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NOT SO BAD

Quite a number of persons are stirred-up over Governor Ehringhaus' having said something or other about "Mugwumps" in a recent speech. There is evident a certain amount of "Is it I?" in the attitude of some. If folks don't get called anything worse than mugwumps this year, they will get off lightly.

The term means merely that a voter does not stick to the straight party ticket in every instance, but votes for the man he most wants in office. Its political meaning is "one who is self-opinionated or conceited"—probably so labelled because he dares to exercise his own brain instead of letting party leaders do all his thinking for him.

A Mugwump was originally an Indian chief of distinction in the tribe. Like many other things, the word has been debased by politics.

POU'S PULL

I am just wondering why Geo. Ross Pou pulled down \$6000 a year as salary, and on his resignation the commission appointed Jack Roach to succeed Mr. Pou at a salary \$2850 below what his predecessor received. And, too, it seems the commission does not anticipate any addition to the present personnel.

If the state can now save about \$6000 in this department, I wonder why the commission did not make the discovery before this vacancy occurred. I also wonder how many other fat jobs could be made vacant by a little investigation and doubling up of duties which could be done easily enough without extra heavy work for any one.

Nearly any of us would take a good state job if offered, and I do not blame Mr. Pou, but I do believe the commission should economize all possible in its operations.

TO SIGN OR NOT TO SIGN

Five hundred students and a number of the professors of Temple University, Philadelphia, signed a petition for a holiday honoring the University president's birthday, specifying that if granted, each would "decapitate himself with extreme joy."

This is a proof of the current belief that most

people will sign anything even without reading it. And we fight add almost anybody can get a good recommendation from almost anybody. It is a good rule never to sign anything till you read it at least twice, and remember your recommendation is an expression of your own character.

WHO'S THE BOLSHEVIST?

When I first read about the conditions governing the Printers' Code I thought I would turn Bolshevist. But when I read the Code, I found that the government had already turned Bolshevist and I was too late.

SEEN AND HEARD

GOLIATH'S GRUBBING HOE

Have you seen that big grubbing hoe in the window at Debnam's Hardware store? Take a look at it. It is a foot long and the blade is a half foot wide. I know, because I measured it. Here's the hoe, but where's the man to use it?

SEVEN GOURDS

Did Carl Goerch ever notice that usually one sees seven martin gourds on a pole? Well, not always, but often. I was told when a boy that people in some places hung up seven gourds on Monday. Then when they had taken down one a day for six days, they knew Sunday had come again. But I saw 32 gourds on a pole the other day. If there had been 30 or even 31, they might have stood for the days of the month, but there were 32 of them.

WALKING OUT ON THE PREACHER

Some one told me that while Dr. Read was pronouncing the benediction at the Methodist church last Sunday two brethren walked out on him. Since they are both professional men, no doubt professional duties called them.

PERFECTLY PROPER

The Baptist folk in town are trying to reach the Standard of Excellence. One of the requirements is that a certain per cent must bring Bibles to Sunday School. The Bible Class has bought a nice lot of Bibles and keeps them in the racks on the back of the seats. The other Sunday the superintendent asked all who had Bibles to hold them up. The brethren reached over, got their Bibles, held them aloft, and then carefully replaced them in the racks. The members of this class did not have any little boys in Sunday School, so what difference did it make?

RAISING HOGS AND FISH

Have you seen John Bunn's fish pond? It is about a mile beyond the old Jack Pearce home just off the road to the west and not far from Little River. It is a beautiful place covering several acres. It is stocked with cat and other fish. He cleared the land two years ago. And, he feeds his fish. It is just as important to feed fish as any other life. We are told that the disappearance of fish from many streams is not due to fishermen, but scarcity of food.

And I am about to forget to say John raises hogs too. He has a half hundred on the place.

U S C C C N C

A few days ago I saw a nice looking coupe pass along the highway. In it were three well-dressed young men. At least they appeared well-dressed, for their clothes looked better than my Sunday ones do. On the side of the car were the letters: U S C C C N C.

In a few minutes a big covered truck came along. On its side were printed in large letters: "N. C. Highway and Public Works Commission."

Now if we could all get a state job we might all ride somehow, sometime, somewhere.

TO FINISH OLD FLOORS

Have the floor clean and dry. Heat two quarts of linseed oil and add it to one-fourth lb. of paraffine. While this mixture is hot, apply it to the floor with a paint brush. After about 45 minutes wipe off any that may not be absorbed and polish the floor—with a weighted pad, if possible. For a more glossy finish use floor wax on the polishing pad. Mrs. McInness says this is better on old or rough floors than trying to keep them covered with imitation linoleum rugs.

Floor Wax

1-4 pound Floor Wax
1 pound paraffine.
1-4 pint raw linseed oil.
1 1-4 pints turpentine.
Melt the beeswax and paraffine add the linseed oil and turpentine and stir the mixture well. When cool it should be about the same

consistency as paste shoe polish. Use only a little at a time on a cloth or pad for polishing floors.

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

F. P. Medlin was a caller at The Record office Thursday and reported a fine boy at his home. Pink says he is so busy he hasn't had time to name him yet.

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State Theatre

Charles Laughton brings to the State Theatre, Raleigh, again today and Saturday, his interpretation of Henry VIII as England's much married monarch in "The Private Life of Henry VIII."

As directed by Alexander Korda from the story by Lajos Biro and Arthur Wimperis, "The Private Life of Henry VIII" presents in a light, humorous and modern mood the story of the 16th Century king and five of his six wives, two of whom he had beheaded and two of whom were divorced.

Elsa Lanchester, in private life Mrs. Charles Laughton, plays Ann of Cleves, the German Duchess whose marriage was for reasons of state, and was very short and very funny, lasting only a day and a part of a night spent over a card game. Binnie Barnes plays the important role of Kathryn Howard, who put aside her love for Thomas Culpeper for the crown of queen and lived—and died—regretting it. Wendy Barrie, Merle Oberon and Everley Gregg are the other wives and other important roles are portrayed by Miles Mander, Claud Allister, Lady Tree, Robert Donat and Franklyn Dyall.

Completing this program is a Merric Melody cartoon, "Hot From Petrograd," and a News.

Will Rogers scored a personal triumph in his latest release, "David Harum," which will be shown for an entire week beginning Monday at the State, Raleigh. Rogers not only gives a sterling performance but also proves that the public was perfectly justified in re-

questing that he be starred in this particular production. The story offers Rogers a role so much in keeping with his character, it is little wonder he carries it so well.

The film portrays the life of a shrewd and sturdy horse dealer whose cold bartering and unethical methods of doing business are the gossip of the small town in which he lives. A young man who is in the employ of the horse trader is about to throw up his job because of the ruthless methods of his employer, when he learns that underneath the hardness of this shrewd man is a soft heart that sympathizes with the poor. The young man who is in love with a wealthy girl hesitates to propose marriage because of his poor financial standing. The horse trader's efforts to help the romance are unsuccessful. But he advises the boy to place all his savings on a horse which the young girl has asked him to enter in a race. With romance hanging on the outcome of the race, the film comes to an amusing conclusion as the horse trader employs his own novel method of bringing the horse home a winner.

Rogers' performance is superb and Kent Taylor and Evelyn Venable in the romantic leads are splendid as the young lovers. The other members of the supporting cast, all of whom perform remarkably well, are Louise Dresser, Stepin Fetchit, Noah Berry and Roger Imhof.

Completing this program is a musical act with Jack Denny and his orchestra, a sport novelty "Kennel Kings," and a News.

Negro Minstrel

The Rocky Cross baseball club will present a negro minstrel at the Oak Ridge school house Friday night, April 20, at 7:45. Admission 10 and 15 cents. Everybody is invited. The proceeds to buy baseball equipment.

Mrs. Ted Davis Shower Honoree

On Tuesday night of last week Mrs. Ted Davis was honored with a miscellaneous shower at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Rupert Weathers at Knightdale. On Saturday afternoon Mrs. Davis was guest of honor at another shower, the hostess being Mrs. R. L. Scarborough and daughter, Miss Clara Lee Scarborough.

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Measles Epidemic Is Greatly Feared

For some months whooping cough has raged through this and adjacent communities, until it now seems on the decrease. And, as often happens, it may be followed by an epidemic of measles. Already there are numerous cases of measles, which is a much more contagious disease than is whooping cough, and, certainly is no easier to diagnose. Measles is also among the more serious diseases, especially among older persons, having a decided tendency to "settle" in some part of the body that may have been weakened by other sickness. It is followed by pneumonia unless great care is used in nursing, and may affect the eyes permanently if they are not protected while inflamed.

While it is unusual for a person to have measles more than once

there are on record a number of instances of its being contracted as often as exposure to it occurs

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Dunford, of Winston-Salem, Mrs. Margaret Dunford and Little Winnie Rankin will visit Mrs. A. K. House the week-end. Mrs. House's mother will remain for a while with her.

The circle of the Ida Fisher Missionary Society of M. E. church will meet with Mrs. A. A. Pippin of Wakefield Friday night at 7:30. All lady members are urged to be present, take a few sandwiches, and see what a surprise you'll get.

A slice from a cake baked for their wedding, in 1882, was recently eaten by Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Merriam, of Westport, Conn.

At Ye Chequers Inn, near Osmotherly, Eng., a peat fire has been kept burning day and night, since kindled in the year 1764.

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