

American Legion Men

A. E. F. Soldiers will recall how good it felt to change into a uniform that had been dry cleaned. It made of you a better fighter. Good appearance today will not only strengthen you mentally, but set you off as successful in the passing parade of business. "Fall in" with your patronage for Bob's.

TOM SIMS SAYS

Lots of things most of us are looking for are not anywhere. Time, the Thanksgiving and Christmas wait for no man. Try to save too much and you may waste it all. No wonder a camel can't go through the eye of a needle. He's all tired out by the time he finds it in the haystack. Hitting the high spots can give a man an awful jolt. The moon has her quarters and halves, but that's because she doesn't get full very often. (Copyright, 1925, NEA Service, Inc.)

The absent-minded professor—no, this is another one—had wandered into the floral shop to buy Christmas decorations. "Ah—how much is the mistletoe?" he asked the pretty clerk. "It's very high grade," she replied, "so it's quite expensive." "Ah—yes. Ah—in that case, before I buy, would you mind—ah—demonstrating it?"

Stewart's WASHINGTON LETTER

By CHARLES F. STEWART
NEA Service Writer
Washington, Dec. 1.—"The best luck a government employe can have," said an elderly chief clerk who has spent all his adult years in a bureau of one of the Washington executive departments, "is to be fired before he has time to become really dependent on his job."

"Under the old spoils system, when a general cleaning out usually followed a change in administration, there was some hope of this. The civil service commission practically has ended it. Today a federal appointment generally means a life sentence. The poor boob who gets one doesn't know it at the time, but he might as well be accepting a nice cell in the Atlanta penitentiary. The chances for advancement are about equal in either case. In Washington maybe you win your way up to a chief clerkship. At Atlanta, if you're good, they make you a trusty."

The old man pondered, his faded eyes brooding. "On the whole," he reflected, "I thing I'd have preferred Atlanta. Locked up young, I wouldn't have acquired a family to support on an inadequate salary. They tell me well-behaved prisoners are made very comfortable. At any rate, they don't have to worry. And if they don't like it, they can get out, sometimes. Their terms expire or they escape or are pardoned."

In Washington—take me, for instance. I spend my waking hours figuring on schemes to make ends meet. At night I dream about it. It isn't only the necessities. I have to 'front' to keep up. My family

and I must look respectable. My wife has to work, too, or we couldn't do it. And hardly anybody, once fairly settled in it, ever is able to get out of the government's service."

Afternoon Newspapers Organize Greensboro Record.

The organization of the North Carolina Association of Afternoon Newspapers, effected in this city Saturday evening, is a great forward step not only for these papers but augurs well for the future growth and development of this state at a time when conditions are ripe for unprecedented advancement of the state along a constructive and desirable line. The association will tend strongly to unify and strengthen of the afternoon press, already recognized as the great field for the newspaper of today.

It is conservatively estimated that even now some 650,000 people are embraced among the readers of the afternoon newspapers of North Carolina. With a closer bond of common interest established and accentuated among these papers and through a definite and well planned effort to promote efficiency in the gathering and dissemination of reliable news of the state and particularly of its governmental affairs, the afternoon press will be enabled to give its readers a better news service than ever before.

The masses of the people do not have time to read a newspaper, save in the most perfunctory and cursory manner before they must be at their daily work, and by the time they return home the latest developments in all important news is awaiting them at their homes. Furthermore, they have leisure and comfort and can read the afternoon paper thoroughly and thoughtfully.

Even in the larger cities of the country the number of morning newspapers is steadily decreasing, both in strength and in numbers. There are reasons for this trend in the newspaper world, and as the afternoon newspapers develop in capacity and efficiency they will grow even more notably in advertising patronage and in readers until they become everywhere the leading newspapers. The organization of the afternoon press of North Carolina is a noteworthy forward step in the recognition of a community of interest among them and the application of the cooperative principle in promoting efficiency and better service. This marked trend in journalism is particularly marked during the last decade and will continue during the ensuing one.

Reformed.

At the convention of the Legion's Department of Delaware, two small boys were much interested in watching the delegates trooping into a hotel lobby. "Who's all those men?" asked the younger. "That's the American Legion." "What's that?" "Well, they used to kill people. Pop's one, but don't get skeered, 'cause they're tame now."

CHARLOTTE MEN OPPOSE BUILDING NEW COURT HOUSE

W. C. Dowd Says It Would Be "Stupendous Folly"

Opponents of the proposal to move the Mecklenburg county court house from its present site to the new location bargained for by the county commissioners on East Trade street delivered their opinions to the commissioners Monday morning at a special session which the board called to hear the protesters.

Arguments were presented by representative citizens of both the city and county against the removal of the court house. Magistrate John P. Hunter, of Mallard Creek, asserted that the rural citizen would have to borrow money this year to pay their taxes, and, therefore, would not welcome the additional cost that would have to be met by increased taxes. A. B. Justice said the proposed new court house by floating a short term note issue instead of by bond issue, should not be taken as an assurance that it would not mean additional debt to the county.

The group of protesters named Parks Brown, of Charlotte and Mecklenburg county, as master of ceremonies. Mr. Brown has his office in the city and is a real estate man but resides in the county. He introduced the speakers.

The list of protesting speakers included A. M. McDonald, former member of the board of commissioners of Mecklenburg county; H. N. Pharr, former State senator; R. C. Freeman, former representative of Mecklenburg county in the lower house of the general assembly; Plato D. Price, former member of the Mecklenburg county board of commissioners and former member of the county board of education; W. C. Dowd, publisher of the Charlotte News; Magistrate John P. Hunter, of Mallard Creek township; Magistrate in Mecklenburg county for forty years; Frank S. Neal, prominent farmer of Charlotte township; and A. B. Justice, member of the Charlotte bar.

Mr. Dowd summarized his opinion about the contemplated removal of the court house by the statement that "our new city hall is a handsome monument to the most stupendous municipal folly I ever saw and I don't expect to see anything to equal it unless the county commissioners carry out their plans about a new court house." Mr. Dowd argued further that the present court house, with improvements that can be made with comparatively little expense, will last the county and meet all its needs for a court house for a long time to come.

Life-Saving Dog Honored.

The Pathfinder. Within nine years Felix, dog mascot of a Chicago fire engine company, saved at least four persons from being burned to death. Everybody who knew the dog loved him and when he died recently six school children were given the distinction of carrying his body in a little wooden casket heaped with flowers to his grave. Eight autos made up the funeral procession and 20 firemen were on hand to attest their sorrow over the loss of their dumb mascot. Business men and firemen contributed \$400 for flowers and a tombstone for the dog who was buried in a plot in the forest preserves.

HOTEL BOATS FOR MIAMI.

Floating Hosteleries Planned to Relieve Housing Shortage.

Boston, Dec. 2.—Application has been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth for a charter for the North and South Floating Inn Company, the announced purpose of which is to operate steamships to Florida and anchor them off Miami as floating hotels to relieve the present housing shortage in that city. The papers of incorporation filed on behalf of Miami interests, give the authorized capital as 3,000 shares of common stock with a par value of \$100. The President of the company is G. Lincoln Billway of Boston.

Men, Not Systems.

Raleigh News and Observer. Stanley County, news dispatches say, will probably abolish the county gang system of handling prisoners as a result of the expose of conditions by the State Department of Public Welfare resulting in holding Superintendent Crawford for trial on a charge of murder.

The Department has done well in bringing to the attention of the court what appears to be flagrant disregard for the most rudimentary principles of humanity in the treatment of prisoners. Its showing in the test case now presented before Judge M. E. Eory sitting as a committing magistrate was impressive. Of course Crawford is entitled to a trial fair and free trial, and must be proven innocent until he has been proven guilty. Yet, if even a vestige of evidence adduced by the representatives of the Department of Public Welfare is borne out, they will have rendered the State great service though we are ashamed in the recognition of it.

Of course, Stanley county should abolish the chain gang. But abolishing the chain gang, as desirable as that step is, will not suffice. As long as prisoners are absolutely under the control of vicious, thoughtless, or reckless men, the county of the State will be continually "bumiliated" by the shocking thing which have stirred North Carolina recently.

Post and Flagg's Cotton Letter.

New York, Dec. 1.—Trading on the cotton exchange today has again been almost entirely professional with outside business quieter than ever. The early weakness was due chiefly to local selling on a generally favorable weather map and the belief that the export movement had reached its peak and will now begin to fall off as the foreign demand has decreased considerably of late. Today's exports were very heavy, 232,878 bales, but apparently had little effect on prices. Liquidation of December against purchases of May and October was in evidence and October was particularly strong. Sentiment remains mixed and traders and speculators are again waiting for the next bureau.

Czech-Slovakia has become famous for its women athletes.

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BY WILLIAMS

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WHOOH! IS AT WHUT IT'S BEEN? WELL MEN, IF WE GOTTA WAIT JILL TH' SUN SHINES T' HAVE FRESH AIR—WY IM FER CHANGIN HORSES.

NOT ONN THAT MEN—HE'S JUS DAMP NOW—WAIT L HE GITS WET! DEEPUL WILL THINK WE'RE GARBDGE COLLECTERS

THE SILENT SUFFERER

THE FAIR WEATHER HORSE

MOM'N POP
BY TAYLOR

SAY YOUNG MAN—I'VE BEEN WAITING TO SEE YOU—

NOW WAIT A MINUTE POP—I KNOW IT WAS WONDAS OF ME TO SIGN YOUR NAME TO THOSE CHECKS AT THE CLUB—I DIDN'T KNOW IT AMOUNTED TO SUCH A LARGE SUM—

—BUT I'VE GOT A PLAN ALL WORKED OUT TO PAY YOU BACK OUT OF MY OWN POCKET

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