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DINNER STORIES

Schoolmaster—If I stood on my head the blood would rush to it, wouldn't it? Now, when I stand on my feet, why don't it rush to my feet?

Johny—Because your feet ain't empty. Nell—What would you give to have such hair as mine? Belle—I don't know—what did you give?

"Where are you going, my pretty maid?" "I'm going a milking, sir," she said.

"What is your model, my pretty maid?" "The Ford is my bossy, sir," she said, and turned on the gas, drained the crank-case, and retired with four gallons of Ford's Synthetic Milk, Inc.

Sunday School Teacher: "Reginald, can you tell me two things necessary to baptism?" Reginald: "Yes, miss, water and a baby."

John: "Say, where did you get that black eye?" Tom: "I went to a dance hall and was struck by the beauty of the place."

Inquiring Friend—Why must a judge look so impassive? His Honor—If you show any signs of interest in a lawyer's argument he'll never stop.

He was fond of philosophizing. One day at the club, it was about the beauties of nature. "Seems to me that old Mother Nature has provided for every contingency," he said. "What prompts the reflection?" asked one of those who had the misfortune to be near him. "Why," answered Muggins, "look at the way she has placed our ears. Yet a million years ago she didn't know that we were going to hook spectacles over them."

KEY NAMED TO PRESIDE AT TRIAL OF W. B. COLE

Wilmington Jurist Conducted Trial of Noted Pencock Case. Raleigh, Sept. 11.—Judge J. B. Peacock, of North Wilkesboro, was named by Governor McLean this noon to preside over the term of county court which will try W. B. Cole for slaying Bill Or-

that time, but the governor will name an emergency judge to take his place there.

The Wilkesboro jurist, who has been on the bench since 1918, presided at the trial of Dr. J. W. Peacock in Davidson county, in the spring of 1921, when the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty on grounds of insanity. Judge Finley sentenced the physician, who had shot down the Thomasville chief of police in cold blood, to life in the insane ward of the state prison a place from which Peacock escaped two years later. The Cole trial promises to be one of the greatest murder trials in the history of the state, and much interest has centered on the choice of the governor for presiding judge.

BREAK IN DROUGHT IS SEEN; COOL WEATHER FORECASTER IN ATLANTA PREDICTS PEOPLE WILL BE SLEEPING UNDER BLANKETS BY SUNDAY

Atlanta, Sept. 11.—Hope of early relief from the drought was held out to sweltering southern states by C. Von Herrman, Atlanta forecaster, who declared the people of this section during the last 45 days would be broken by local thundershowers. Atlantans saw fulfillment of the first part of the forecaster's edict when light breezes caused a slight drop in temperature here. The still sandpaper has been seen in Washington only twice since the city was founded.

OUT OUR WAY

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Stewart's Washington Letter

BY CHARLES P. STEWART, NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON—President Coolidge isn't going to have things all his own way when he launches his campaign in Congress next winter to force consolidation of the country's rail transportation systems if the roads continue to stall off voluntary consolidation. The lines which are losing money naturally regard the consolidation proposition with very kindly eyes, since it would insure them a share of the profitable ones' revenues. It's hardly reasonable to expect the latter to be so enthusiastic.

Of America's approximately 250,000 miles of railroads about 200,000 miles pay. The other 50,000 do not—or barely. If the whole 250,000 miles were merged, it doesn't follow that their total earnings would be increased. On the contrary, part of President Coolidge's plan is to cut rates. On top of that, on the consolidation basis, whatever profits the combined roads did make would be spread over the entire 250,000 miles.

No longer would all the vevers go to 80 per cent of the lines and all the losses to 20 per cent. On the face of it, it doesn't look like a good bargain for the former.

The administration's view, however, is that consolidation would so greatly reduce overhead and so enhance efficiency that nobody would lose by it; in fact, that everybody would gain—the combined railroads in an increased margin of profit and the public in lower freight and passenger rates.

About Praying for Rain, Monroe Enquirer

Governor McLeod, of South Carolina, designated Sunday as a day of fasting and prayer for rain, calling upon the people of the commonwealth to do so.

It also is dry in North Carolina, but several Union county farmers have assured me within the past few days that rain just at this time was not desirable with them, since they had a lot of cotton that needed picking and would be spoiled by rain, besides hay and fodder needed gathering.

Another week or so of clear weather would suit these farmers fine. There you are—people always at cross purposes—some wanting one thing and some another.

And we rather not do our duty and let the giver of all good and perfect gifts order affairs down on this little speck of His vast domain as He sees fit? Has not God in His regard for the human family said: "While the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease?"

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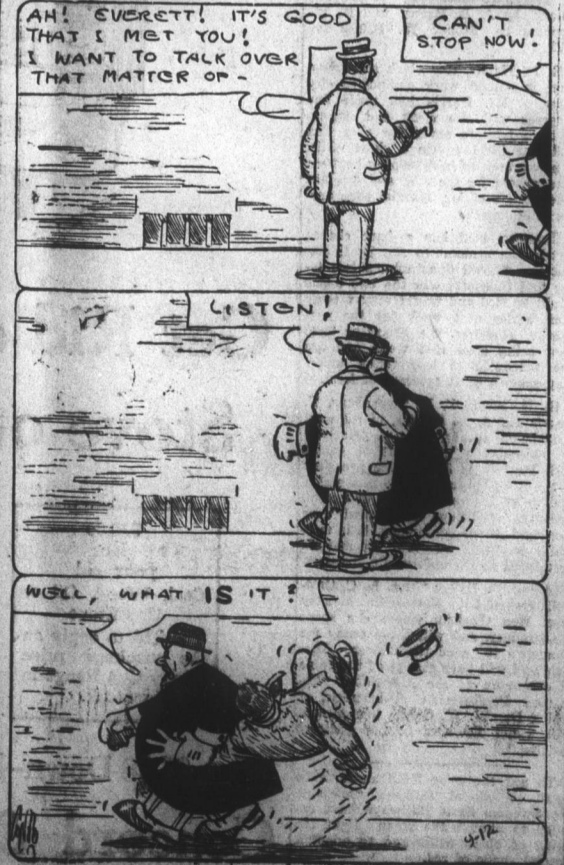
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