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**TOM SIMS**

Isn't it strange how we postpone things. In Kansas a man needed a shave 22 years before he got one.

In Chicago, a couple have been married 58 years, evidently without killing one another.

Several butchers in Birmingham, Ala., have been told to mend their weights.

Drive on tax dodgers has started. Rich American hunter has sailed for Africa. Our most famous rich American hunters are chorus girls.

Greek language has not changed much in 2000 years. Not even when Greek writers try to speak English. (Copyright, 1925, NEA Service, Inc.)

**The Highway Commission Then and Now**

Charity and Children.

The Highway Commission was once the most popular organization in the state. It is now the object of violent criticism. Servants of the state and paid by the state, these gentlemen are accused of flagrant partiality to their own local communities to the neglect of everybody else.

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**Stewart's WASHINGTON LETTER**

**SPEAKER LONGWORTH WEARS NIGHTCAP.**

Washington, Dec. 10.—Nicholas Longworth, speaker-elect of the next national House of Representatives, wears a nightcap, so I'm told, and told on good authority. It had been my impression that this old-time appearance of the bed chamber was obsolete. It seems not.

Somehow my wife has evolved the idea that I am in similar case with Nick, which is a mistake, since the back of my skull is fairly well clothed about an inch and a half in either direction from the median line and half as far up as my ear tips. Be that as it may, she worried, seeing the slumbering these cold nights, with a somewhat sparsely afforested dome in close juxtaposition to an open window.

A skullcap? was her solution. For, like myself, she supposed the more formal type of chapeau de nuit to be an extinct species. Repairing in a department store, she made known her wishes. "Just what kind of a skullcap do you want?" queried the gentlemanly floor walker. "The kind," replied my wife, "for a very bald man (and again I protest against the injustice of this characterization) who insists on sleeping with his head outside the window in this weather."

"Ah, yes," said the gentlemanly floor walker understandingly, as he conducted my wife to the knitted goods counter. "Show this lady," he directed the clerk (as they call 'em in England), "our line of nightcaps." The clerk proceeded to produce them by the boxful. It was evident they were anything but obsolete. That store had 'em in infinite variety.

"Now this," observed the clerk, holding up a specimen, "is the kind

we sell to Speaker Longworth." (They are calling him "Speaker" already.) It was—and is—a navy blue confection, with a red stripe around it, and, atop, a pom-pom, rather than a tassel, woven in all the colors of the rainbow. "Classy!" recommended the clerk. "The speaker, as you doubtless know, is the best dressed man in Washington."

**THE STINGIEST PERSON**

New York Mirror.

The stingiest person I know is a man who goes with a girl born on February 29, so that she has a birthday only once in four years.

The stingiest person I know is a man who gives a penny to a squirrel and then follows the squirrel to ascertain where it is buried, and then digs it up to give to another squirrel.

**How Wood Was Captured.**

Mooseville Enterprise.

Newspaper reports going out from Statesville with reference to the capture of Otto Wood at this place Monday afternoon, drive an injustice to the alert and brave policeman Chief O. L. Woodside.

The Statesville correspondent states that the chief and a large number of officers and citizens took the prisoner, when in fact such is not the case. Chief Woodside did the job single-handedly, and persons who came up to the place where the car and the prisoner stood, did not know what was taking place or whom the officer had arrested.

The officer, after receiving the message from Troutman that Wood was en route here, as quickly as possible, secured one of his high-powered rifles and requisitioned Walter Kimmons and his jitney. They were the only two in pursuit. They overtook the car occupied by Wood before reaching the city limits, but had the precaution not to attempt to arrest the man whose some one might get hurt in case of a gun battle.

After reaching Canupp's filling station the jitney driver passed Wood and then it was that the officer stepped out of his car with a rifle in hand and waved for Wood to stop, in the meantime ordering Kimmons to go on down the road to avoid getting hurt, the jitney driver being unarmed.

Wood slowed down and stepped out of the car, and after being told he was under arrest, offered absolutely no resistance. Chief Woodside accomplished the taking of the noted criminal in a manner most creditable, using every precaution to avoid bloodshed, in any event, and is to be commended for his bravery and his act in this instance.

**The Present Head of the Southern Power Company.**

Charity and Children.

A Warren county plowboy thirty years ago, Mr. George G. Allen, is now the directing genius of the Southern Power Company and several of the other great organizations, including the American Tobacco Company, created by the late James R. Duke. Mr. Allen left his farm and went with the Dukes when about 21 years of age and has been steadily promoted through the years.

Many a woman's face isn't as good as it's painted.

**North Carolina Farmers Are Farming Less and Less Acreage**

Raleigh, Dec. 10.—(AP)—North Carolina farmers are farming less and less acreage.

Although the number of farms in this state has increased by approximately 14,000 during the five-year period, 1920 to 1925, the total farm acreage has decreased by about a million acres. A half acre, and the average acreage per farm has decreased from 74.2 to 55.6 acres during the last five years.

North Carolina, in other words, has more farms than it had five years ago, but the farms are smaller than they were then, and the actual total farm acreage is much less.

In making public the figures, showing comparisons for 1920 and 1925, drawn from the warm censuses of the two years, the United States department of commerce points out that the 1925 figures are preliminary and subject to correction.

The comparative figures bring out strikingly certain changes on North Carolina farms during the last five years. In addition to the farm acreage changes already mentioned, they show a decrease in the total value of farm lands and buildings, as well as of the value per acre; a decrease in livestock of all sorts, with the single exception of mules; and a decrease in the total production of corn, oats, wheat, rye, hay, sweet potatoes, tobacco and cotton.

The total number of farms in the state increased from 239,763 in 1920 to 283,401, and during the same period the total farm acreage decreased from 20,021,736 in 1920 to 18,507,795 in 1925.

Increase in the number of farmers together with the number of farms is shown. The number of white farmers increased from 103,477 in 1920 to 202,526 in 1925; colored farmers from 76,290 to 80,965; farm owners increased from 151,376 to 154,813, and tenants from 117,450 to 128,254.

Farms operated by managers showed a decrease, the 1920 figure being 928 as compared with 424 in 1925.

The percentage of North Carolina farms operated by tenants increased during the five years. In 1920, 43.5 per cent. of the state's farms were operated by tenants, and in 1925 the percentage had increased to 45.2.

The total value of all farm lands and buildings in North Carolina decreased from \$1,076,302,969 in 1920, when farm lands were notably high in this state, to \$90,281,778 this year—a decrease of nearly a hundred fifty million dollars. The value of the land alone was \$857,815,016 in 1920, as compared with \$689,719,172 in 1925; and that of the buildings alone was \$218,577,944 in 1920 and \$240,562,606 in 1925.

In other words, farm buildings in this state increased in value during the five years by about 22 million dollars, but the land decreased in value during the same period by 168 million dollars.

The land and buildings on the average North Carolina farm were worth \$3,990 in 1920, and \$3,283 this year. And they were worth an average per acre of \$53.76 in 1920, and \$50.02 in 1925.

The figures show a decrease in the number of horses on North Carolina farms from 171,436 in 1920, to 129,800 this year; in the number of cattle, from 644,779 to 544,612; and

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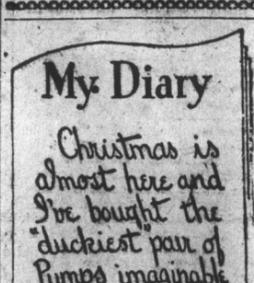
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