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#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1921.

#### LET'S THINK OF OTHER THINGS.

We are disposed to regard the reporters' story from Raleigh relative to which can easily develop into a deterrent to the sort of harmonious relationship that should abound in North trial and social tasks unprejudiced and uninfluenced by political notions. Let's keep our minds open for the situation which may have come about in the fullness of time.

#### A LESSON IN ROADS.

The bad roads of Mecklenburg county were never worse and as the may jority of the roads are of this description, traffic in this community has hardly ever been so difficult since the time when we first began to progress toward

The dirt roads come near being im passable and the rock roads have been so badly washed by the big rains than they are distressingly rough.

If the people of this county ever had a regular chance to make a comparison between good and bad roads or an opportunity to appreciate the virtues and advantages of a permanent system that would be immune from such rough weather as we have been having, it is

### WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

The interstate commerce commission has ruled that South Carolina must raise its rates on the passenger trains and that other alterations in the present tariffs on the railroads must be made so as to comply with national

There was a time not many years ago when it was supposed that the exercise of such authority as this belonged to the respective states, operating through their Legislatures

Now, however, under the bureaucrat ic system of government which has been developed, the exercise of this authority comes from Washington

To what regions has the doctrine of

state's rights departed? Is there to be not a vestige left of local self-government?

# A WORTHY UNDERTAKING.

Good fortune to the Elks of this city who are thinking of building a modern opera, house in connection with a new home which this benevolent organization has been contemplating for some time. I would seem to be an ideal opportunity to bring about such a combined institution as is now being deto build one, and the city has great and growing need of a modern theater. The old auditorium which has been serving this purpose for several years continues in great disfavor and unless steps are taken to provide the city with a modern, adequate theater, we can never hope to re-establish ourselves in the good graces of the big theatrical promoters.

#### A DOLLAR FOR EVERY AUTOMO-BILE.

There are 125,000 licensed automobiles in North Carolina and North Carolina has contributed \$125,000 to the suffering children of Europe, a dollar the state has given for every automo-

bile owned by its citizens. It isn't enough: it's shamefully niggardly when we contemplate that every 930,000,000 in loans. Outside of the man who owns an automobile in this three principal cities of the district. state is able to give ten times what which are Richmond, Washington and has been so far contributed, and, of Baltimore, aggregating loans of \$600. course, the contributions which went 000,000 it is claimed that the banks in

It would be an excellent idea if a movement was started to solicit every automobile owner in the state to give a dollar to this fund and thus duplicate the \$125,000 which has already been contributed. Suppose it were done, the lives of 12,500 starving children would be saved, and these lives may NOT be saved unless it is done.

#### THE GAMBLERS.

Practically everything that humanity has attained to, every reform that has been brought about, every up ward step in the scale of civilization has come about through the spirit of the gambler that has been in the heart of some one man, or some single

America came to be discovered by Co lumbus because in the soul of Columbus was this spirit of speculation. He sistless sweep of this gambling spirit, set sail and this rich and plenteous republic was his reward.

So might be enumerated a veritable catalogue of the great events of al history indicating that the big things agricultural. have been attained under the driving the routine and the monotonous; they dream dreams and they see visions, and they wonder if by doing this or that, if by accepting this theory of practice of life and conduct, a better way will not be discovered, and when they have the daring to make the plunge, the discovery lies at their feet.

The dreamer and the visionist who are invested with this spirit of taking-a-chance remain in ill-repute, even though the world of attainments is regarded as their trophy. We are so obsessed with practical, material, matcling to the usual and to ignore the unusual, that the man whose vision stretches far through the mysteries of the unknown and whose spirit is speculative enough to take the plunge, is held in disregard.

That accounts in large measure for the status of this nation at this time as it regards the other parts of the world. We are over here all to oursame old beaten way, doing the things we have been doing generations, thinking the thoughts our fathers mought, and so enmeshed are we in this practical, commonplace, easy-going sort of a way that we have spurned the opportunity of doing a great big thing his great country would never form ontangling alliances. We still have Washington's point of view, old and discarded as it actually is to all intents and purposes, and we are stubbornly refusing to leave it. It suits us, it meets the beliefs of the leaders of the people and the exceptional man who said that the biggest duty of human ity is to become entangled with his felalleviation is soon to leave the White House discredited by the masses, cru cified by his enemies and the enemies of a great Christian ideal. Woodrow agriculture as the dominant factor in Wilson had the vision, then he had the initiative of the gambler to tak: the chance, but-

It's pagan to go contrary to hoary conditions or blaze a new path.

# BRANCH BANK DESERVED.

A committee of bankers from North and South Carolina consulted with members of the Federal reserve board in Richmond Friday in reference to the establishment of a branch bank at some point in the two Carolinas.

While Charlotte will, of course, make a strong bid for the institution in the event that a favorable decision is made, the matter of first importance is to get the bank established for the two Carolinas. Charlotte can well afford to wait its opportunities later.

There is every reason that the Caroli nas should have a bank of this sort The whole intent and purpose of the re serve system argues that this territory is entitled to one. It is the program of the federal reserve banks to facilitate the business operation of the country of every kind and to any degree consistent with financial safety.

claims of the Carolinas.

the Richmond bank, causing delays and estimated that \$3,000 will be needed. lack of facilities which are inexpedient facilitation that their claims become all the more impressive. The agricul- ous. tural and manufacturing development of this territory, the fact that the center of the whole textile industry in the South lies within the bounds of the two states, as well as other great manufacturing enterprises, indicates the need for an institution nearer the seat of

such operations than Richmond. In these two states, there are about 1100 banks out of a total of 2,600 in the entire fifth district to which they beloans out of a total for the whole dis- inet, he will be fishing when Gabriel trict of \$1,870,000,000 in deposits and \$1, district.

Interest locally in the effort being made giving strength. centers not only upon the great con- tonic for the blood, stomach, kidto the business interests of this city, petite, perfects digestion and assimibut to the probability that Charlotte ment from your food. may be chosen as the seat for such a bank, in the event of its establishment. and enriches the blood, which is the an effort to establish a branch of the ands of SHINGLE TOPS, each a fire center of the two Carolinas and in any ing, and other diseases, the poisons of If there is any one thing at which movement of this kind, the geographical diphtheria, scarlet and typhoid fevers, said, and this season it is thought the the present Congress is especially ef- center would undoubtedly have great and influenza.

#### A SAFELY-BALANCED CIVIL-IZATION.

The fact that North Carolina is becoming more dominantly urban than it is rural is taken by The University News-Letter to be an encouraging is so located as to be dependent upon wealth, it is difficult to understand the logic which suggests that it is better to be an industrial state than an agriwanted to take a chance, a vision held culural. We are looking at it from him enthralled and, driven by the re- an economic and not from a social standpoint. Our contemporary's view that the city-ward drift means a higher development of civilization is correct from the angle of social aspira-

> "We have long had too many prothey produce. Our apple crop illustrates the situation. We produced last year nearly eight million bushels, their creators from six to twelve the channels of commerce. The bala song, fed to the pigs, or left to rot

upon higher levels in mass organizaorganize for business enterprise, for county health departments with wholshealth nurses, local clinics and dispensaries, for local libraries with county-wide service, and the like; and selves, going about our business in the learning and benevolence as individmonwealth terms, as North Carolin-But during the last five years the

and outlining for ourselves a new na. there are relatively fewer, because our because Washington in the decades cant, the wealth produced by our miles last cent of usury. ago said something about wishing that and factories and foundries now over and national, merchants, farmers, and such raw article of food or ingredient. wealth produced by the farmers of ple stand for the State. We not only lead the South combined: that is to say our industrial cutput for the first time in our history the capitalists? farms, forests, mines, quarries, and low-man in an enterprise of uplift an 1 fisheries. We are being urbanized and industrialized far more rapidly than any other State in the South, and manufacture has at length dimlaced

the economy of the State. All of which means that we are moving into a better balanced civilization; that, all in all, the State at large considered, the city-ward drift is well not ill for North Carolina. Or so it may be, if only the enormous industrial wealth of the State can be generously surrendered to commonwealth advan-

The change is fundamentally signifiunderstand it in competent ways.

# THE SCOUT BAND.

A very diligent and worth-while effort is being made to equip and maintain a boy scout band in Charlotte and partial success has already attended the attempt. An aggregation of some 40-odd young fellows, identified with the scout movement, are practising and receiving instruction twice a week under a competent teacher and it is already clearly indicated that the band can be organized so far as the development of the proper talent is concerned.

What is necessary, however, in addition to talent is money with which to This idea 'having been primary, the buy the instruments that go along with board has established branch banks in the talent. Some time ago a movement sections of the country where the vol- was launched to organize a municipal ume of business justified such banks band and subscriptions to the extent of and where the requirements of business some \$5.000 to \$6,000 were taken. They made such expedient. Taking this view were never called for because the moveof the purpose and the actual plans ment fell through for lack of greater of the board, it is reasonable to impress financial support. It has been suggestupon the officials of the system the ed, and with some propriety, that it might be possible to utilize a part of lowed them. They have a wonderful volume of such subscriptions for the maintenance business which is now going through of the Boy Scout band, for which it is

However this may be, it looks to be and ought to be obviated. They have a good opportunity for the public-spiralso such requirements for financial ited people of this city to promote a movement that is distinctly meritori-

> Gastonia is fortunate in having secured Governor Harding of the federal reserve board for an address to the business and manufacturing people of 'the town next Thursday and Charlotte men of like interests would do well to see if they can not get an invitation to go over and hear Mr. Harding explain the situation.

> If Mr. Harding is waiting until he trumpets him.

into the \$125,000 fund did not come the two Carolinas carry a full one-half undigested food that exhausts your that it might be denied colored woform the automobile owners entirely, of the total business done in the entire digestive organs, does not nourish your blood, and weakens instead of

Hood's Sarsaparilla is a splendid

# MR. NIXON PROTESTS ABOUT MONEY RATES

Editor of The News: thority. The sovereign authority in would not be back until that time. the United States is the people. Whattrend. We doubt it. In a society that ever the people usually and lawfully Doughton-Bowie ranks came after the constitute and employ in buying and agriculure for the creation of its government on money, whether gold, moved to have his bill providing for a

> amount of buying and selling required upon for marketing labor and the products of the people.

When money is hoarded or congested or withheld, as it is today by Reserve Banks, and those waiting for higher rates, business stands still and becomes stagnant. Democracy, a few tions, but not from the angle of the and cheaper money." This was in re- that the motion should prevail." sponse to the people's demand, and this demand was enacted into law. (1) Governor Doughton, said that he would Reserve Banks, and (2) Federal Land withdraw his motion with the underducers," says The News Letter, "of Loan Banks, and (2) Federal Land standing that his bill would be acted upon by the committee. This brought leap away from the commonplace and existence necessities—food, fuel, shelling usury, and the other is being ter, clothing, and the like-and too held up in the court by inimical financial interests. And today, while there is more money per capita than ever busy little towns, offering nearby before in the history of our country, I am not making any agreement with farmers ready cash for everything the people cannot get it for legitimate buying and selling.

Reserve Banks, the created servants

but barely more than three hundred per cent interest! Demanding usury thousand bushels found their way into and getting it! Violating the state laws of nearly every state in the Union! This, in defiance of the funance were consumed at home, sold for damental principle of their creation. "More money and cheaper money for "deflation!" A deflation that has cost Under this condition of heavy rural the farmers of our country alone at majorities in the open country, the least five billion dollars, and cost the the beaten paths, we are so disposed to State has found it difficult to move up other people of our country, who have suffered thereby, practically enough to pay off the war debt. All this in tion for economic and social . advan- six months. Did the people tell their tages. The farmers find it difficult to servants to deflate? Did their chosen bring on such ruin? Read the speeches of both republicans and demotime county health officers, public crats in congress, and review cir efforts to stop this "deflation," which our own Senator Simmons said meant DESTRUCTION.

These banks contend, and perhaps we think about State institutions of rightly, that they are following the strict letter of the law of their creation; but they violate the laws of uals and localities rather than in com- the states and the people and principles of their creation. "Reserve" means to "keep in store for future special use." "Hast thou seen the treasures of the hall which I have city-ward drift has been enormous in reserved against the time of trouble?" North Carolina. There are not fewer (Job). The "time of trouble." which people in our country regions, but the banks themselves have precipitat- | tel, restaurant, cafe or lunch counter tional ideal. We wouldn't have any- city populations have increased so rap away, and used only as a means for actual cost of such raw article of food Carolina if we are to go to our indus-

> Is it not time for bankers, state instrument which they created their salvation? Must the people sit in industrial enterprise, but our manu- idly by and watch deflation and an increase of not more than one hunfacturing industries at last produce liquidation, the two drastic bludgeons greater wealth than all other agencies of the Reserve Banks, drive prices food from dealers in same. down and down so low that all proppass into the hands of Is it not time for exceeds the combined output of our all political parties, all congressmen, all citizens, male and female, to inand require that these banks fulfil the object of their creation, even though the technical statute creating them has to be amended? Who would have voted for a system of banking demands and requires usury at a time when the people were least able to pay? Is it possible that this system fo banking can finance a world war and not finance its own creators in their direct moment of distress? Instead of our General Assembly enacting a high rate of interest and further lending their countenance and approval to the acts of the reserve banks in violation of the laws of the state of North Carolina, would it not be better to pass a resolution condemning their action of oppression and demand that the congress of the United States compel them cant, and the need is that our people to fulfill the objects of their creation? Condemn them as a ready ruin in time need instead a reserve in time of trouble. This agitation of higher rates of interest has caused people who have money to hoard it until the higher rates arrive, has stopped the renewal of paper, has drawn money commerce where the placed it, and has aided the Reserve Banks in their process of ruin. The people of North Carolina, "THE

## stand for this tyranny of money. BREVARD NIXON. TARIFF EMERGENCY MEASURE UP AGAIN

FREEST OF THE FREE," will not

Washington, Feb. 12.-The Fordney emergency tariff bill was listed for further consideration in the senate today after having been shoved aside in favor of appropriation measures. The measure came up today under an agreement reached at the conclusion of brief debate Thursday. Whether any progress would be made on the measure today, or any real progress for that matter at this session of congress, was a question, although proponents had announced their intention to put forth their best efforts in the brief time al

The senate in its consideration of th measure was down to the sugar schedule today when it began work and the amendment of Senator Smoot, republican. Utah, which drew an attack when it was offered Thursday, was still be fore the senate. The Smoot amendment. according to its author, would add about one cent a pound to the price of sugar but still would not be so burdensome on the consuming public as the fiponents of the Smoot schedule have attacked it principally on the ground that it was technical and involved.

### NEGRO WOMEN FROM SOUTH WANT PROBE

Washington, Feb. 12.-Negro women long. These banks carry about \$585,- can please all the prominent leaders to investigate the alleged disfranchiseparty a request that it urge congress | team. 000,000 of deposits and \$605,000,000 of of his party before selecting his cabthe last general election.

of the intent and pur poses of the Susan B. Anthony amendment," a statement prepared by the negro woman declared, "occurred in ASIE states and it has not been made not that wherever white women were not it was counted allowed the ballot, it was counted worth while to relinquish it in order men.

NEW LEAGUE EFFORTS ENDED. Chicago, Feb. 12.-Negotiations of venience that would be thus brought neys and liver. It creates an ap- al Baseball League with the American perfects digestion and assimi-secures 100 per cent nourish-from your food.

al Baseball League with the American What part of the careless crime does the CITY of Charlotte play in the great BLAZE drama? More than this, it purifies, vitalizes would not join with the new league in of the Giants, who declared his team life of the body, eliminates catarrh, Continental League, composed of negro life of the body, eliminates catarrh, Continental League, composed of negro trap. What's your proportion of the scrofula, rheumatism, that tired feel-teams. It took five years to form a SPECIAL FIRE TAX account of this league of eight negro clubs, Schorling permitted hazard? ficient, it is in overriding the vetoes of weight in addition to the volume of bus- tive (small dose) or an active cathar- cuit of eight park clubs and two traveling clubs

#### TAM BOWIE AND (Continued from Page 1)

in the matter, be settled on Tuesday next. That was agreeable to the sen-Money is simply a medium of ex- ator from Ashe, since Minority Leader change issued by the sovereign au- Bumgarner was on leave of absence and

The first signs of a break in session had worked its way half through selling is money. The stamp of the the session when Representative Bowie silver, or paper is the people's mark reduction of twenty-five percent in all feal estate values taken from the fi-Money is necessary for the progress nance committee. He wanted the house and prosperity of the people, and the to pass upon the measure before the volume required is measured by the ad valorem rate for 1921 was agreed

Governor Doughton objected and asked how the representative from Ashe arrived at the decision that twenty-five percent cut was a fair and equitable reduction

"I do not arrogate to myself the right to say that it is just," Mr. Bowie reyears ago, demanded "more money plied, "but I am firmly of thte opinion Mr. Bowie, after further objection by

> the "Grand Old Man" to his feet again. "I am not speaking for the other members of the finance committee and anybody," he said amid cheers. "I think the finance committee will recommend a reduction in land valuations but the work has not been com-

of the people, are demanding from pleted at this time. The bill to regulate the charges of hotels, restaurants and cafes in the state was introduced by Representative Gosney of Wake. The bill provides that no hotel operated on the American plan shall be allowed to charge for "the room alone more than one fourth of the rate per day for that room with all meals and no hotel so operated shall charge for such room with one or more additional meals more than one fourth of said published rate plus one fourth of said rate for each meal taken by

the guest occupling said room." Hotels which rent rooms in which there are more than one bed are to be required to make and publish a rate for each room when occupied by only one guest and shall charge a rate, when occupied by more than one guest, not to exceed the single rate by more than twenty-five percent for each additional

guest. The bill also provides: "That no hotel, restaurant, cafe or unch counter in this state shall charge for any article of food or dish of food served and sold to a patron a price which shall be greater than twice the retail price of such raw article of food or the ingredients of such dish when purchased on the local market from grocers, bakers, butchers or other loca: ed, has come, yet the "treasures, of may charge for said article or food or the hall" have been withheld, hidden dish a price which may be twice the purchased by said hotel, restaurant, cafo or lunch counter from any dealer in

> cafes and lunch counters in this state to dred percent over the cost of said raw

> For violation of the proposed law fine of not less than thirty dollars and not more than fifty dollars or by impris onment of not less than ten days and not more than thirty days, or both is provided for.

> To carry out the provision of the state wide censorship of all moving pictures in the bill introduced by Representative State Board of Censors is provided for man, to be appointed by the governor. All pictures must be approved by the board and only those recognized as 'moral and proper" are to be endorsed and those "sacreligious, obscene or clear ly immoral or such as may tend to debase or currupt the morals of persons viewing them" are to be disapproved.

### BEATEN FOR OFFICE HE TRIES A BOMB

Chicago, Feb. 12 .- The bomb explosion at the nineteenth ward democratic headquarters last night, which seriously injured six men, was attibuted to politics today by Anthony D'Andrea, candidate for city council from that ward, who had a narrow escape himself. A big hole was blown in the wall of the brick building close to the speakers' stand, but D'Audrea had just finished speaking to a crowd of about 300 of his adherents.

Alderman Johnny Powers, who for 33 years has represented that section in the city council, and state senate, and is a candidate for re-election to city council at the election on February 22, said today he hoped no one would believe that he would "countenance such action by his followers," and that he had agreed with D'Andrea last Saturday to conduct a clean cut campaign. Two of D'Andrea's precinct captains suffered broken legs, one had his leg blown off and several others were hurt.

### HARDING'S SPEECH MAY GO BY WIRELESS

Washington, Feb. 12.-President Harding's inaugural address may be heard from Washington through the wonder of wireless.

Mr. Harding is considering a plan o have the address recorded on talk ing machine records and then trans mitted by radio phone from the naval wireless station here on the night of March 4.

Thousands of wireless amateurs in he east and middle west, it is said. being proposed that such amateurs organize parties for hearing the address. The naval air station now occasionally entertains the amateurs with wire less music.

Amateurs all ver the east are already ombarding the president-elect with wireless calls to agree to the plan.

CATCHER MILLS PURCHASED. New York, Feb. 12.-Catcher Frank L. Mills, of the Atlanta, Southern Assofrom 20 states, meeting here at the ciation, club, has been purchased by the call of the National Association for the Brooklyn Nationals, the management Advancement of Colored cople, today announced. Mills went to Atlanta from presented to the national woman's a Youngstown, O., semi-professional

# F. D. A.

the elections of 1920 in the southern A BILLION 4 HUNDRED and 16 states and it has not been made secret MILLION DOLLARS wasted by fire in the U.S. in five years or 283 MILLION, 200 THOUSAND

dollars a year

besides human lives. Neglect, carelessness, the largest contributing factor.

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