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WE NEED THE MONEY TO SPEND.

It is, naturally, a very serious question with the property owners living along the Statesville and Derita roads which of these two routes is selected by the State for its highway from Charlotte to Statesville. In view of the fact, however, that whichever one of these routes may be selected by Chairman Page as a State road, the other route will be hard-surfaced by the county highway commission, a considerable morsel of comfort can be taken and utilized by the losers in this contest.

What is of general concern to the county is the expediency of getting the State to let the contract for this road so that construction work may get under way. The State has between \$600,000 and \$700,000 to spend in this county on this one road, figuring 22 miles at the average cost at which contracts are being awarded these days, and the turning loose of that amount of money in the county is bound to be stimulating. And besides all that, the road is insistently needed. We can hardly imagine one more important either to Charlotte or to the general community at the other terminal. This road will give access to a wide and versatile rural population at the base of the mountains into the piedmont country and the sooner it is granted, obviously the sooner will be the subsequent development of these communities get under way.

GOOD WORK OF TWO OFFICERS.

The splendid efforts on the part of Detectives Bradley and Riley within the past few days in rounding up alleged liquor runners are entitled to public applause. What these two officers have done shows what can be done when those who are given the duty of enforcing the law lay aside other duties and concentrate their energies upon some single task. It is just such men as these who are needed to have general supervision over this important class of sleuthing in these times, men who know no distinction, to whom every class of citizens look alike, who have no choice between the races when they apprehend evil-doing and who believe in doing their duty fearlessly, let the results be what they may.

We may have ever so many laws relating to the manufacture and sale of whiskey, but bootleggers and moonshining will be rampant so long as officers are indifferent towards the enforcement of these laws. They can either make or unmake this law. If they propose to do their duty without regard to who may be infringed upon and without respect to persons, it will be only a short time until the fear of the law has been instilled in the hearts of evil-doers. Let them proceed, however, in a slovenly, hit-and-miss fashion and society will be surfeited with crimes.

MR. LINNEY ON LIQUOR SENTIMENT.

It is not very becoming in the district attorney of the federal court making a statement to the effect that sentiment is reacting against the Volstead act and thus giving public impression that he is not very much interested in the enforcement of the present laws relating to whiskey. Whatever may be the convictions of Mr. Linney about these laws, as an officer sworn to enforce them and to uphold the Constitution, he should keep quiet when his opinion might be construed as favorable toward evil-doers.

Mr. Linney said, as quoted in the newspaper presenting his opinion, that public sentiment is somewhat indifferent about these matters. It is such statements as he makes in this connection that are calculated to dull the edge of sentiment and give the bootleggers and rum-runners encouragement to proceed with their illicit traffic. If the new district attorney has been correctly quoted on this proposition, the public may well have reason to fear that prosecution of whiskey cases in the Federal courts in which he exercises will be lacking in that zest and earnestness which is becoming in any public prosecutor, no matter what he may personally think of the law he is sworn to defend.

THE DEMOCRATS AND THE TREATY.

There are 37 democratic Senators who have the privilege of voting on ratification of the separate treaty with Germany and if they should all vote against it, the treaty would fail of ratification. If any considerable number of them vote against it and a minority of the republicans join them, there is a reasonable chance of the senate saving this republic the shame and humiliation of doing this cowardly and traitorous trick.

But we are told there is little likelihood of the democratic senators making any concerted effort to defeat the treaty. They have grown weary of the discord and upheavals in the upper chamber over this matter. They recollect the time when they stubbornly insisted upon the ratification of the Versailles treaty and how the senate republicans kept up their turmoil until at length they defeated its ratification. And this thing of treaties, of one sort and another, has so long been an issue of intense debate in their chamber that they are not much interested any longer in its vital relations, but are rather disposed to vote for it simply to get rid of it.

That, however, is not the duty of these minority senators. If they were in favor of the Versailles treaty, and practically all of them were, they are obliged to be opposed to this treaty by reason of conviction and if, therefore, they swallow their convictions and vote for this separate peace, it is not going to be easy for them to stand up later in the presence of their constituents and defend themselves on the score of consistency.

There is a larger reason than that why they should vote against it. It is because the people of this country are opposed to this separate peace. And we are not talking entirely of those who through good report and evil, followed Mr. Wilson with blind devotion. We are referring also to that element of the voters of this country who take their medicine out of Mr. Lodge's spoon and who look to him for their guidance and direction. They recollect that upon one occasion back yonder before reason was swept from Mr. Lodge by a cavalcade of blind rage toward Mr. Wilson, the Massachusetts senator, amid great acclaim, and standing on the tips of his toes, shouted to the whole world that it would never do for the United States to even think of agreeing to a separate peace with Germany. "It would brand this nation with everlasting shame," he said and the people believed him. They believe him to this day even though he proposes, by his vote on this particular treaty, either to make himself a liar or to be willing to sell out the honor and dignity and good name of this republic to satisfy his hatred against the former President.

There is still another reason and a good one why these democratic senators should vote against the treaty, and for that matter, every other true-blue American citizen among them.—It is because Germany is particularly anxious that this specific treaty be ratified. It has already been indicated in German newspapers that Berlin's interpretation of this pact is that it means a breaking away of America from the Allies, a definite, clear-cut schism that will be hard to heal. And, of course, Germany is glad of that. It would be very delightful if America and the Allies should become permanently estranged. That would make it exceedingly difficult for the Allies ever to enforce the terms of the Versailles treaty. That would make it easy for Germany, even though technically to have lost the war, to win it eventually by refusing to accept the punishment agreed upon as fit for her people.

How any set of senators, who claim to be patriotic, who make any sort of pretention at all to loyalty to what this great nation fought for in the war and what its tens of thousands of sons bled and died for, can deliberately turn their backs upon peoples who walked with us through the welter of Gehenna and deliberately play into the hands of the enemies of civilization, is a problem too intricate for us to solve. It is not solvable except by admitting that the United States senate is no longer stirred to action by a compelling sense of duty, but that it is merely living on the remnants of wrath which sustained it in the days of Mr. Wilson.

The fact that the city is ready to lay several miles more of permanent paving may indicate to some that those who so frequently find cause to cut up these paved areas need more territory to exploit with their destructive picks and shovels.

DEPENDS ON HOW THEY ARE HITCHED.

It is interesting to watch the capers of some men in the always engaging study of community development, to watch what this man will do under given circumstances and what that man will do if conditions are not exactly as he would like to have them. There are some who can always be found in the rear lines, plugging and plodding away, caring for nothing except that the distance to the coveted goal be swiftly covered. And then there are some,—we hope their number is becoming obsolete,—who will refuse to pull at all unless they are hitched exactly right and hitched right up in the lead, in plain view of the multitude, stationed where the onlooking crowd is bound to see them first of all, and where the plaudits will give them initial greeting. We have no admiration for men of that character in the great business of community cooperation and, for that matter, we know of nobody else who has. No matter what their capacities may be, how versatile their talents, how engaging their personality, how successful their efforts, sooner or later team-work becomes well-nigh impossible with them in the lineup at all.

There is no longer any doubt as to the genius of Dr. D. W. Daniel as a storyteller and after-dinner speaker. Any man who can provoke Governor Harding to repeated laughter is entitled to the distinction without further misgiving.

PROFANITY AMONG SCHOOL BOYS.

A well known citizen of Charlotte has in this afternoon's News a communication touching upon a subject that ought to be of superlative concern to the fathers and mothers of this community,—the common evil of profanity among young boys, and especially those on the football field. He brings to public attention a situation about which there is probably general ignorance. We can hardly conceive of the parents of these young fellows in football togs knowing of the practices of profanity on the field and that it is regarded with such levity as the writer of this communication indicates. Otherwise, they would be exercising themselves to break it up.

It has always been a strange circumstance that profanity seems to be regarded so generally as a part of the performance on the gridiron. And in the case of many a young man, it is there that the habit is formed to stay with him for the balance of his days. We happened to know twenty years ago a young man on a football team in this state who was clean-cut in every particular except that when he got out there to playing football, he simply would drop into profanity. It seemed that it was as natural with him as falling off of a log. We chanced upon him again the other day and the old habit was with him still. He still mingled frequent oaths in his everyday conversation. And so it is with many another young fellow who starts the use of the language on the athletic field. He is indulging in a habit that will be difficult to shake off in his later years.

There are some violations of the conventions from which young men may get, for the moment, some sort of enjoyment and satisfaction, but, for the life of us, we can not fathom how the constant use of profanity is suggestive of anything profitable, pleasant or mirth-provoking. It is one form of evil doing that has no joyous fruitage. It gives nothing back and takes a lot away and so negative of virtue is it and so positive of harm that it is difficult to reason why it is such a widespread habit and why it is such a increasingly common form of evil.

WHAT WEEVIL HAS DONE HERE.

From all reports through the county we have been able to gather, one would be thoroughly safe in offering a generous reward for the first white bloom of cotton that can be produced from Mecklenburg fields today. And there is no surer evidence that the boll weevil is getting a good start for a thorough invasion of local cotton areas next season than can be found in the absence of cotton blooms at this time of the year. This status reflects the fact plainly enough that the boll weevil is well distributed throughout the county, that it descended upon cotton fields here in August and early in September and played havoc with what is commonly known as the "top crop," that is, the squares which make in August and open late in the Fall. The result of this premature invasion of the weevil can be easily seen by taking a walk through the fields. These young bolls that ought now to be turning toward maturity are hanging to the stalk dry as powder and thoroughly dead. The boll weevil has invaded them and left them lifeless and proceeded elsewhere. When the insect came to this county this year, it found nothing it could work on except this young cotton. The older bolls were too hard for it to puncture and it contented itself with these August squares. And the consequence is that Mecklenburg farmers will pick only such cotton this Fall as fruited in July and, ordinarily, that would mean a serious curtailment in production. With all the other factors which are militating against even an average output this season, this additional influence becomes all the more destructive.

SCARCITY OF VEGETABLES.

The presence on the market of turnip greens, delectable or delectable, as one's own gastronomic caprice may determine, reminds us of the scarcity of garden products which one runs across in the city stores these days. Ordinarily, this time of the year would be fetching to the markets an abundance of all sorts of vegetables common to this climate,—and practically all of them are, but there is a very acute shortage of even the crudest of garden products. It has been a fierce year with gardeners all around, beginning away back yonder in the spring and lasting right up to the first destructive frost. Drought cut short early vegetables after a protracted cold spring had given them a belated start and the torrid heat in August and September put swift end to the Fall gardens. This accounts for the absence of tender, delicious vegetables, fresh from the fields of local growers, on the market these days and their uniform scarcity all summer.

BOTTLERS ENDORSED PROPOSED SALES TAX.

Raleigh, Sept. 29.—Adoption of a resolution protesting against the proposed excise tax on manufacturers of soft drinks in the new revenue act and favoring a manufacturers' sales tax on all industries featured the eighth annual convention of the North Carolina bottlers association here. The resolution was addressed to North Carolina members of Congress, the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee. James Vernon Jr., president of the American Bottlers of Carbonated Beverages, the national organization, addressed the convention, outlining the fight made for elimination of the excise tax on the industry and appealing to North Carolina bottlers to urge their representatives in the national legislative body to oppose the provision. Chester Brown, of Asheville, was re-elected president; E. J. Lane, of Henderson, was named vice-president, and F. L. Johnson, of Statesville, was re-elected secretary treasurer.

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NEEDS OF ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL.

Editor of The News:

Having been requested by a number of persons, and especially the ladies of the different church circles as to what would be the necessary linens and furnishings for a bed at the North Carolina Orthopaedic Hospital to supply the requirements of a crippled child for a period of 12 months, we find that the following list of articles is a minimum requirement for a 12 months period, and respectfully submit that the institution will be grateful to any individual, society or others, who would take it upon themselves to either furnish these articles by having them made by their own hands, or to purchase all ready-made articles. Such assistance and donations will be of great financial help to us as you know the institution has a 60-bed capacity, and the furnishing of linens, etc., amounts to quite an item and expense during a period of 12 months.

- List of articles as follows: Ten sheets, 63 by 90. Six pair pillow cases, 18 by 22. Six pair pillow cases, 22 by 32. 12 gowns, patterns furnished. Three cretonne bags, 12 by 12. Three toilet bags, 12 by 12, unbleached. Six bibs, child's size. Twelve face towels, 18 by 32. Six bath towels, 20 by 40. Six face cloths, or wash rags. One pair uniform, orthopaedic wool blankets, 60 by 84 to be purchased by us at your request. Six counterpanes or Dimity spreads, 63 by 90. Two pair slumber slippers. We furnish material upon request for same. One toboggan cap. Anyone desiring to donate an individual orthopaedic bed, springs and mattress, complete, which will have their name, or any inscription they desire, attached to same on a silver plate, may do so at a cost of \$40. Anyone desiring to donate a rubber-tired wheel chair, which is very necessary, may do so at a cost of \$40, and same will be tagged as above.

THE EVIL OF PROFANITY.

Standing in front of a hotel in a nearby town my attention was attracted by a group of high school boys attired in football togs, just in from practice. Their conversation was eager, vivacious and about one-third profane.

I am not easily shocked, though I turned away in alarm over what this growing and unchecked practice on the part of strong, clean looking boys, who are to become our future citizens. In conversation with one of my own boys, who is a candidate for the Charlotte High school team, I asked if all the football players on his team used profane language. He answered frankly and openly that most of them did. I remarked that the coach should summarily dismiss from the team any boy who defiled the team by the use of profane language. He replied, "Yes, he should, but he does it himself." Football is good clean sport and makes men manly, fearless boys. Can it be kept clean and wholesome when profanity is bandied from mouth to mouth and not only tolerated but indulged in by officials themselves? I feel that I voice the sentiment of

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For several days we roam around with money in our jeans and seldom can a thing be found to which our fancy leans. But when the golden bird has flown, we see much junk we wish to own that missed us when we had a bone. It's now beyond our means.

It's queer that fate has deemed it so, but it's a truthful tale to say that merchants fail to show their wares when we have kale. It's only when we are dead broke that they display some stylish cloak, and then the price is quite a joke. It makes the paupers quail.

When cash is short, each place we go we run across swell stuff, but we could scarcely raise the dough to buy a box of snuff. With filthy lucre status quo it makes no difference what they show for we have no greenbacks to blow. Sometimes fate is rough.

Carry hefty wads a week and scarcely will you see a single useful bargain break to bring you surplus glee. As long as you haul round a sum you never sigh for chewing gum or crave a swag of monkey rum. You are fancy free.

Put soon your cool cash will vamoose and you will fret and frown, for merchants then will turn aloof; the bargains in the town. You crave to ride home on the car. You yearn for some big black cigar, and often strike a secret bar where brandy has gone down.

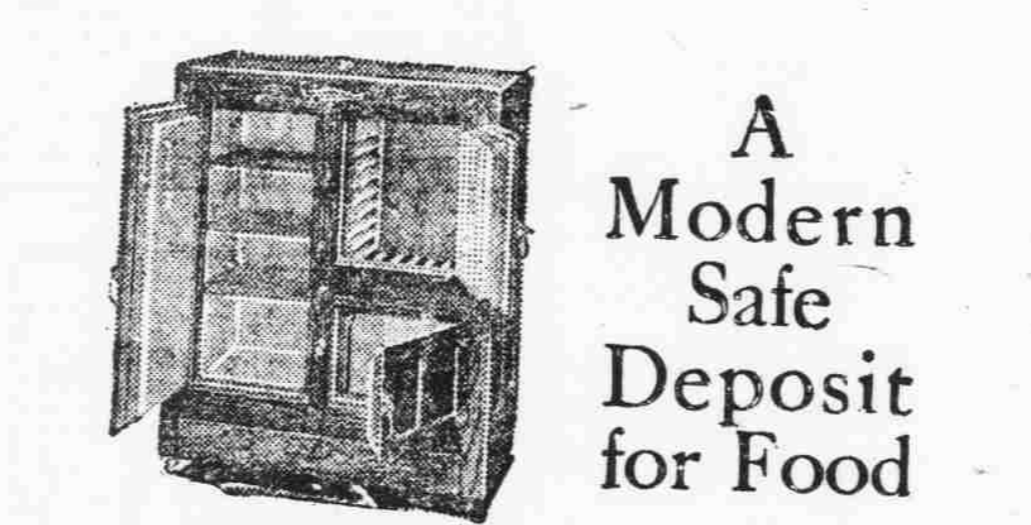
Plant some lucre in the bank or you will see the day when you will want to walk the plank because you have no pay. The minute your last cent goes the best plays hit the picture shows and chances for an auburn nose will make you pine away.

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all who enjoy clean sport when I offer the suggestion that the student body or faculty of the Charlotte High school rise in their might and indignation against this growing evil and see that only boys who are clean and knightly, both in speech and manner, be permitted to hold a position of honor on the Charlotte football squad and that the personnel of the squad reflect the personnel of the Charlotte High schools. CITIZEN.

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