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#### HOMICIDES ON INCREASE.

The Charlotte News is concerned ov North Carolina in our efforts to break down the invasions of the deadly germs, but we are making a blunder at our attemnts to decrease erime," and adding further that "the virtuous results of the public consciousness aroused against typhoid, for instance, are overcome and offset by the continued prevalence and increase of the homisister. set by the continued prevalence and in-crease of the homicidal bacillus." The News then quotes from the Raleigh News and Observer which gathers from the bureau of vital statistics the infor-mation that five homicides occur and two men are committed to prison every week in this State for homicides. The figures as compiled and announced

by the Raleigh paper are impressive, to say the least. They should create unusual interest among those people who are patriotically concerned about their State.

During the thirty months six hundred and twelve people were killed in North Carolina, and 275 were brought to the State Prison to serve sentences for various degrees of murder, ranging from one year for manslaughter to execution for first degree murder. Twelve were for murder in the first degree, 157 for mur-der in the second degree and 110 for

During the year of 1921, 246 homicide were reported to the Bureau of Vital Statistics, 105 people were punished by imprisonment or death for murder. In 1922, 253 people were killed and 99 were convicted and sentenced for murder. During the first six months of 1923, 113 people met death in homicides, and dur-ing the same period 77 men and women were committed to the prison for mur-

Over the 30 months' period 941 me and women were committed to the priso to serve sentences for crime, 275 of whor were brought for murder, or about 30 per cent. of the convictions were for taking human life. The man killer has 56 chances out of a hundred of not being brought to prison when he has taken a human life, according to the figures of the Bureau and the Prison

Homicide ranks next after typhoid fever in the causes for death reported to the bureau. In 1921 typhoid deaths to taled 307 and homicides 246. In 1922 typhoid killed 298 and homicides ac-counted for 253. Disease decreased and crime increased. The comparative fig-ures for the first six months of the cur-rent year are not available.

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To quote again from The News, it seems that "we fight disease with one hand and kill with the other. That which slays its thousands has come to awaken more public dread than that which slays its tens of thousands. Evidently there is need in this State for a re-swearing to uphold the law. We are letting our conscience become calloused to crime, passing it over as a thing of levity and thus adding to the minimum of value that attaches to human life.

#### FORD ANNOUNCES HIS POLICY.

There is great rejoicing in the Cooldee camp over the boost given the Presdent by Henry Ford, who declares to
the world that Mr. Coolidge saits him
and who hints that for this reason he
should suit the rest of the world. In a
statement issued Wednesday the Detroit
nanufacturer announced that he would
not oppose Mr. Coolidge as a candidate
that has party, and plead with American
bentle to let well enough alone and not
some with a real simpaign.

And this has delighted the Coolidge
unporters. They did not know just
stone Mr. Ford stood and they are glad

Wear a Landscape on Your Frock



The new figured materials are more varied in their designs than we these of last spring and summer. Then motifs of Egyptian, Persian Chinese origin were used—now fashion demands whole landscapes canoramas. Sketched here are two frocks—one made entirely of a restricted alls, the other combining the decorated fabric with a plane

he had other candidates on the fence. He has a certain following and Democrats and Reepublicans alike wanted to see whether he was going to be a candidate so they could go after his followers.

There is little likelihood that Mr. Ford will carry all his support with him. The fact that Mr. Ford favors Mr. Coolidge doesn't change the fact that Mr. Coolidge represents everything the Republican earty stands for.

hen human energy as well as mechanical appliances are put to the test against time. For example, an English baronet once wagered that he would dise at 7 o'clock in a suit of clothes made from wool which had been growing on the sheep's back the same day. Operations began at 5 a, m. with the washing of his began at 5 a, m. with the washing of his manufacture one, but early enough to permit of a tailor and his assistants completing the suit by 7 p. m., in plenty of time for the baronet to don it preparatory to sitting down to his evening meal.

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The largest single raft ever seen in the Great Lakes, containing 7,500 cords of Canadian pulpwood, left Port Arthur, Ont., recently, consigned to a paper company at Wisconsin Rapids.

#### TODAY'S EVENTS

Friday, December 21, 1923. Today is the last day of Autum It is also St. Thomas' Day, in times the beginning of the Christm

times the beginning of the Christmas holidiays.

New Englanders observe this as Forefathers' Day, the anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims.

The Rt. Rev. John J. Nathan, Catholic
bishop of Hartford, today celebrates his
45th anniversary in the priesthood.

Greetings to Charles P. Taft, Cincinnati newspaper publisher and brother of
Chief Justice Taft, on the occasion of his
d 80th birthday.

Workingmen's Compensation Act. hiladelphia Record. What a world of relief and rescue from

Legislature, however reactionary, dare to attempt such retrogression.

In Paris there are twelve great bridges over the Seine, with an average of only 345 yards between them.

#### EVERETT TRUE

BY CONDO

YESTERDAY, UPON RETURNING TO MY CAR, WHICH I LEFT PARKED BY THE CURB, I NOTICED PASTED ON THE WINDSHIELDS OF SEVERAL CARS, INCLUDING MY OWN ADVERTISING LABELS BEARING YOUR FIRM NAME. YES, MR. TRUE, WE ARE TRYING OUT THAT FORM OF PUBLICITY. ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ANY OF OUR SEVERAL ONE !!!!

## Everybody Wants Hams and Turkeys for Christmas

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#### "OL' NOTH CT'LINA" Bertan Braley in The Raleigh Time

As soon as you get to No'th Ca'lina
The roads and the towns set newah, finah,
The people walk with a brisker step,
And even your motor has more pen.
The hookworm's banished, the country has
A lot more energy, pep and jazz;
The livest Northerner couldn't design a
Livelier State that No'th Ca'lina.

The farms look fatter, the hamlets ain't Quite ignorant of the sight of paint, They're building roads and are not con

With sand and clay, but they use cement And the schools look good; mills are bus; And each inhabitant owns a Lizzie, Or a big twin-six, or something finah, As soon as you get to Ne'th Ca'ling.

This State's not dreaming of the days gone by, There's a modern glint in each mortal's

flows On Gotham's street. You must give 'eu credit,
These folks are fully awake; you said it!
You meet the boostah; you loose the
whinah,
As soon as you get to No'th Ca'liua'!

In Great Britain a locomotive has a life of from sixteen to eighteen years. There are many older than this still running, but usually they have been so much rebuilt that their original designers would not know them. During its lifetime the average passenger locomotive ton the English railways covers between a million and a half miles.

More than two million fir trees are used every Christmas in the Britis Isles.

The United States consumes more than one-third of the world's total pro-duction of turpentine.

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NOTICE OF SALE OF VALUABLE PERSONAL PROPERTY.

PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned executors of the Will of the late J. R. White, and by virtue of authority conferred in said Will, will on Saturday, January 5th, 1924, at the Court House door in Concord, N. C., at twelve o'clock M., sell for cash to the highest bidder, the following described personal property, to-wit:

Three, State of North Carolina, Bonds, 4 per cent., interest bearing, each \$500.00. Ohe \$1,000.00, Fourth Liberty Bond, 4 14 per, cent. interest, bearing.
One share of North Carolina Rallroad Company, stock.

Two shares of Concord National Bank stock.

Ock.
This the 13th day of December, 1923.
BAKER MORRISON,
JOHN P. ALLISON,
H. I. WOOLHOUSE,
Executors of J. E. White's systee.

#### DINNER STORIES

Wife—"You can't make me cry. I ouldn't cry for the best man on earth." Husband—"You don't have to, you've it him."

He—Your extravagance is becoming unbearable. When I die you will probably have to beg.

She—Well I will be better off than some poor woman who never has had any experience.

ralking Without Thinking.

Talking Without Thinking.

The prosecuting attorney was examining a negre witness.

"Now Mose," he said, "tell us what you know about this fight?"

"Well, boss," began Mose, "I think"—

"I don't want to know what you think.

Tell us what you know."

"I think—"

"I told you not to tell us what you think."

"But, boss," said Mose, apologetically, "I ain't no lawyer. I can't talk without thinking."

The following was read among church announcements in a small Eastern town:
"The funeral of the late Harry Henry will be held in this church at 10 a.m. and Thanksgiving service will be held at 3 p. m."

Pat and Mike were washing windows. They had a board through a window on the second story of an office building. Pat on the outside dropped his chamois. "Wait a minute," says Mike, "Oo'll get it for you." He jumped from his end, of the plank thereby letting Pat fall the two stories. When he reached the ground he looked at Pat in disgust and said, "Phwat was your hurry?" Pat didn't reply and Mike said, "Pat are you dead?" "I am not," says Pat. Mike replied, "I don't know, you're such a liar no one can believe you." Pat replied, "I must be dead for you'd never dare to call me a liar if I was allye." 

"Describe the manner and customs of he people of India," asked the teacher. "They hain't got no manners and they lon't wear no costumes," said the little

"I stubbed my toe against the piano st hight but it didn't hurt me."

"Why?"
"I struck the soft pedal."

A Baid Fact
Bessie, aged four years, who was owntown with her mother, caught sight a baidheaded man.
"Oh, mother," she exclaimed in high hrill tones, "just see that man! He asn't a hair on his head. Isn't it ad?"

sad?"
"Hush!" replied her lother.
will hear you."
"Oh," replied Bessie in
tones, "doesn't he know it?"

### In the New

Flint Six-Cylinder Sedan

provides a capacity power that establishes a new standard of motor ntility. The car is both beautiful in appearance combin-ed with genuine distinction and performance. Why not select one of these for an Ideal hristmas present? They will cost very little more than the open cars. We have Durant and Star cars

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