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LIBEL.

While the cat's away the mice will play. Bro. Depriest, of Shelby, went down to Morehead City to the press meeting and while away the boys allowed the Hon. "Cornercracker," a noted publicist of that section, to publish a piece in the Highlander, in which he had this sentence: "How long has Simmons been feasting at the public crib? How about the \$1000,000 he has been paid for voting 19 votes wrong, according to the tenets and traditions of Democracy, out of a possible 43?"

Senator Simmons started a law-suit by wire and Editor Depriest apologized while "Cornercracker" said what he meant to say was, that Simmons had received \$100,000 for 12 years' service in the Senate and that the only thing he had done was to vote 19 times against his party and constituents. Make the boys learn the libel laws by heart, Depriest. W. had always been proud of our record in libel matters. Our old Boss Man on the Charlotte Observer trained us to see a libel quick, and in 11 years service we saw libel suits trace back to Avery, to Jim Abernethy and to the Old Man himself, but never to us. It was only after we took charge of the Hickory Democrat that we tasted the flavor of a libel suit, which, however, we were able to compromise for \$10. Two of our brilliant young friends of the local bar got \$5 a piece out of it, while the plaintiff had the privilege of holding the bag.

A LANDLUBBER ON THE COAST.

Editorial Correspondence of the Democrat.

Morehead City, July 20.—Morehead is a great place for a landlubber. The Atlantic Hotel is a big, lumbering, loose-jointed, amphibious hotel, where you look out at the depot on one side or take a swim in the bay on the other. It is run by the Norfolk-Southern railway, and furnishes a good traffic business every summer. Mr. Dubois, whose size and hospitality are in keeping with the size and hospitality of his inn, is manager, and did mighty well by the newspaper bunch, who spent the best part of a week with him. The dining room ran short of waiters for a day or two but he imported a car-load from Newbern to fill the vacancies. We had a room in what our next-door neighbors called "Drunkard's Row." One who is in the ward but not of it can't always tell where he is going to alight, but we enjoyed our window which opened out on the water and gave us a sea-breeze day and night. The dining room and the ball room adjoin and vie with each other for preeminence. One can "eat and drink" in the one, and then

take a step "and be merry" in the other. The seafood was delicious and you could look out of the window and see the fisher-folk catching more for the next meal.

IN THE SURF.

It is a pity one has to sail over the bay to get to the surf. It was rough the day we went in—"choppy" was what Dowd, of the Charlotte News, called it, with an air of familiarity, as if he were an old salt, and knew all nautical terms. We envied him his fine mastery of the sea—till we saw him stretched out on the deck of the dandy little revenue cutter Seminole the next day, hopelessly seasick. Depriest, of the Shelby Highlander, went out too far, and got caught in the undertow. Two nifty gentlemen went after him, and got him out, half strangled. But it is hard to teach some people a lesson. The next day, when the Seminole was going out to take a look at the derelict Thistleroy, Depriest was hoping Capt. Berry would run alongside of the wreck in order to let him take a picture. A GREAT HARBOR OF REFUGE.

It was a memorable trip—that little run out to sea aboard the trim cutter Seminole. The press association were the guests of the Morehead Chamber of Commerce and of Capt. Berry on this occasion. Across the bar half of the moulders of public opinion and their wives and daughters got seasick, and the trip was spoiled for them. We first ran by the tall lighthouse at Cape Lookout, and saw where the government is going to make a great harbor of refuge by building seawalls, or something, out into the sea at two places, thereby deepening the water so as to permit the greatest ships to seek safety from the worst of storms. Already \$300,000 has been appropriated for this purpose. It is not impossible, too, that the government may have to maintain a big coaling station for warships here in the future.

WRECKED IN SIGHT OF THE LIGHT.

Capt. Berry took us as near as he could go in safety to the wreck of the big British tramp steamer Thistleroy which ran onto a sandbar last January, and became an utter loss. Her cargo was cotton and phosphate rock from Charleston. All of the cotton has not yet been got out, and the rock will never be used in commerce. We were fortunate enough to be on the bridge and overhear the captain telling the story of the rescue by the cutter and life-saving station combined of the captain, his wife and the crew of the Thistleroy. It was a thrilling story, in which the greatest marvel of the age, wireless telegraphy, played a part, for the Seminole, whose duty it is to police the ocean from Norfolk to Charleston, is equipped with the wireless, and the captain got a message from Beaufort a day after the wreck occurred, which led him instantly to rush to the aid of the distressed vessel. The impressive thing about the sad wreck—only the bridge and smokestack now outstanding from the turbulent sea—was that it occurred in sight of the light! Strange that some human lives are ruined in spite of the Old Home and the Good Book.

THROWING THE LEAD.

The North Carolina coast is the most treacherous in the world. As Holden expressed it in his brilliant poem, "Hatteras"—"this is Golgotha of the sea." All the way through the sound and across the bar, the Seminole had a white-clad sailor throwing the lead. She draws 12 feet of water, and though her pilots know the channel perfectly, so ceaselessly does the sand shift that it is never safe to go out or come in without testing the depth. No dancers on the ball room floor of the Atlantic hotel were more graceful than the Seminole's sailors, as they swung the lead-laden cord backwards and forwards, sometimes making it the radius of a complete circle, and then letting it plunge far ahead into the water, reading the depth by the vari-colored strips on the line. "Fifteen fathoms" or "Quarter less 15" would the linesman sing up to the captain on the bridge. It is the safest thing to take

soundings. Business Manager Don C. Seitz, of the New York World, made one of the finest addresses ever heard by our press association on business methods in running a newspaper. He didn't sound but one false note. "Oh, yes," he half sneered, "we have to save the country, periodically, of course." His intimation was that the country never was unsafe. That is a blind optimism. The great nations of history—where are they? Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome, Phoenicia, Egypt? Where is Spain's greatness of yesterday? It is safe to take soundings—and the press is the linesman on the ship of state.

THE INLAND WATERWAY.

Congressman Faison was aboard the revenue cutter Pamlico which took the press association the 43 miles trip through the Inland Waterway which Congressman Small and Senator Simmons have worked so hard for, and he pointed out by the use of charts the value of such a passage for commerce and for use in time of war. By water from Morehead to Newbern used to be 150 miles. Now it is only 48. Capt. Broadbent, of the Pamlico, was just as hospitable to the press people as Capt. Berry of the Seminole. These naval officers are a fine set of men. They are entirely likable and agreeable. We fell into conversation with Lieut. Coyle on the deck, and found him a man conversant with all literature. We ranged from the army of Northern Virginia to characters in Dickens and Scott.

SEA-FISHING AT DAYBREAK.

But no experience of this trip was more enjoyable than trolling for Spanish mackerel on the deck of a little steam launch. Whichard, of the Greenville Re-flector; Hardy, of the Scotland Neck Commonwealth; Chambliss, of the Charlotte Observer, and the Democrat, made the trip before daylight, and the Democrat caught a mackerel just as the sun was bloodying the aquamarine tints of the water. No bait is used. Only a hook with a white goose-bone above it. The bone resembles the small white fish which the mackerel eat. And such a fish! The rainbow trout of the Yaddin's headwaters can't hold a candle to him. He has rainbow all over him, too, with buttons on it. He is very, very different from himself, than after he has been in a keg of brine for a couple of years, and is dug out with a fork to be fried in the skillet. He fights for freedom, and flirts his tail till the water foams. To vanquish him is a victory worth while.

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MAN AND THE SOIL.

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