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Maybe Russia is preparing to fight Japan to the last Chinaman.

Seems as though these Smiths are a never-ending source of trouble to us political minded Methodists.

"Envoy Sees Russia As Ally of China". And that is a sign that he doesn't need a new pair of specs.

The best way to aid the unemployed is for the people who have the money of the country tied up to put men to work and pay them for their labors.

Looks like we will have to perform an operation to remove Japan from the vitals of Manchuria before we can have a great deal of co-operation among the nations.

If that special session in Tennessee succeeds in finding funds with which to carry on, we will call a personal extraordinary session of something on this side of the mountains.

A headline says that cotton may take the place of silk in parachute manufacture. Trouble is that the Southern staple, when it starts down, drops too fast, and somebody gets hurt.

Of all the silly things that have come out of the mixture of religion and politics, one of the most absurd is the assertion that Senator Cameron Morrison is hiring Bob Reynolds and paying his expenses to run against him.

Ever since the episode in which he took so conspicuous a part, following Wilson's return from Versailles, we have longed for Senator Hiram Johnson to run for the presidency, just to afford us an opportunity to vote against him.

For once we are in perfect accord with Bishop Mouzon, when he says that the pulpit is the place for the Gospel alone. Now, if the good bishop will practice the doctrine that he preaches, it will do much to clarify the situation in the South, where many of us are unable to understand where religion begins and politics ends.

Rumors from Raleigh are to the effect that Senator Bailey, along with Senator Morrison, will oppose the confirmation of Charles A. Jonas as has had a deal to say, and probably some to do in opposing Mr. Bailey's taking his seat in the senate. Turn about is fair play.

Paris hears that the firm stand of the United States Against Japanese invasion of Manchuria is being modified, thereby causing a deal of uneasiness in the League of Nations Council. In other words, Gen. Dawes, whom we sent to slip in at the back door of the League as our representative, has been ordered to change "Hell 'en Maria" to tut, tut.

Bishop Mouzon says that the church is not interested in politics, but will fight on a moral issue. We take it that it is immoral to offer a candidate for public office who entertains an opinion as to the best way to bring about temperance and sobriety in this country that is contrary to that of the Bishop. If a minister, say a bishop, has the political urge, it is not difficult to find an immoral windmill upon which to try a lance. But what the people are really seeking is for somebody to bring unto them the Balm that is in Gilead.

WHAT HO!

Rev. Dr. Rembert G. Smith pastor of the Methodist church, down in Sparta, Ga., busied himself considerably, during the last presidential campaign, and since, in protesting by spoken and written word, against the entrance of the Methodist church into politics.

The good Doctor made himself offensive to the bishops, the powers that be in Southern Methodism. He demanded the resignation of Bishop Cannon, and severely criticized Bishop Mouzon and others for their political activities.

Bishop Cannon was given a secret hearing at the General Conference in Dallas, and was acquitted.

The other day, when the North Georgia Conference met, the Sparta church sent a petition urging that Dr. Smith be returned to them as their pastor. Charges were preferred against him in the conference, and he was placed on trial. Again his church protested, expressed the confidence of the flock in their pastor, asked that the charges be withdrawn, and that

Dr. Smith be sent back to Sparta. Instead of listening to the members of the Sparta church, the men and women, who, presumably know him best, the trial was held, held in secret with nobody except the committee appointed by Bishop More knowing just what the charges were, and Dr. Smith was kicked out of the conference by an order of suspension from the ministry for one year.

The editor of this paper is an unworthy member of the Methodist church, and as such, as well as a citizen of the United States, where the flag is supposed to stand for constitutional guarantees of freedom, is considerably interested in and concerned about the proceeding. The trial of Bishop Cannon was held secretly, the charges kept secret, as is the custom in the Methodist church. We believe then that the membership of the church is entitled to know the whole truth about what happened, and that this secret trial system is pernicious on the face of it. The general charge of "unministerial conduct" might cover a multitude of offenses. The idle are prone to talk, and a conviction on that charge, with the true nature unrevealed, might do irreparable injury to the character of a good man and a faithful servant who was guilty of no greater offense than "sassing" a bishop. Every thing of this nature should be done in the open, and not behind closed doors. In the case of Dr. Smith, this is especially true. Nobody knows what really is the truth, and the Methodist people are entitled to know just why a minister of good repute, of learning, and of high standing was suspended for a year.

Not knowing, and having no means of information, they have a right to draw such conclusions from the circumstances as they may, and the circumstantial evidence is that Dr. Smith was booted out of the conference because he had a different opinion of the mission of the church from that entertained by the powers that be, and had the manhood to stand up for what he considers the right and to speak his mind upon this important subject. It smacks mightily of big stick methods in the hands of bishops and of the doctrine of the infallibility of the pope. Have we come to the place where Methodist preachers are to be bludgeoned into obedience to the political powers within the church, or be kicked out?

It is time for the light to be turned on and the whole affair to be brought into the open, that the great body of Southern Methodists may know the truth, that they may intelligently pass upon the matter that may affect the future of their church.

The personal opinion of the editor of this paper was expressed in the following telegram, sent to Dr. Smith on last Sunday:

"Thousands of Southern Methodists resent the efforts to silence your voice and are with you to the finish in your great efforts to save our church from this unholy alliance of church and politics. True to the faith of our fathers, we will not be bulldozed into silence by ecclesiastical despots, and will continue to contend for the rights of free thought and free speech".

THE HOPEFUL SIGN

The most hopeful sign for the future welfare and prosperity of Western North Carolina is the fact that the people are largely turning from day labor and salary jobs about the "public works" and are returning to the soil of the mountain country as the means of their livelihood. This is true in Jackson county, and we believe is true throughout the mountain region, to a greater or less extent.

Time was when the farms of this county afforded our only means of making a living. The people were not wealthy, any of them, but everybody had a good living, that is everybody who was able and willing to work. Then came the "public works", and people saw a chance to get ready money for their labor. The consequence was that when the depression came, it caught our folks with no money in hand, and but little provision set aside.

Quick to see the point, after necessity had driven it home, the people turned back to the farms, and as a result the folks in the country districts in Jackson county have more money this fall than they had last and the county as a whole is more prosperous. The people have meat, canned goods, potatoes, apples, corn, and other food and feed to winter them.

Not only that, more intelligent thought is being put into the business of farming and marketing than ever before. This source of wealth is just beginning to be tapped. Better farming, better preparation of produce for the market, better marketing methods and facilities are all spelling a greater prosperity for Western North Carolina.

You may have as many depression-panics, or whatever you choose to call them: but you can't starve Western North Carolina, when we rely upon our farms for our sustenance.

One family of tenant farmers left the farm a number of years ago, and went to the "public works". They are a good family. They are hard workers; but year after year they found themselves with less and less. Buying everything that they ate in a tin can or a paper bag, they could at best but make a sort of living. Early last spring, two of the younger men of the family returned to the farm upon which they were born. This fall they have meat, canned goods of various kinds, feed, 500 bushels of corn and other things as their share of the crop. And the point is that they have it in hand, saved up against the winter. They are better off financially than they have been any year since they left the farm, and this is a year that is generally considered as being especially discouraging to the farmers. Next year the whole family is going back to the farm.

It is the only solution of our problem. It is the most hopeful sign of the times for Jackson county.

CARELESSNESS vs. CURSEDNESS

What is termed carelessness is frequently cursedness. Take for example the matter of forest fires.

There is but one sure cure for forest fires, and that is to catch and severely punish those responsible. Occasionally a fire starts as a result of carelessness, a neglected camp fire, a load of live coals dropped from a locomotive, a match accidentally dropped in dry leaves or grass; but it isn't often the case. More frequently it is cursedness. Most fires are deliberately set by somebody who likes to see the woods burn. The destruction of the forests, one of our great legacies and one of our most important assets, is a matter of too great public concern to allow to pass unnoticed, and every effort should be made to punish those responsible.

FATHER OF SYLVA WOMAN DIES

Friends of Mrs. Roy C. Allison learned with regret of the passing of her father, Mr. G. W. Penland, at his home in Clay county, last Friday morning. Mr. Penland was 81 years of age, and had been in poor health for several years. Mr. Penland has made frequent visits to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allison in Sylva, and had a number of friends here. Funeral and interment were at the E. H. Baptist church, of which Mr. Penland has long been a member.

CULLOWHEE DRAMATIC CLUB TO PRESENT PLAY THURSDAY

A play, "Light House Nan," will be presented at eight o'clock Thanksgiving night, by the Dramatic Club of Cullowhee High School. The play will be given in the High School auditorium and the admission fees will be twenty-five and thirty-five cents. Mrs. Virginia S. Cobb is director. The story is a gripping one, which unravels the forgotten mystery of the Carolina seacoast. Old Ichabod and Moll Buzzer will keep an audience always laughing. Every appearance of the ridiculous Sir Arthur and his sister Sarah will also bring down the house. The outcome of the story of the pathetic, yet game little Nan, will be awaited breathlessly.

SUPERSTITION DIES HARD

Business has no reason to fear a Democratic National Administration-Governor Roosevelt, enjoying the lead among Democratic candidates, speaks at length on this text, at the request of a United Press correspondent.

Word is on the rounds, the reporter told the Governor, that the country's recovery from hard times may be handicapped by the business world's apprehensions concerning Democratic success, next year.

The first things in order, after this preface, is to give thanks that business finds the worst of hard times behind it and more daylight shining in front of it.

Next, it seems proper to ask if American business, following out of the worst maulings in its history, still has its childlike faith that its only security against storms and trials lies in the Republican covenant to protect and maintain prosperity?

If that delusion is still current among business men, then business is still an economic illiterate, unable to read the signs of the times and incapable of writing a new and better chapter in American economic history.—Asheville Times.

PAY YOUR TAXES

The tax books for the entire county are now in my hands for collection. The county needs the money. Pay your taxes now, and get it behind you.

JOHN J. MANEY, Tax Collector.

TRUSTEE'S SALE

Notice is hereby given that under the power of sale given in a Deed of Trust executed by E. J. Bryson and wife, Mabel Bryson, to F. E. Alley, Jr., Trustee for Tuckasee Bank, dated the 30th day of September, 1923 and recorded in Book 82 on page 571 of the Records in the Register of Deeds office of Jackson County, N. C., default having been made in the payment of the debt secured thereby, and the holder of said debt having demanded that the undersigned Trustee exercise said power of sale and sell the property thereby conveyed, as provided in said deed of trust. Therefore, on Monday, Dec. 21st, 1931, at 12 o'clock noon, at the Court House Door, Jackson County, N. C., the undersigned will offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash that lot or parcel of land with the improvements thereon, lying and being in Cullowhee Township, Jackson County, known as the H. C. Bryson store building property, and beginning on a white oak or the bank of the branch, corner of the church lot and corner of the school property, and runs south 62 degrees west, 24 poles to a stake; thence north 36 degrees east 3.8 poles to a stake and black oak at wire fence; thence north 33 degrees 30 min. west 38 poles to a stake in the branch at railroad switch; thence up and with said branch, as it meanders, to the beginning, containing one acre more or less.

This sale will be made after default in payment of the indebtedness secured by the above deed of trust, whereby the power of sale contained therein has become operative.

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F. E. Alley, Jr., Trustee.
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