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PEOPLE WON'T GO TO MEETINGS.

The Salisbury Post answers the question, "why do voters not attend political speakings?" with this statement:

Because "the average political speaker has nothing to offer an audience, therefore he does not get one. He has no ideas, no special information the average man needs or wants, and he totally lacks anything by way of a constructive program."

All of which is true. The average political gradually acquire knowledge. speaker knows no more than the man who

ings. The biennial lack of interest in political either. The subject to be studied should be speakings is but the continuation of the full left to the children. year's program. The same in large measure is true of religious gatherings, and many civic "pest" in her room and always he was botherprograms are killed in the making. It only re- ing the other children. One day as a boy was quires a few mistakes to turn the people into sawing away (and she was having a reading skeptics and keep the whole speech listening lesson for girls in the same room) the pest population at home or somewhere the attrac- slipped up behind the boy and pinched him. tion seems more alluring.

"This thing has been badly overplayed. Programs have been overloaded-killed, and folks have grown weary. Start out to arrange a program and nine times out of ten it will be the "pest" over his knee and spanked him. killed in the making. Then we wonder why the folks stay home; they have about stopped taking chances. If the President were to come want or expect more than ten or twenty mingust the people.

attending political speakings, answer by saying they are motived by the same reason as

for hours. and the state of the state of the "People are not going to deliberately invited themselves in to be bored. The speaker who has nothing to offer other than some rehashed idea, or some palaver of last year's vintage is not going to draw. He need not wonder why his seats are vacant and the people talking Will speaker today has to talk against the world, October report. and he simply is not equal to the task.

"We doubt if the two major parties in the state could show special requests for more than a half dozen speakers, and not many repeaters in the fields or has not been taken to the gins. for these. The folks are busy and are not gosomething to tempt them to leave off what York Cotton Market. they are doing and rush to other offerings.

will remain the same tendencies. The same imperative some action to keep millions of folks who refused to listen to a political speech bales from the market. Local farmers we are will refuse to go to listen to other men talk. It told, are not marketing their crop, working on is time to realize that program makers have the theory that by holding it at home they are so badly overdone things that a wary public is making the demand greater. Certainly this well ready to take care of itself by ducking- would help if done by farmers all over the and there is no use to complain, nor any use belt. to try to force things. They will not be rushed into our way of thinking, and doing, and so a cotton crop as the one this year. Farmers a year. much the better, too."

heed to what they heard than do the small duction they would get. crowds now.

ing something to do in this day of highly orto stay at home.

THIS FREE ACTIVITY BUNK.

local school officials who after hearing an ad- well off if they hold the crop. dress here recently by Miss Lucy Gage, of Nashville, Tenn., told the Concord teachers to get the best points from the address and leave the rest alone. Miss Gage, it seems, is an adallowed to do as they please.

teachers for it, told her hearers here and in Sal- good friend Senator Butler, of Massuchusetts, school graduation. In fact this group as a isbury that to correct a child in the primary de- who is having a rather lively campaign with unit has made the greatest progress of the city partment is unthinkable. Free activity, she former Senator David I. Walsh. claims, develops the child and he will acquire Some people take this as a sign that the City Group II had an index of 682.6 in 1922.

outlined. For instance, in Salisbury she told the teachers that in one city she visited she actually heard a teacher tell a child to quit runrunning back and forth through the hall making a noise. It is little less than a crime, she intimated, for the child thus to be "curbed."

Again, she maintained, parents often are responsible for "curbing" their children so their initiative is killed. To illustrate, she said that many parents actually had the nerve to make their children get up from the table and wash their face and hands. This is all wrong. Let the child alone, she says, and gradually he will learn to wash his face and hands. Of course, she offered no solution for the other members of the family who are thus forced to sit and watch the dirt on the child's face.

Miss Gage severely criticised any school system that allows children to be taught anything in the first grade and she doesn't think much should be taught in the second grade. Just let them alone seems to be her plan, and they will

Free activity/should take the place of text reads the newspapers and that class is becom- books, she has been quoted as saying, and to ing legion. Our people are better educated, illustrate she told of how she had allowed chiltherefore better able to think for themselves. dren to build houses or anything else they The politician need not have his feelings wanted to build during school hours. Students hurt by the size of his crowd, however. Lack should have saws, hammers and nails and of interest in public speaking, as The Post should be allowed to use them any time. Lessays further, "is not confined to political speak- sons should not be assigned by the teacher,

> Miss Gage told this story: She had a The boy sawed away. Again the "pest" pinched him. The boy sawed away. Again the 'pest" came along and this time the "pest" polled his hair. Then the boy got ap, turned

That's free activity. She saw the whole thing but dared not intervene for fear she would "curb" the boy's initiative. How in to Salisbury the chances are than he would not the name of heaven does she think those girls could have been thinking about their reading utes, the chances also are that local program while all the sawing and fighting was going makers would extend it to two hours and dis- on? And how would anything ever be done if the teacher dared not correct a student? Or "So when we are asked why people are not how could the parent ever control the house-

This free activity is bunk. Think of every in other classes of speakings to which they are child in a school room getting up and doing linvited. Alluring offerings are always at hand, what he or she wanted to do, regardless of Gas is comparatively cheap, so are picture what the teacher was supposed to be doing. shows, and the shining moon and good roads One might want to read, another might want to are not without appeal. There are too many saw, another might want to run about the calls for the average man or woman to be got- room and still another might want to shout and ten under roof to listen to a man or woman sing. Under the theory of free activity the without message or entertaining features talk teacher must not correct them. Free bedlam is what would result, call it what you may.

NO LIMIT TO THE THING.

.There seems to be no limit to the present cotton crop. The government now estimates that the total yield will be 17,454,000 bales, an in-Rogers, and Harold Lloyd. The average crease of almost a million bales over the first

More than 8,000,000 bales of the present crop already have been ginned and the government therefore estimates that half of the crop is yet The result of the forecast was a drop of \$1.50 ing to be disturbed, unless they are offered a bale in the price of the staple on the New BETTER EQUIPPED WHITE TEACH-

The thing gets worse and worse insofar as "After the election, November 2nd, there the production is concerned and makes more

The United States has never produced such who planned to get 12 bales, for instance, and Time was, too, when a public gathering of cultivated to get 12 bales, are getting 26. In any kind was an "event" in the average town, some instances the over-production is even People went just to get away from home as more. The farmer planted too much cotton, much as anything else. When huge crowds to be sure, but just the same he'did not know attended political and other gatherings they what kind of a season he would have, and no went for lack of something else to do as much doubt many of them would have cut the acreas anything else. They didn't pay any more age could they have seen in advance the pro-

Governor McLean, bankers, warehouse ex-But times have changed. The people have perts and others who are in close touch with

Greensboro conference for storing facilities and the end of the period. This fact together with financial aid were sufficient to care for the the wide existing difference in the training Right in the beginning we want to commend, crop, so the farmers after all will be just as of the rural and the city is the significant fea-

WANTS TO RIDE WITH VICTORS.

ing nothing more than the children are to be nomination and he has followed the same pol- ate education. licy in regard to the election. Therefore it is City Group III had the second highest index

other worthwhile things as he grows older. President is a little uncertain about the suc- 23 and 715.3 in 1925-26 indicating that during That may be all right as a theory but we cess of his Massachusetts colleague and wants this period the average teacher in this group wouldn't give a snap of our 'fingers for any to add what influence he has: 'That is not the improved her training .327 of a college year. school that employed all of the methods she case in our opinion. Massachusetts is nor- Nine of the rural systems in 1925-26 had 100 his own spaghetti.—Sun. Durham, N. C.

TO NON-VOTERS.

Winston-Salem Sentinel.

Every community has citizens and residents. The difference is that the citi-

If some party should arise with a platform to do away with voting, the people would arise in their might and snow that party under 'as un-American, un-democratic, out of tune with our republican form of government, a hideous monster seeking to deprive free American citizens of the sacred right of the ballot. But as no such party has arisen, or is likely to arise, more than half of the people entitled to vote don't bother to exercise their rights.

Nevertheless, after failing to vote themselves, they feel perfectly free to cuss out the government that the voters put in

Funny, isn't it? And tragic.

Only a few people vote because it is their privilege. Most people who do vote, are actuated by a desire to vote, against something or somebody instead of for something or somebody. As long as things are going all right, they don't bother to take the time to vote. But let things go wrong and they rush to lock the stable door after the horse has de-

It doesn't seem to occur-to them that if an administration has been good, it is just as important and more so to keep it in office, than to wait for a bad administration and then vote it out of office.

You can be dead sure of one thing. If you don't vote for the man or the policy you believe in, you are in effect voting against your belief because unless you vote you can't possibly offset the vote of the fellow on the other side.

Your man will be better able to do the things you want done if he is given a big majority-a vote of overwhelming confidence.

If he gets in through your help and starts to go wrong, you have a perfect right to take him to task. But if you did not vote for him you haven't the right.

A non-voter hasn't much influence.

mally a Republican State and Senator Butler in addition has the support of the capitalists who own the manufacturing plants of the State. He has great wealth and no doubt does not hesitate to use it.

We would like to see Senator Walsh in the to ride with the victor.

to further gratify his political appetite.

School Facts tells/us that the average scholastic training of all white teachers in the State in 1925-26 was nearly two years in college. In 1922-23 the index of scholarship for the State was 513.3, whereas for 1925-26 the index was 579.1. This means that within three years the average training of the white teachers of North Carolina has increased .66 of a college year, practically 6 months or an average of 2 months

If the State is divided into two parts rural and city, it is found that the rate of progress is greater in the rural systems than it is in

The average index for the rural schools has advanced from 464.5 to 536.8, whereas the city index has changed from 671.8 to 708.8. Ir other words, the gain in the rural index was .723 of a year and the city index gain was .370 of a year. However, sight must not be lost of the fact that the average index for city schools their autos, their fraternal orders, their movie the situation in the State, met in Greensboro started with 671.8, nearly 3 years of college theatres and other attractions. Instead of find- the other day and formulated plans to retire at training; whereas the rural index for the same least 500,000 bales. If similar steps could be year was 464.5, slightly more than a half year ganized effort the hard thing to do is find time taken in all of the States great good would re- of college training-a difference at the beginning of the period of over two years training It was the concensus of opinion at the and of less than one and three-fourths years at ture of the analysis.

The highest average scholastic training for any group of schools for the year 1925-26 is found in Group I. The average scholastic President Coolidge refused to aid many Re-training of the teachers in the eight cities comvocate of free activities in schools, this mean- publican Senators in their campaigns for re- prising this group was 3.233 years of collegi-

Miss Gage, and we have the word of many of interest to see where he has sponsored his 720.9, which represents 3,209 years above high groups during the period,

per cent. of their white teachers holding stand- FILTHY COMBS STIR PROTESTS ard certificates. These counties were: Dur- MePhaul Sees Improvement But Deham, Currituck, Wilson, Guilford, Scotland, Warren, Chowan, Polk and Graham. In 1924-25 only five counties made this record—Dur-Charlotte to conform to the laws in from all dat draft ham, Guilford, Warren, Gates and Polk.

Only four of the cities listed in the table had any teachers with less than standard training, condition of combs, brushes and other and in these four the percentage of non-stand- utensils. ard teachers was very small. There were twelve of these cities in this class in 1924-26. cent." in the past ten years, Dr. W. A. It is evident that there is a very definite ten-

dency for both rural and city systems to employ only teachers that hold standard certifi-

There were seven counties that actually had teachers with slightly less training last year the law in this respect, he added. than in 1924-26. These counties were: War- Phaul as follows: ren, Hoke, Johnston, Greene, Avery, Union, and Brunswick. The Dare County teachers barber shop shall wash or cause to be had on an average, slightly less training than washed thoroughly at frequent intervals and to be kept clean at all times in 1923-24, but slightly more than in 1924-25. all combs, hair brushes, hair dusters These are the only actual decreases in the and like articles and shall also stertraining of teachers in any of the counties.

MANNER OF LIVING MAKES THE DIF-FERENCE.

The Cornell Agricultural College recently tweezers after each separate use therepublished budgets kept by families of two of generations on the same farm. In 1880 the family spent \$321.45 while the family of 1924 spent \$2,563.76. Items of heat, automobile, gasoline and labor account for the increase, it is shown.

The Gastonia Gazette points out that the increase in the budget has increased eight fold and wonder whether the joys of life have increased in proportion. Continuing the Gazette points out:

"In the earlier, simpler generation the major it should be enforced, he added. expenses were four: food, clothing children and church. Each of these items cost in the \$1,080 is "Blessed" Clean Out of year between \$50 and \$100. In the year 1924 the church dropped out as a comparative major | Mary Jane Barber, colored wom item, even though in 1924 more was given the an. 1045 North Main St., is a sac church than in 1880 by about 30 per cent. In Gypsy gave Mary Jane a complete the modern year food, clothing and children education in the management of her remained three of the four major items, but the fourth was the new major, and it topped all colored woman, after which the others. In the Cornell budget this item was denominated 'General Operation.' In Gypsy. 1880 it cost \$19.96 and in 1924 \$691.65.

"Papers and books jumped from \$2.50 to \$161.70, far passing the church and showing one of the greatest percentage increases of Mary Jane would bring her money any, although not the largest total."

The figures were gathered by Prof. Ralph bank in which she had recently de A. Felton, extention professor of rural school organization, who wrote W. G. Hooker, secretary of the Pacific Northwest Newspaper

"'The father's family bought cloth by the not to take the wrapper off until she Senate again but have no real hope that he yard, but the son's family bought ready made had returned the money to the bank, will be the victor. Therefore we take the so clothes. The sheet in a full state of the parts. will be the victor. Therefore, we take the po- clothes. The education of the son's children Mary Jane carried the money back Remember-Trade W sition that President Coolidge, being just a is costing twice as much as his own, due to to the human being and a politician after all, wants the fact that teachers' salaries have nearly trebled. The father took two papers only; the off the package and told Mary Jane He didn't take any part in the fight in other son, during the year, bought a set of Harvard that there was no money there. States because there was too much chance of classics. The father's family light bill for the defeat for his man. But in Massachusetts year was nine gallons of kerosene, \$1.08; six he feels perfectly safe and by commending his lamp chimneys, 59 cents, and one wick, six friend he gets before the people as the sup-cents, a total of \$1.73. The son spends two porter of the man they support. He figures dollars a month for fuel for his lighting systhat position will aid him later when he strives tem, while the upkeep and depreciation is \$75

weight seer-sucker. "The professor further explained that the son has 'all sorts of modern conveniences.' Also that the son's doctor bill for the year 1924, is especially large because during the year his wife had a rather serious operation at a hos-

WILL APPROVE STATE REGIME.

Voters of North Carolina are well pleased with conditions in the State and we agree with Robert R. Reynolds, "Our Boy," in the belief that this approval will be demonstrated at the polls next Tuesday. North Carolina has been sanely progressive.

We have outstripped the rest of the South, yet we are not wasting our money. The people of the State have "equitable prosperity," and the Democratic leaders have planned with the view to aiding the Republican as well as the

"Capital and labor," said Mr. Reynolds, are walking nearer hand in hand than ever in the office of Register of Deeds for before in the history of the State," and that Cabarrus County, N. C., in Book 59 statement is accurate.

We predict that the approval of Democratic for each to the highest bidder at the rule will be given with a rousing vote on November 2nd.

GARY'S RULES FOR SUCCESS.

Judge Elbert Gary, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation, gives the following rules for success, saying they aided him in becoming a wealthy man: Be approachable.

Get a good education.

Select your occupation with care and stick

Be clean and healthy, mentally, morally and physically. Be diligent; keep appointments and prom-

Be reasonable, fair, patient and exercise a and Julia Martin. good disposition.

Make friends, avoid making enemies. Follow the Golden Rule.

Be patriotic, respect officials, observe the

Be honest.

Mussolini is probably one Italian who can master even

clares There's Room for More.

Charlotte Observer. regard to sanitary equipment was imminent yesterday, following the complaints from citizens regarding the

While inaking the assertion that the shops had "improved 100 per McFhaul, city-county health officer,

said there was still much room for improvement. The owners do not see to it that each comb and brush is sterilized after use on a customer, Dr. McPhaul said. Only one shop in the city conforms to

"Every owner or proprietor of a

washed thoroughly at frequent interilize or cause to be sterilized after each separate use by immersion in boiling water all mugs and shaving brushes and shall disinfect or cause to be disinfected by a method approved by the health officer of the city of Charlotte all razors, clippers and "No barber shall use for the service

of any customer any comb, hair brush, hair duster or like article that has not been thoroughly washed and is clean at the time of service, nor any mug, shaving brush, razor, scissors, clippers r tweezers that has not been sterilezed or disinfected in the manner hereinbefore required. The law, Dr. McPhaul pointed ou

is one of the many laws today which are not observed on account of the multipilicty of ordinances. For the sake of health, as well as cleanliness

Sight By Gypsy Magician.

financial affairs yesterday when she blessed \$1,080, the property of money disappeared as well as Gypsy. Officers are searching-for

Jane's home and told her that she was going to have a good deal of back her so that it could be blessed. Mary Jane went down to

posited her money that was received rom the sale of her property South Carolina.

The Gypsy placed the money in terious manner and told Mary Jane

Solid Comfort. Uncle Zeke had decided to go north search of opportunity and mone He boarded the train at the little southern station one mild November lay, weering his Sunday suit of light

Two days later he landed in the city of Chicago, in the midst of a terribl The wind shrieked through blizzard the streets, and blinding snow and cu ting sleet met the darky the momen e stepped off the train. With money he soon found himself facing these elements. In a very short time, he was lying in a back alley, froze

There the city garbage men found him, and, dumping him into the car alongside the dead dogs, cats and horses took him to the city incinter ater. . The body of the darky was chunked in, along with the other dead odies, and the door closed. After waiting long enough for the

ntense heat to consume all the bodies and refuse, the firemen returned. They

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

by a certain mortgage deed executed to me as trustee by Howard Bost and page 275, I will, on Wednesday, No vember 24, 1926, at 12 o'clock M., sell courthouse in Concord, N. C., the following tract of land:

City of Concord, Cabarrus County. State of North Carolina, on Lore's Alley, adjoining the lots of Mollie Houston, Chas. M. Branie, and others. Beginning at an iron stake on the vest side of Lore's Alley, corner o Mollie Houston and runs thence across Lore's Alley N. 38 3-4 E. 126 feet of Mollie to an iron stage, forner Houston; thence N. 47 1-2 W. 48 ft to an iron stake, corner of Chas. M. Branic; thence with his line S. 37 1-2 W. 132 fe. to an iron stake on the West side of Lore's Alley; thence with Lore's Alley S. 55 E. 45 ft. to the beginning, subject to an alleyway 20 ft. in width, adjoining and parallel with the last described line. The above property was conveyed to the Southern Loan & Trust Co. by Maggie Morris

Sold to satisfy provisions o said Mortgage.

nortgage deed held by J. M. Hendrix. Trustee, recorded in office of Registe of Deeds for Cabarrus County in Boo

No. 47, page 279.

This the 25th day of October, 1926. M. B. SHERRIN, Trustee. Armfield Sherrin & Barnhardt Attorneys.

THREE PERSONS

Wind Reaches

PENNY COL

Strayed-Black Male Pig about forty pounds. Litaker, Way Mail

Two-Horse Farm for Re Franklin Mill prope Litaker at Ritchie For Sale -Multiplying M. Coley & Co

Hats-Value \$5.00 and Saturday, Miss Br.

2 Big Hallowe'en Dar Lake Friday and S Two prizes-one for on floor and one fo tume. Jacobs Bros. Lest-Tuesday Even

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man, Route 1. China

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THURSDAY, OCTOBE Cotton See CONCORD PRODUCE

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Country Ham Irish Potatoes Sesqui-Cente PHILADELPHI June 1-Novembe

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Railway agent R. H. GRAHA.

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