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## EFIRD'S

From now until Christmas our store open every night to 8:30 o'clock.

### YOUNGEST GRANDPA ALSO AN INVENTOR

High Point Man Says He Has Discovered Long Needed Power Device.  
High Point, Dec. 9.—A High Point man is the inventor of a device for motive power, and another drought like that of last summer would be the means of making him rich.  
This device is water power which can operate despite the drought. It is a wheel, operated by water from a tank and the same water is used over and over again. The power generated forces the water back up into the tank and this circulation is maintained with a loss of only one per cent of the motive power created, according to the inventor. The surplus is the thing.  
The inventor is Mueck E. White 35, who claims to be the youngest grandfather in America, his daughter's child affording him this distinction.

Keep Your Money in a Bank.  
Fayetteville Observer.  
The folly of keeping money on one's person or hidden around the premises, instead of in a bank, is forcibly illustrated by a story told by a Fayetteville banker. Not long ago, according to the banker, a lady came to him with a mass of moldered paper which she said had been the sum of \$180 in currency. She explained that she had decided to keep the money where she could get it when she wanted it, and had buried it in a cigar box in her garden. Months later, having occasion to use some of it, she dug up the box and found that the box had rotted and the paper money along with it. She was in great distress.

Of course the banker could not give her anything for the rotten mass of paper, but he told her that he would help her as far as he could. He sent the rotted paper to the Treasury Department at Washington, with a letter of explanation. He repeated the lady's story and added that he knew her and was certain she was telling the truth. The treasury department has in its employ experts who are trained and skilled in all matters pertaining to money. The rotted paper was turned over to them and they spent some time on it, subjecting it to various tests. They reported that the paper undoubtedly represented genuine money.

And then the government sent the lady a check—not for \$180.00, the face value of the money she had buried, but a check for \$120 with a letter explaining that the experts drew certain salaries from the Government, that the time they had spent in examining and testing the mutilated currency had been computed and that it had amounted to \$60.00, and that the Government had deducted this amount. The lady got only \$120.00 for her original \$180.00, but was glad to get this much. She says she had learned her lesson and that in the future she will keep whatever money she has in a bank, where it will be safe and not deteriorate in value, and she admits that \$60.00 was perhaps not too high a price to pay for the lesson that she has learned.

### The Editor's Desk.

Greenville Piedmont.  
Old man Pierce Browne, editor of the Anderson Mail, thus defends the liberty of the press!  
"Editors who keep their desks neat and tidy and do not throw anything on the floor usually write precise, well-constructed sentences, rhetorically and grammatically correct, and sometimes turn out as much as a column a day. But the editor who turns out real work has a desk looking like a mare's nest after he has been working a few hours, and the floor around him about a foot deep with litter. He has not time or inclination to keep things orderly; there is usually a janitor to clean up at night. Neatness is a thing to be commended, but an editor who takes so much of his time to keep everything straight and orderly around his desk usually does not turn out much real work."  
Judgment affirmed. Most people do not realize that the newspaper editor has to handle more papers than the follower of any other profession. In addition to a vast number of letters, many of them containing information of more or less value, he must daily look over a big pile of other newspapers. If he lived in a "lodge in some vast wilderness," he might clear these off every day, but he is subjected to constant interruptions, and thus the "agenda" accumulate so rapidly that most of the time he is behind time.

Joel Chandler Harris, Jr., told us some time ago about a Tennessee newspaperman who cleaned up his desk one day and found a typewriter that had been lost for two years.

### Locarno's Importance.

Windsor-Sutton Journal.  
A distinguished French statesman says that the signing of the Locarno pacts in London this week was "the most important step in the history of the modern world."  
The Philadelphia Record does not think that the Frenchman has exaggerated the importance of these new international agreements which were made possible by the League of Nations.

"The Versailles treaty ended a war," says that paper, "but it did not assure Europe of peace, and it contained not a few seeds of wars to come. But the agreement of France and Germany not to make war upon each other, and of England and Italy to go to the succor of either of these which should be attacked by the other, and the general arbitration treaties between Germany and its four neighbors, constitute every assurance of permanent peace that is possible to human agreements."

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He May Get Bored.  
Stranger: "Say, can a feller get a room here?"  
City Roomer: "Yes."  
Stranger: "An' can I get board too?"  
City Roomer: "I'll swear you can get bored; I've been bored to death ever since I've been here."

### MAYVIEW MANOR CO. SHOWS DEFICIT OF OVER \$100,000

Thought Best to Consent to Receivership Rather Than Be Forced to Make Sacrifice Sale.  
Greensboro, Dec. 9.—A temporary receivership for Mayview Manor Company, at Blowing Rock, was made permanent here Tuesday by Judge E. Yates Webb, of Shelby, of federal district court, western North Carolina district, signing an order to that effect. T. H. Coffey, of Blowing Rock, and J. T. Beall, of Lenoir, are named permanent receivers, they having been temporary receivers. Judge Webb heard the matter in chambers. It was thought best to do this and not have to make a forced sale of the property now, which is nationally known as a summer resort, one of the show spots of the United States. The receivers are in charge of all the assets of the company, physical plants, properties, contracts, books, accounts and documents. The proposal to make the receivership permanent was not resisted.

### Messrs. Coffey and Beall were named temporary receivers for the Mayview Manor property by Judge Webb on November 10th, in Charlotte, and instructed to make an inventory of the property and file it with the clerk of the court. The appointment of receivers was the result of an audit made by Peat, Marwick and Company, accountants, which showed the following:

Current assets	\$ 4,068.21
Investments	9,017.24
Real estate and equipment	737,343.57
Deficit	147,032.04
Total	\$897,801.06

### ALL DANCES ARE BANNED AT THE STATE UNIVERSITY

Extraordinary excess of current liabilities over liquid assets and the fact that several mortgages were in default were given as reasons why the directors of the property "felt themselves virtually forced to consent to a receivership."  
Chapel Hill, Dec. 9.—All dances at the University of North Carolina will be suspended until after the Easter holidays and permission to hold the regular commencement and annual commencement dances as may be given after Easter, Dr. H. W. Chase, president of the university, announced tonight following the report of faculty and student committees which have been investigating the recent series of Thanksgiving dances.  
Dr. Chase said that a thoroughgoing investigation was begun immediately following reports of drinking at the last dance of the series and that, while the facts ascertained revealed no alarming condition, there was sufficient evidence of a let-down from the previous high standards to justify some action being taken.

The university president also announced that as a result of the inquiry the student council had placed top students on probation as to conduct and classroom work for the remainder of the collegiate year, while the German club vigilance committee had suspended from the dance

### No Easter Dances.

The investigation was made by four separate groups representing faculty and students, namely, the faculty executive committee, faculty dance committee, student council, and German club committee. The university's decision was based on the finding of the groups. This ruling means suspension of the regular Easter dances, an annual feature of the holidays, and the usual dances given by the Order of the Grail and the different fraternities as well as other dances conducted by university students either on or off the campus, during the period of probation. President Chase said that at the last of the series of recent dances there was "an apparent lapse in the sense of responsibility on the part of a few students and visitors whose conduct was not in keeping with the high standard usually maintained at university dances."  
He pointed out that such conduct was in violation of the regulations put into effect by the German club three years ago when suspension of commencement dances was threatened. The probation measure will probably be regarded by the students as drastic. President Chase emphasized that he was not alarmed over the situation, but rather was taking precautionary measures.

"This occurrence in itself was not so serious had it not been viewed in the light of progress made since the war in raising the standard of conduct of the University campus," he said. "This is simply a slight lapse and we must do everything possible to see that it does not occur again. There is no special drinking problem at the University of North Carolina that other institu-

### Alumni Not Blamed.

Dr. Chase did not place the blame on the alumni who came back for the dances, as some others have been prone to do, but he said the University would appreciate all the cooperation possible on the part of the alumni in maintaining the highest standards at the dances. The University expects alumni who are guests at the dances to abide by the code of conduct set up by the students. The present probation period does not contemplate permanent abolition of the dances, he said, but added that "dances that do not measure up to the highest standard of conduct will not be tolerated at the University at any time."

### "The Gorilla."

Mystery plays, such as "The Bar," "The Cat and Canary," "The Last Warning," and similar offerings, which have been commonplace on the theatrical menu for several seasons, are uproariously travestied in "The Gorilla," which will be the attraction at the Charlotte Auditorium Tuesday night December 15th.  
This unique entertainment has created a whirlwind of meriment during its successful runs in New York, Chicago and London, where critics proclaimed it the most screamingly and furiously funny show staged in a long time. In presenting a mystery drama in a hilarious manner it is said to completely eclipse "Seven Keys to Baldpate" and "The Taverne." Despite its satire and its travesty, it has also some thrills, and plenty of exciting situa-

### For the local engagement "The Gorilla" will be interpreted by a cast of exceptional excellence. Included among its members are such favorites as: Sid Williams, Edwin Foresberg, Ellen Crowe, Victor Browne, William Balfour, Tom Burton, Clyde Dixon, Bertram Millar, Jack F. Ayres, James Kelo and Bernard Crasney.

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