cities, being a strong competitor of trmour & Co., Swift & Co., Curdee & Co., and others in the meat packing er, stating they were to arrive in Greensboro on the mignight train. As and others in the meat packing Greensboro was by a man who stepped Noppen was from North Caro- a telegram to the Benbow Hotel, E. S. Pollard, who was in charge of ly obeyed. At present, as I have very man he wanted to meet, as six o'clock. Smith returned to the state of the state six o'clock. Smith returned to the at 5:15 o'clock yesterday morning, had said, there is no warrant in law for northbound train and resumed his journey to Washington where it was later learned the authorities there arrested him, but for some reason his

release was effected. It is generally supposed that the same C. A. Smith is the party wanted in Oakland, Cal., fo ra murder committed in that city on April 29, 1907, fro which a reward of \$700 is offered by the authorities at that point. From all indications a well laid scheme was Mr. Smith out to look for a suitable location for the proposed plant. Mr. Smith in the meaninme, having met one of the bankers of our city, who informed the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Mr. Smith's presence and proposed plans, with the request that he be extended every courtesy of the Chamber of Commerce, where light hair, light blue eyes, rather florid complexion, his nose having been at one time broken drooping to a point slightly turning to the right. with a very small mole in the corner of the right eye next to the nose, false teeth, hair tery thin on the back of his head, almost bald, parted on the left side and combed flat to the right. When last seen was wearing a dark suit with a light vest, black stiff hat, light rough long overceat with brown collar.

Statesville Swindler in Greensboro. It has been learned that Mr. W. F. Clegg. of this city, has been Louis. Harris was here several days ago and tried to get a check cashed at the Southern ticket office for \$75. The agent refused to cash the check unless Mr. Clegg indorsed it, which he did, and the check has been re-

turned protested. Mr. E. G. Gilmer, proprietor of Hotel Iredell, of Statesville, cashed a check for \$75 for this same man, and his check was also returned protested. Upon his wiring to the Missouri Glass Company to know if Harris represented them, he received the following re-

"Don't know Harris. Some rascal has been cashing forged checks purporting to be ours, during the last two

Joy Taken to Reform School. S. Marshal Millikan left here this morning accompanied by S. E. Coletrane, of Guilford College, as guard, to take to the reform school in Washington, Grover Tabor, a white boy sentenced by Judge Boyd in Asheville to fifteen months in the institution named for breaking into a postoffice

and stealing money. Lieutenant A. Martin, of the divisional force of the Salvation Army, of Baltimore, has been placed in charge of the Greensboro corps. He arrived yesterday and held his first service last night in the Salvation Army hall. The Salvation Army will doubtless make

May Be Established at Washington President Moore to Speak Saturday-Turkey Shoot for Thanksgiving.

(Special to News and Observer.) Washington, N. C., Nov.

One of the features of entertain-ment shown Mr. Smith and others was where they went on a prospecting

of the city at the McAdoo Hotel at and. None of these gentlemen have which Mr. Smith met a number of the given out anything as to their plans, business men of the city who extended but while on the island it is known that they looked over the most ad-On Tuesday morning a telegram was received from the bank at Los Angeles that no funds sufficient to meet the check were available at that point. Mr. Bernau immediately waked

farmers of this county in the court house in this city on next Saturday, November 16th, at three o'clock. Quite a number of the most influential farmers from all over Beaufort county expect to be present at this meet-

The Washington Light Infantry Company C, National Guards, of this city, are planning a grand competitive shoot and target practice on next Thanksgiving day. A turkey will be awarded the first, second and third best shots. The contest will take score of 25 at each contest. On December 23rd Captain Rodman will award the yearly prizes to members of this company. One for the best irilling average during the past year, and the other to the most soldierly.

The Agricultural Lime Works this city, and situated on Castle Island in Pamlico river, have recently installed extensive improvements in the way of a new system of drafts to the lime kilns, which greatly facilitates and enlarges the output. This company does a large business in this city and have a daily capacity of 125 tons of

Mr. Edward L. Conn, of The News and Observer aff, who has been in this city for the past two weeks at work on the industrial edition Washington, soon to be published by The News and Observer, has returned to Raleigh. While in this city Mr. always be a welcome visitor here.

APPARENT DEATH FOR MANY. Engineer Sees Bridge on Fire Ahead of His Train Load of Passengers.

a nerve wrecking experience when his the inscription. train was nearing a trestle, three miles south of here. When his train was but a few yards from the trestle Mr. Pollard discovered the bridge to be on fire. There was no time to lose; delay, it appeared to the engineer, delay, it appeared to the engineer, and the engineer, delay, it appeared to the engineer, delay, and the engineer, delay, and the engineer delay, it appeared to the engineer, would mean the plunging of his train into the vacant space and the death or serious injury of a majority, if not all, of his passengers.

The emergency brakes were applied instantly and the engine reversed. The engine stopped about the middle of

senegr train.

MAY TAKE UP JOURNALISM. Rev. Plato Durham to Give up Minis terial Work.

(Special to News and Observer.)

the Inscription

This in Answer to Numerous Protests Against Omission of "In God We Trust" on New Gold Coins-

"Its a Custom, But-."

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Nov. 13 .- In answer to one of the numerous protests which have been received at the White House against the new gold coins, which have been coined without the words: "In God we Trust," President Roosevelt has written a letter, which is today made public. The letter follows:

"When the question of the new coinage came up we looked into the law and found there was no warrant therein for putting, 'In God we Trust' on the coins. As the custom, although without legal warrant, had grown up, however, I might have felt Conn made many friends and he will at liberty to keep the inscription had I approved of its being on the coinage. But as I did not approve of it I did not direct that it should again be put on. Of course the matter of the law is absolutely in the hands of Congress and any direction of Con-

> "My own feeling in the matter is due close to sacriligious. A beautiful and solemn sentence such as the one in question should be treated and uttered only with that fine reverence which necessarily implies a certain exaltation of spirit. Any use which tends to cheapen it, and above all, any use which tends to secure its being treated in a spirit of levity, is from every standpoint profoundly to be regretted. It is a motto, which it is indeed well to have inscribed on our great national monuments, in our temples of justice, in our legislative halls and in buildings such as those at West Point and Annapolls-in short wherever it will tend to arouse and inspire a lofty emotion in these who look thereon. But it seems to me eminently unwise to heapen such a motto by use on coins. just as it would be to cheapen it by use on postage stamps, or in adver-

"As regards its use on the coinage Charlotte, N. C., Nov. 13 .- It is ru- we have actual experience by which mored that Rev. Plato Durham, pastor to go. In all my life I never have of Trinity Methodist church of this city, and one of the most brilliant men in the North Carolina Conference, will resign his membership in the Conference now in session at Salisbury, or at least give up his ministerial work, heard it used as an occasion of, and

the sentence in question, the direction will be immediately put into effect, but I very earnestly trust that the religious sentiment of the country; the spirit of reverence in the country, will prevent any such action being taken. (Signed.)

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT." STATUE TO NATHANIEL JACOBI.

Salem Lodge of I. O. O. F. Takes the Initiative in a Movement to Honor the Father of Orphan's Home.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Nov. 13 .- At regular meeting of the Salem Lodge, to. 36, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, held last night, a movement was started for the erection of a monument to the memory of the late Mr. Nathaniel Jacobi, father of the Odd Fellows Orphans' Home at Goldsboro. Without a dissenting vote a resolution was passed by the lodge to contribute a sum of money to the erection of the statue.

The splendid work of the institution at Goldsboro is well known to all who are the least bit familiar with Odd Fellowship in North Carolina. The home has grown from year to year and many homeless and friendless children have been taken in, cared for and equipped for life's service. The records made by the children from the institution have been envious ones, Several members of the lodge made enthusiastic speeches in which they eulogized the life and character of the Lilly.

father of the home. as a committee to draft suitable in September. resolutions regarding the action of the lodge and forwarded copies of them to the press of the State: Messrs. Eugene P. Albea, W. E. Beck, W. F. Kieth, the latter being the first individual contributor.

is so conflicting, that not much credence is given to their latest state-Jenkins were implicated in the matter. well. Oma Greer swore in the trial of Kendall and Vickers, that there was a third man there, whom she did not know and who ran away. She now U. D. C.'s IN ANNUAL CONVENTION swears that man was Sam Green and to court.

DISASTROUS FIRE AVERTED.

Fayetteville Wooden Ware Company's Drq Kiln Burned—Loss Several Thousand Dollars.

(Special to News and Observer.) Fayetteville, N. C., Nov. 13.—Heroic swindled out of severty-five dollars, and will accept an editorial position incitement to the sneering ridicule of the most disastrous fires in Fayefforts saved the city today from one by R. W. Harris, who represented on the Charlotte Observer. The report which it is above all things under etteville. The dry kiln of the Fayettehimself as being a traveling man for has not yet been officially verified, sirable that so beautiful and exalted ville Wooden Ware Company, manuthe Missouri Glass Company, of St. however.

throughout the long contest extending fire about 9:15 this morning, and for over several decades on the free coin- some hours it looked very dangerous age question the existence of this for the entire neighborhood, for motto on the coins was a constant around the large factory are several source of jest and ridicule; and this dwellings. The main building, consistwas unavoidable. Every one must ing of stock rooms, machinery and remember the innumerable cartoons office were miraculously saved from and articles based on phrases like, 'In destruction by the flerce fight of the God we Trust' for the eight cents, 'In fire companies and hundreds of citi-God we Trust for the short weight,' zens who fought their way through 'In God we Trust for the thirty-seven dense smoke and dangers of falling cents we do not pay, and so forth, walls to the heart of the fire. At two Roosevelt Didn't Approve within the bounds when I say that the ruins where stood the immense dry use of the phrase which invites con- kiln and boiler house, but upon the stant levity of this type is most unde- ruins will be built a much larger sirable. If Congress alters the law structure, for the company did an imand directs me to replace on the coins mense amount of business, being probably one of the largest factories in the State for the manufacture buckets and tubs. Mr. Royal D. Jones is at the head of this concern and the loss is said to be several thousand dollars.

> BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTED Meeting of the Stockholders of the

Southern Life Insurance Company.

Fayetteville, N. C., Nov. 13 .- An adjourned meeting of the stockholders of the Southern Life Insurance Company met at 12:30 p. m. at the Odd Fellows' Hall. Mr. E. H. Williamson, president of the company, presided and Messrs, Jno. A. Oates and A. W. Peace acted as secretaries. Upon a

FELL FROM A CAR. Young Man Seriously, If Not Fatally,

this morning was to the effect ments, to the effect that Green and that the young man was resting very The young man is married and has

a family.

upon this testimony Green was bound Revision of the Constitution and By-Laws Among the Most Important Matters.

> (By the Associated Press.) Norfolk, Va., Nov. 13 .- The fourteenth annual convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy began here today for a session of four days with an attendance of several hundred delegates, including repre-sentatives from every State that formed the Confederacy, and many from other States, North, East and West. The convention was called in the auditorium in the Jamestown Exposition grounds by the president general. Mrs. Lizzle Brown Anderson, of Guifport, Miss., who made the response in the name of the Convention to addresses of welcome by President Tucker, in behalf of the management of the Jamestown Exposition; Rear Admiral Harrington, U. S. N.; Mrs. James Y. Leigh, of Norfolk, president of the Hostess chapter, and Mrs. Willem P. McKenny, of Petersburg, prespectively. Tucker, in behalf of the management

Accept Checks for Tobacco Stamps.

(Special to News and Observer.)
Winston-Salem, N. C., Nov. 13.—A committee representing the tobaccomanufacturers, bankers, and merchants' association left here tonight for Washington to confer with the Secretary of the Treasury and ask a modification of an order issued by Collector Brown, of this Internal Revenue District, requesting the stamp clerk here not to the stamp clerk here. enue District, requesting the stamp clerk here not to accept checks for to-

in the country. Business Men Urge the Legislature.

to every tobacco manufacturing town

(By the Associated Perss.)

Montgomery, Ala., Now. 13.—At a mass meeting last night of business men from all parts of the State, the legislature was urged to desist from further sttempt to pass laws that may disturb tusiness, having special relation to the proposed railroad acts. A resolution adopted requesting the members to refrain from the passage of additional legislation at this time affecting the buisness interests of the Southern Cotton Association, reports that two ty-to warehouses and holding companies have been organized, and a mmittees are working on thirty-five more in the State as a result of twelve months work. New warehouses at Burgaw, Wallace, Faison, Kount Olice, Mayes-ville, Pollocksville and T anton have just been organized. The president is now on a tour of every county growing cotton in this Ctate to encourage the farmers to build warehouses and hold their cotton.

THE WEATHER.

Maximum temperature 47 degrees; Minimum temperature 33 degrees; Total precipitation for 24 hours end-ing 8 o. 60 0.15 inches.

Round Up of Systematic Set of Theives

HORSES BURNED

Barn and Stables I estroyed by Fl

ing at Glenn School Last

(Special to News and Obscapera) and Messrs. Jno. A. Oates and A. W. Peace acted as secretaries. Upon a call a large majority of the stockholders was represented in person and by proxy.

The following board of directors was elected, being recommended by a committee of five:

A. J. James. Z. V. Pate, J. W. Carter, R. F. DeVane, W. H. Sikes, W. J. Johnson, John Blue, G. B. McLeod, J. W. McLauchlin, T. B. Upchurch, Dr. T. L. Ncrithrop, L. Shaw, Daniel Carter, A. McDowell, N. McQueen, Jno. Elliott, J. B. Carlvie, J. W. Johnson, R. D. Caldwell, J. A. Brown, H. W. Ward, J. H. Hart, John A. Oates, E. E. Williamson, Jno. G. Shaw, A. E. Rankin, R. McMillan, C. J. Cooper, Dr. J. V. McGougan, W. A. Vanstory, A. McArthur, R. G. Smith, A. H. Slocomb, A. L. McCaskill, K. M. Biggs, A. R. McEachern, John McDuffie, L. Carter, Dr. J. H. Marsh, Dr. H. W. Lilly.

The annual meetings hereafter will Durham, N. C., Nov. 13 .- Charle ather of the home.

The annual meetings hereafter will half miles west of the city, were burn be held in March instead of as now ed, this morning about 9:30 o'clock \$400. He had no insurance. had one horse that was suffering distemper and had been smokin animal with tar. It is supposed Winston-Salem, N. C., Nov. 13.—

He Was Committed to Jail on Charge of Being a Party to the Killing of Lawrence Nelson.

Lepior, N. C., Nov. 13.—Sam L. Green who was committed to Jail by Judge Ward, on the evidence of Mas Lawis and Oma Greer, on the charge of being a party to the killing of Lawrence Nelson, in September 1996, has arrived to the Killing of Lawrence Nelson, in September 1996, has arrived to much of the property of being a party to the killing of Lawrence Nelson, in September 1996, has arrived to much of the company's physician. It is feared that he is internally injured. There are no visible bruises on his body and no bones are broken.

A report from fire started from this smoking. A or time the home and outhouse of Hick

been engaged in running down a gans of thieves who preved on the clothing campairn that is on five of the thiev have been sent to the grand jury and much of the stolen goods recovered. Up to this morning, the officers had recovered a larffige number of pants that had been taken but none of the many stolen vests had been found. Today probably a dezen of these vests, all belonging to very fine suits, were found in an old ice cream free or in the rear of the Slater Co. store, from which they were taken. The res the new discovery is that another ar-rest has been made. It seems now to be a general round up of a systematic

set of thieves who have been doing business in Durham. Inspection of Whiskey Sales.
Sergeant J. W. 1. Aldridge has been detailed to make an inspection of the whiskey sales on prescription in the city for four months and to propare a report for the board of aldermen. He has been at work on the matter for several days and it will take severa days more in which to complete the work. In Durham there are three drug stores that sell whiskey on pres ident of the Virginia Division U. D. C.
The reports of the officers were then taken up. The afternoon feature was a recention at Beauvoir, a replica of the Mississippi home of Jefferson Davis, erected on the Exposition grounds by the Daughters of the Confederacy.

Among the most important matters to be considered at the present session is revision of the constitution and hy-laws, with a chrige in the time of holding the annual meetings from November to October.

OFF TO WASHINGTON.

To Ask Modification of Order Not to Accept Checks for Tobacco Stamps. There was a final raily and sping at Glenn's school tonight.

bacco stamps. The order says only currency must be accepted. If enforced the order will prove disastrous tecs—This Work of a Year.

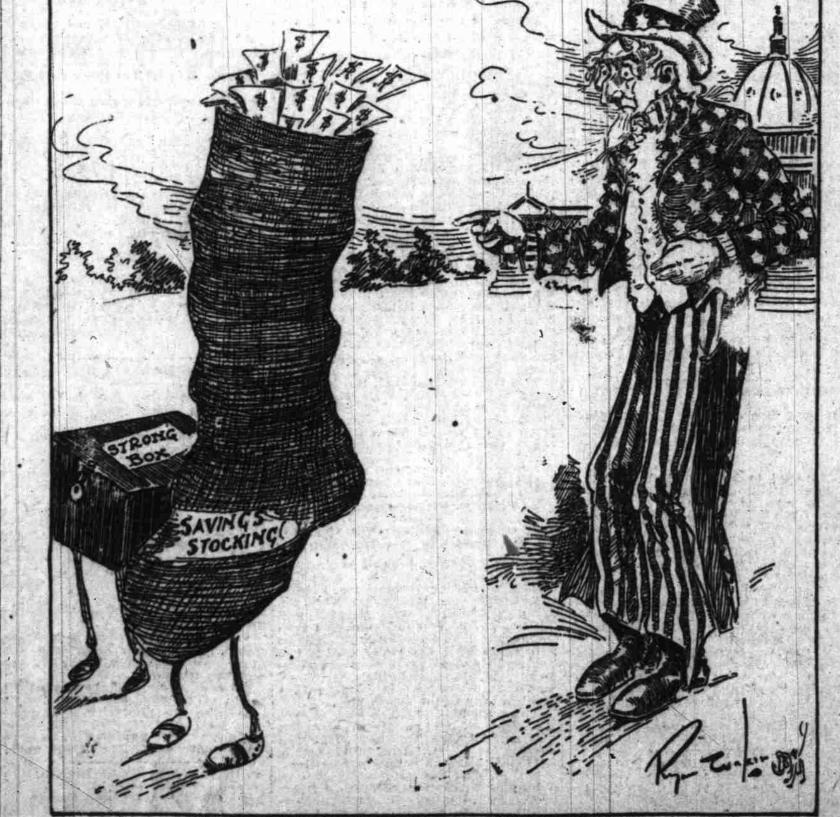
(Special to News and Observe.)
Charlotte, N. C., Nov. 11.—President
C. C. Moore, of the North Carolina Division of the Southern Cotton Associa-

Must Have Been False Marin

THE WEATHER.

(By the Asso lated Press.)

Cories, Colo., Nov. 1".—Although
this place is but eight m'les from the
scene of the alleged fight between
United States troops and Ute Indians
in which a number of indians are reported to have been kieled, no reports
of any such precupitation for 24 hours ending 8 9. M 0.15 inches.



Uncle Sam-Here, you! Put that money in circulation and quit hearding it up so