

## TODAY

Something For Florida  
The Old Spanish Trail  
U. S. Not Militaristic  
Young Men, Old Women  
By ARTHUR BRISBANE

A suggestion for Congress, with Republicans now in charge, that Florida has gone Republican and becomes debatable territory, why not do something for Florida?

First: Repeal a law discriminating against Florida in the way of taxation, practically nullifying Florida's right to enact its own legislation.

Second: Let the National Government regulate flood conditions in Lake Okechobee. The overflow of that lake caused great damage in the recent high wind. That was due to the fact that the Federal authorities compelled Florida to keep the lake waters at a certain height for navigation purposes.

With or without the nation's help, nothing will check the growth of Florida, or permanently injure its prosperity.

If the people of Florida knew as well as outsiders do what their prosperity and values must inevitably be, they wouldn't SELL ANYTHING.

Temperature more than forty degrees below zero in the Northwest reminds the East that the Old Spanish Trail is now open from the East Coast, through Florida, Texas, the Gulf Coast region, and on through Arizona to Southern California with good roads. Only two ferries between the Atlantic and Pacific.

The trip takes you through Northern Florida, past the Old Spanish Missions of energetic, modern San Antonio. And once well started, you can leave your motor out of doors and sleep out of doors.

No more freezing until you come back to the Northeast.

President Coolidge says this country is not militaristic or imperialistic.

Certainly not, but it is an empire, a good, solid one, all tied together, from the northwestern tip of Alaska to the southeastern tip of Florida.

And it means to be ready for unpleasant approaches by anybody that is militaristic.

A Massachusetts woman, aged 60, formerly assistant pastor of a First Christian church, marries her 21-year-old Sunday school pupil, and the world criticizes.

The boy's mother says, "I am sorry for him."  
The bride's 30-year-old son says, "Mother must have been crazy."

Plato, wise philosopher, wouldn't criticize the couple.

More than 2,000 years ago he said that older women should keep very young men out of mischief. He said also that men should become fathers in middle life when they have intelligence developed.

If more young men married old women, waited, respectfully and faithfully until they died, then married wisely, some one younger, the race might improve. However, that will not happen often.

### MARRIAGE LICENSE

The following couples have secured marriage license since December 8: Lynn Jones and Addie Keck, Pittsboro, R. 1; Willie Bowers and Eva Thompson, Siler City, Rt. 5; Andrew F. Rogers, Cummock, and Hattie V. Marley, Siler City; J. Bennett Sanders and Nellie G. Burke, Goldston; Herbert Oldham and Ruby Andrews, Bear Creek; W. B. Phillips, Bear Creek, Rt. 1, and Lena Garner, McConnell, N. C.—Colored; Irving Green and Dina Petty, Pittsboro; Joe Thomas and Bettie Fearington, Pittsboro; T. H. Fuller and Nancy P. Thompson, Goldston; Geo. M. Luter and Lillie Mae Baldwin, London Womble and Susie Marsn, Siler City.

### J. E. STURDIVANT DEAD

Mr. J. E. Sturdivant, one of Chatham's best citizens, died at his home at Bynum, Tuesday of last week and was buried at New Elam church, in upper Cape Fear township last Thursday. He had been ill for some months.

He was 70 years of age. He leaves a wife and seven children, six daughters and one son. The latter, Mr. Sion, lived with his parents at Bynum. The daughters are married and scattered afar.

He was a brother of Mr. Robert Sturdivant of New Hope township.

The burial was under the auspices of Mr. Jeter Griffin, Pittsboro undertaker.

Mothers of the school-children in Youngstown, Ohio, ask the police to protect their sons from girls who try to flirt with them. And who's to protect the police?

## Former Chathamite Dies at Monroe

From the Monroe Journal of December 17, the following account of the death of Dr. C. M. Bynum is clipped:

Dr. C. M. Bynum, aged 36, who lived at Marshville, died in a hospital at Monroe last night with pneumonia, following influenza. He had been confined in the hospital about one week. Dr. Bynum has four brothers, Harry Bynum, Julius Bynum, Rupert Bynum and Thomas Bynum, all of Greensboro, and a sister, Miss Fleta Bynum, also of this city, who survive him.

Dr. Bynum was the son of Thomas M. and Mattie F. Bynum. He was born at Goldston and received his medical degree in a medical college at Richmond, Va. He was well liked by his associates and popular in the town of his choice. He was married to Miss Olive Flowers, who with two small children, also survive him.

The funeral will be held Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock from the Monroe Methodist church, following which the body will be brought to Greensboro for interment in Green Hill cemetery.

## Shoots But Misses

But Johnnie Pennington, Dr. Johnson-like, Gets His Man With the Butt of His Gun

Probably Johnnie Pennington has never heard of Goldsmith's famous saying that "There is no getting around Johnson (the Famous Dr. Samuel); for if his gun fails to fire he knocks his man down with the butt of it," or words to the same effect. Nevertheless, it seems that Johnnie used similar tactics. When he missed, he used the butt of the gun.

Joe and Robert Lassiter, of the Mount Gilead section, were in Pittsboro Wednesday evening last week, the former to get some stitching done by Dr. Chapin and the latter seeking a warrant for Johnnie Pennington, who was allegedly, the cause of the need of surgical attention by the elder brother.

Robert Lassiter said he and his brother were in the woods sawing timber when Pennington came upon them. He raised the question of the whereabouts of his axe. Robert told him that a still older Lassiter brother had left it at Robert's house and that if he would go there he could get it. Thereupon Pennington, according to our informant, turned to Joe Pennington and told him that he would have to have that axe before a certain time. Joe told him that he had had nothing to do with the axe and was not going to have anything to do with it. Thereupon cursing began and Joe started toward, or turned toward, Pennington and blazed away with his gun, the load passing between Joe's legs.

Then Pennington hit him with the gun. Joe was unarmed, according to Robert Lassiter.

The blow was not very serious. It took three stitches to sew the wound. All three of the men are in their early twenties.

### Brooks-Long

Mr. Geo. H. Brooks, Jr., and Miss Mattie Louise Long were married Saturday morning, Dec. 22, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Long, in Durham, with Dr. Stanbury, pastor of the First M. E. church of Durham officiating.

Only a few friends of the family were present. The bride was not well, having had an attack of the influenza, and for that reason no wedding trip was taken. The young couple will be domiciled in the home of Mr. Walter Hanks and Miss Maggie Horn, great uncle and aunt of the groom.

The groom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brooks, Sr., of Pittsboro, and is a young man of much promise. He holds a position with the S. A. L. R. here. The bride is the teacher of Latin in the Pittsboro school and is a charming young woman of culture and even scholarship, being a graduate of Duke University.

Many friends wish them much happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks, parents of the groom, Misses Louise and Margaret Brooks, sisters and Miss Maggie Horne attended the marriage.

### IN MEMORY OF A. D. FARRELL

The death of Mr. A. D. Farrell of the Hanks community on November 25 was mourned by many friends and relatives. He would have been 78 years of age if he had lived to January 29th. He is survived by eight sisters and four brothers. Mr. Farrell was a true, honest Christian and was true to his home folk and a good neighbor. But he has gone to be with his Master, whom he had served faithfully for so many years. He had been a faithful member of Hanks Chapel Christian church for nearly 55 years. We should all seek to emulate his example, for we too must one day meet our Lord.

## FRIDAY AN UNLUCKY DAY FOR MASSEY

Young Man Gets Divorce, Steals New Wife, Marries, Kills a Man, and Lands in Jail. All in One Day.

(Smithfield Herald)

Divorce, marriage, death, jail—four experiences stranger far than any moving picture ever thrown on the screen of his movie theatre in Selma, were the lot of Claiborn Massey on last Friday.

Friday morning, in the Superior court which is in session here, the former wife of Claiborn Massey was granted a divorce, and on the afternoon of the same day, Mr. Massey eloped with Miss Blackman, aged 19, and a student at Louisburg College who was at her home in Selma on account of the recent fire at Louisburg. They were married in Benson and then started toward Richmond, Va., on their honeymoon trip. It is said the bride jumped out of a window to get away from her parents.

As the bride and bridegroom were speeding through Wise at seven o'clock of the same afternoon, their car struck and killed R. F. King, proprietor of a filling station, as he was standing in highway near a truck.

A report from Wise gives the following account of the tragic accident:

"It was rainy and foggy and King was assisting the men from South Hill hitch another truck to the incapacitated one, when he was struck and hurled several feet into the air, landing more than 40 feet away.

"It was not known exactly what had happened until the groans and cries of the injured man were heard coming from out of the darkness. He was picked up and put into a car in great pain but conscious. He died before he could reach his home a quarter of a mile away. It is said that both legs and one arm were broken and his side badly crushed.

"Massey, very much frightened, and his bride more so, did not stop, but drove on to South Hill where Chief Police Pointer placed the man under arrest. The young man said he would have stopped but his wife was frightened and afraid of a mob, although they did not know that the man was dead until relatives arrived at South Hill. Massey spent a sleepless night in jail and his bride stayed at the hotel. Both went to Warrenton with Sheriff Williams this morning for hearing. T. C. Henry, of Smithfield, and a brother of Mr. Massey, came to render what assistance he could to the young couple in their tragic plight."

### KEPT MARRIAGE SECRET FOR ENTIRE YEAR

Friends of Miss Sussie Perry, daughter of the late Geo. W. Perry of Silk Hope, was married December 21, 1927, but kept the secret till last week when announcement was made by her brother G. W. Perry, Jr. The groom is Mr. Robert Jackson Lindley.

### HARRY IHRIE DEAD

Mr. Harry Ihrie, a lawyer of Carthage, and a native of Pittsboro, died Sunday and was buried in the Episcopal church yard at Pittsboro Monday afternoon. He was a brother of Mrs. N. M. Hill of Pittsboro, and of Dr. Ihrie of Wendell, and Mrs. E. W. Pou, wife of Congressman Pou.

## About Your Health

Things You Should Know



### NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

Most people limit their "swearing off" at the first of the year, to tobacco, whiskey and lying. How faithfully we observe our new pledges, must be left to history to reveal. But, the effort is worthy always.

Much more pertinent, it seems to me, would be to assume some solemn obligations with regard to our habits of eating, since everybody eats—and many dine to their sorrow. I would like to impress a few ideas that I have tried to emphasize with the readers of our paper for the past several months—and, I assure you, that they are based on years of experience, both within myself and many patients; I am sure these things are worth while:

First, let us pledge ourselves that we will not over-eat during the coming year.

## HONOR BESTOWED ON WALTER HINES PAGE BY KELLOGG

Message From The State Department Is Read At Memorial Services in His Honor

FRANK ALSO WINS PRAISE

A message from Secretary Kellogg, of the state department, was read at exercises held in the Cary high school in commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the death of Walter Hines Page, one time ambassador to Great Britain, and brother of the famed Pages, H. A., R. N. and Frank, of Moore county.

Mr. Kellogg's message was as follows: "I am pleased to send to you on this occasion of the ceremonies commemorating the tenth anniversary of the death of Walter Hines Page, former American ambassador to the court of St. James, a high tribute to the services rendered to his country by this distinguished scholar and statesman.

"During the trying period of the great war Mr. Page was appointed as American ambassador to London in 1913. And the following year found him confronted with an almost insurmountable task in maintaining his country's true position in the European war. For years Mr. Page worked ceaselessly and fearlessly for his government until, owing to his impaired health, he was forced to resign his high post.

"He was a martyr to his country's cause and a hero whose great service will ever be appreciated and whose name will go down in the annals of his country as a noble and faithful servant to a great cause."

### Frank Page Gets Silver Service

The following day, Frank Page, a brother of Walter Hines Page, state highway commissioner, was presented with a handsome silver service set by contractors in the state house of representatives, at Raleigh. F. J. Blithe, of Charlotte, who presented the gift on behalf of the contractors, paid high tribute to Mr. Page's ability and fairness in his dealings with contractors in the construction of the State's 150 million dollar highway system.

A group of contractors gathered in a hotel recently were discussing highway commissioning, engineers, and other contracting work, and after venting their wrath on various ones who met with their disapproval, discussion at last turned to the suggested retirement of Commissioner Page, Mr. Blythe recounted.

One contractor declared, he liked that fellow "on account of the business-like way in which he awarded contracts, making it a competitive proposition with no favors," Mr. Blythe said. When a contractor makes the low bid on a contract he can move his machinery on the job without going to see local politicians to see if he is going to get the job, the speaker continued.

"I like the management of the highway business because specifications of North Carolina roads means something," declared a second speaker. "There's a real relation between specifications and the actual construction work demanded."

To a third the outstanding thing in Mr. Page's administration was that a contractor could always get his pay promptly for what he did, and didn't suffer any illusions about getting paid for something he had not done.

A fourth contractor, Mr. Blythe said, called attention to Mr. Page's cooperation in unforeseen and unexpected difficulties which arose. All agreed that during the entire period of their relationship with Mr. Page, he had been absolutely square and just, and therefore contractors wished to give this token of appreciation and esteem to Mr. Page, Mr. Blythe concluded.

After much throat clearing, Mr. Page managed to make it clear that he had rather have this expression of confidence in his fair dealing from contractors than anything else that could be given him.

But what pleased contractors most was not his expression of appreciation, but his momentary inability to talk.

"I've known that man for a long time, but it's the first time I ever saw him when he couldn't talk," one contractor observed as he left the building.

Second, we will look out for the symptoms of over-diet, such as fullness, sour stomach, nausea, gas, "heart-burn," and bringing up particles of food after meals; if such should occur we promise to at once think of the cause, and make no more mistakes of that kind.

Third, let us very firmly decide not to eat dinner at six o'clock, the hour when the body should begin its most important season of rest. Fourth, that we will begin each day's work with a good, intelligent breakfast, taken deliberately, at an hour when haste is unnecessary.

Fifth, we will try to learn of the well-balanced meal, and temperately adhere thereto, knowing the need of food in wholesome variety, to satisfy the requirements of our bodies only.

## PHENOMENAL GROWTH OF SILER CITY FURNITURE DURING TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

Began 1904 With \$1500 Capital—Now Nearly Half-Million Invested in Business, With Branch in Atlanta, Ga.

CONSOLIDATION OF GREAT SELLING COMPANY WITH CHATHAM CHAIR CO.

Standard School Equipment Company Name of New Organization—Allied With High Point Bending and Chair Co.

### JURY LIST

For Term of Court Beginning January 14.

The following names have been drawn for jury service at the term of court to begin January 14: J. W. Dark, E. E. Walden, H. F. Durham, B. H. Jones, J. Q. Eubanks, L. L. Bryan, Ed Quackenbush, W. A. Teague, Charlie Page, George Mann, Frank R. Henderson, Henry Tripp, G. F. Carr, C. P. Hackney, J. W. Hammer, A. L. Blake, W. T. Hamlet, Isaac Brooks, Jr., C. E. Durham, B. F. Wilkie, R. H. Mills, W. I. Bowers, Lacy Webster, D. L. Carroll, A. A. Marks, A. L. Moon, James Knight, O. D. Fields, E. L. Goodwin, A. Burris Womble, T. P. Murchison, Benton Andrews, N. J. Thrailkill, S. C. Glosson, J. H. Watkins, G. W. Meyers, J. T. Gilliland, C. R. Elkins, W. A. Buckner.

The term will consist of one week for the trial of criminal cases.

### TOWN AND COUNTY BRIEFS

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jerome have rented the Farthing house, near the Baptist church, and will make their home here for the time being. Mr. Jerome is an engineer with the state highway commission, and will doubtless find it practically as convenient to live here as anywhere, while it gives Mrs. Jerome the privilege of being near her aging mother, Mrs. Henry A. London.

Messrs. C. C. Poe and J. T. Bland ran down to Cheraw, S. C., Sunday to visit the former's brother Mr. W. E. Poe, who has been in poor health for some time.

Mrs. Walter R. Perry, of Hickory Mountain township, who went to Watts a short time ago for treatment, is at home and reported to be much improved.

The condition of Mr. Lacy Burns who got severely injured by machinery in the Sanford oil mill is improved but it is thought that he will have to remain in the hospital two months longer.

Mrs. R. H. Hayes is spending Christmas with her brother at Cana of Davie.

Mrs. W. F. Bland has been ill with influenza.

Mrs. Overacre returned last week from Watts hospital, where she recently underwent an operation. She is reported as much improved.

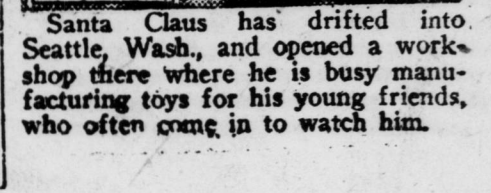
The faculty of Bell's school gave a play last Thursday evening, but as the weather was very bad few attended it and it is suggested that it will be reproduced later.

For the sake of the printers we are trying to get the paper printed on Monday, though it cannot reach the subscribers till much later in the week. Also the early printing prevents giving of actual Christmas news.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Eubanks, of Winston and Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Hamilton of Greensboro came to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Eubanks.

Mr. Billy Griffin, who is employed with a highway construction company, is home for the holidays.

Miss Sadie Brooks Johnson came in from Greensboro for Christmas.



The close of 1928 sees another forward step in the development of Siler City as one of the great furniture centres of the state, if not of the nation. The Chatham Chair Company," located at Siler City, bined with itself the Standard School Equipment of Louisville, Ky., and the new company is known as the "Standard School Equipment Company," is located at Siler City. Mr. W. O. Jones, of Louisville, Ky., and president of the former company, is president and Mr. C. B. Thomas, of Siler City, secretary-treasurer. The new company means the consolidation of one of the state's most modern chair plants with one of the nation's largest selling agencies, and means further an extension of both manufacturing and marketing at and from Siler City.

For the past year the Chatham Chair Manufacturing Company has manufactured school chairs exclusively, specializing largely in kindergarten chairs, though making modern form-fitting chairs of various sizes. The capital stock of the new company is \$150,000. The company, however, is allied with the High Point Bending and Chair Company, which has a capital of \$238,000.

Thus these allied interests have a capital investment of nearly \$400,000, while the investments in other wood working plants of the west Chatham metropolis will run the total investment in that thriving town close to one half million dollars.

From a Small Beginning It was in 1904 that the High Point Bending and Chair Company was organized with a capital of \$1500, and began work in a small room in Siler City. Its products were bent wood chair stocks, which High Point, and from which fact probably the name "High Point," a misleading term, because attached to the Siler City concern.

The Chatham Chair Company is an outgrowth of the Rex Chair Company which was organized in 1919 by a Mr. Johnson from Liberty. This plant was taken over by local people at Siler City in 1920, and was later purchased by the owners of the High Point Bending and Chair Company.

The High Point Bending and its organization, came under the control of the late M. J. Boling, under whose management and direction it became one of the greatest manufacturers of bent wood chairs in the United States, and is now one of only three manufacturers of such goods in this country. Since death of Mr. Boling the company has had a continuous success under the management of Mr. C. B. Thomas as president and Mr. F. J. Boling as vice-president. The company is now capitalized at \$238,000, and has not only a modern plant at Siler City but also a large plant in Atlanta, Ga. The Siler City plant manufactures not only bent wood chairs but also a full line of very handsome fibre furniture; while the Atlanta plant makes a complete line of overstuffed parlor furniture. The company has just this year begun to manufacture office chairs, and Mr. Thomas predicts that sales in this line alone in 1929 will reach the magnificent sum of \$200,000. It is also estimated that the total of these allied plants will amount to near a million dollars in 1929. And with the sales from the other wood working plants of Siler City will certainly more than total a million dollars.

The Siler City furniture industry is one that the whole county of Chatham can take pride in. Yet many citizens of the county are probably unaware that the county has a plant that is turning out furniture that would not be unseemly in the President's mansion.

As stated above, the Bending Company is one of only three manufacturers in the whole country of wood wood furniture. They would have a fine monopoly and the company at Siler City would grow wealthy at a great rate if the tariff on bent wood furniture was sufficiently high to impede the importation of the same class of goods from Czechoslovakia, which imports much of this furniture to America. A year ago the manufacturer's sought to secure a higher tariff rate, but were defeated in the attempt. Mr. Thomas and Attorney Wade Barber spent several days in Washington with representatives of the other three companies in seeking a higher tariff rate, but strange to say, former Senator McCumber, who was joint author of the McCumber-Fordney tariff measure now in force, was out of the senate and representing the Czechoslovakia manufacturers in opposition to the ad-

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