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Stewart's WASHINGTON LETTER

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Washington, Dec. 15.—A violent epidemic of annual reports has been raging in Washington for the last week or two.

There always is such an outbreak just before and after the December gathering of Congress, but this year it has been rather worse than usual, probably because there's more government.

Besides the president (who calls his report a message) and all the cabinet members, subordinate officials too numerous to mention (as well as too numerous for any good use) have stories to tell concerning their various departmental activities.

You can prove anything by these reports—absolutely anything.

You can prove that, for quantity and quality, nothing ever equaled the prosperity that this country literally is wallowing in. Or you can prove that it's a fictitious prosperity, which covers the country only spottily, at that.

You can prove by Secretary Jardine's report that the farmers are better off than they've been since 1920. You can establish conclusively, by census statistics, that the number of American farms is dwindling rapidly, due mainly to hard luck with the boll weevil, drought and unsatisfactory economic conditions.

You can prove that taxes are and are not being reduced.

You can prove that lightning the tax load on the rich benefits the poor and you can prove that it just makes the poor's load that much heavier.

You can prove that Americans are making more money than they ever made before and you can prove that what they make won't buy as much as their former and smaller incomes.

NEGRO COLLEGES ARE HAVING FINE GROWTH

Many Teachers Are Colored People Whereas Formerly They Were All White.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 15.—"The growth and success of education in colleges and schools of the negro in the States is remarkable," says Dr. L. Garland Penn, Cincinnati, Ohio, one of the secretaries in charge of negro work for the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, whose headquarters are at Chicago, Ill.

Dr. Penn recounted the wonderful growth of the schools and colleges for the Negro of the Methodist Episcopal Church saying that 30 years ago there was not a Negro filling the presidency of one of these schools; now there are eleven presidents. Thirty years ago most of the teachers were white missionaries, now out of 450 teachers fully four hundred are Negroes. The University of the system at Atlanta, Ga., is headed by a Negro while the institution having the largest college enrollment has a Negro president. This, he said, showed what the investment of white missionaries and means meant in race development and assumption of responsibility.

Dr. Penn said, however, that the race is not overstocked (with college graduates for leadership) for in sixty years there have been graduated only ten thousand and his number has been depleted from time to time by death.

"More Negroes are seeking college education today than ever," declared Dr. Penn. "In 1910 there were not more than 100 college students in the Negro Methodist Episcopal schools while in 1924 there were 600." Dr. Penn dwelt at length upon religious as well as intellectual training as solvents for the problems. He said that the problems are man-made anyway. The prevention of problems as well as their solution, followed as men were able to know and practice the truth of God.

In conclusion Dr. Penn stressed the importance upon the white ministers and visitors of the need of an endeavor to make permanent the institution he represented at a time when their future was threatened because of the high cost of education and ever-increasing standards.

Two Hebrews met on a train and the topic of their conversation was their sons.

"Meester Isaacs," inquired the first, "how did your son Ike get through his graduation examination?"

"Splendid, splendid," exclaimed the second, clapping his hand with delight.

"He failed in everything."

JOHNNY MCLAURIN PAYS CHEERFULLY

Ex-Senator Says 40 Miles an Hour Is Worth the Money, But Sister From Same Town Gets Indignant.

Monroe Journal.

Ex-Senator John L. McLaurin of Bennettsville, S. C., contributed ten dollars to the city government of Monroe last night. But the Senator was a good loser. All he said when the boys pulled him for smashing the speed law through town was, "Well, make it as light as you can, I was making forty miles an hour ever since I left Charlotte. I just can't help it on your good roads, and it's worth the money."

He was allowed to put up a ten dollar cash bond and proceed on his way to Bennettsville.

But at about the same time the evening before, that is about dark, another Bennettsville car was held up here for violating the law and the occupants did not take it so good naturedly. There were four ladies in the car which was being driven by a colored boy. The car went through town at 38 miles an hour and when Copper Wiggs overhauled it at Five Points and requested that it come back to see the officers the lady in charge showed a good deal of bad temper. She said that she should not have been stopped at all, for being from South Carolina she was not supposed to know anything about the North Carolina laws.

At the police station Chief Spoon presented the matter in his blindest manner, being a South Carolinian himself, but the lady was angry and refused to make any concessions about bond or anything else.

"I've heard about this dinky little town of Monroe before," she said.

"I expect you have, lady," said the Chief, "for they have us down on the map."

"Well, I'll never come through it again, and I have no money to put up a cash bond, so what will you do about it?" she asked the officer.

"Well in that case," said the Chief, "I guess we will have to take this bigger and put him in jail and then send him to the roads for speeding."

That did not suit the lady at all for she said she had to go home and she could not drive. Then she demanded to see the mayor or the judge. So while the Chief held on to the colored boy, some one drove the lady over to the home of Judge Lemmond, where the indignant one said some more things.

"You see," she told the judge, "I am from South Carolina and don't know anything about your old laws."

"Of course, now," remarked his Honor, "any one from South Carolina would not be expected to know any law."

"You need not be so smart about it," said the lady. The upshot of it was that the lady paid \$7.25 and went away in a much disgusted frame of mind. She remarked that out of this might have come from South Carolina as she was informed, but she would not claim him ever again.

And now the Chief is having boards and signs put up to show our South Carolina friends what the law is and where the dinky little old town limits begin.

LOST MAN GETS LARGE FORTUNES

Florida Man Found in High Point Being as Divine Healer.

High Point, Dec. 16.—Ten years after he mysteriously disappeared from his home at St. Petersburg, Fla., T. D. DeVaughn was located here and notified that he has inherited a fortune.

County officers found DeVaughn in his temporary home here. He had been residing here for several months and claimed to be a divine healer. A reward of \$200 had been offered for information concerning the whereabouts of DeVaughn and Deputy Sheriff Apple gets the reward.

DeVaughn told the deputy sheriff that he left home ten years ago because he and his wife quarreled frequently. "A divine healer," he said, told him he should endeavor no longer to live with his wife.

It is said that his wife, who died recently, signed a deed giving up her entire estate of \$125,000 to her husband. She thought at the time, it was stated, that she was signing a contract. Those interested in the estate immediately began a search for DeVaughn. Photographs of the man were mailed to the sheriffs of many counties in the southern states.

Sheriff D. B. Stafford, of Greensboro, received the photograph. Many pictures are received every day, however, and the one of DeVaughn did not attract particular attention. However, last week DeVaughn went to the court house at Greensboro to pay his county taxes. The tax collector in the sheriff's office noticed resemblance of the photograph and the man paying the taxes. Comparing the name on the picture with the tax receipt, the collector saw it was DeVaughn, Deputy Apple was assigned to the case and he found DeVaughn here. The divine healer will soon be on his way back to Florida to take over the fortune.

taken a short distance to the gate of the home of one of the girls, but instead of stopping, Williams increased his speed until some several miles away he stopped at a country store where he procure a quantity of whiskey forcing them to partake of it, notwithstanding their protest against going further.

The girls testified that they were carried for about ten miles where another man for whom a warrant has also been issued joined their party, and from there they drove practically all night during which time they were forced to drink more whiskey and submit to the fiendish desires of Williams. Their testimony as to the act being committed was in a sense corroborated by that of a physician who was called to make examination following the issuing of the warrant.

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HOH! WONT SHE WISHT SHE HADN OF BIN SO SASSY WEN SHE SEES IN TH PAPER- YOUNG PI NEERS SCOVER GOLD IN DEATH VALLEY. HOH-HOH-H!

CONTRABAND.

J. WILLIAMS
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MOM'N POP BY TAYLOR



GEE WHIZ- HERE COMES THAT COLLECTOR AGAIN AN I CANT PAY HIM- OH MANA- IF I DONT GET OUT OF HERE I'M A SKINNED HERRING

IF I COULD ONLY DUCK SOMEWHERE

OH MARY ANN- GO ROBB THE

WELL I'M A WHY ILL SWEAR I SAW HIM GO DOWN THIS WAY

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HELD ON CHARGE OF ASSAULTING GIRLS

Young Men Said to Have Ridden Children Around All Night in Car.

Greenville, Dec. 14.—One of the most fiendish crimes ever perpetrated in Pitt county was exposed here today when Robert Williams, a young white man, was arrested charged with criminally assaulting Jessie Hodges and Earl Taylor, two white girls, 11 and 12 years old respectively. According to the evidence presented by the girls before Magistrate Smith at a preliminary hearing this afternoon, they were forced to enter an automobile on the highway with the promise that they would be

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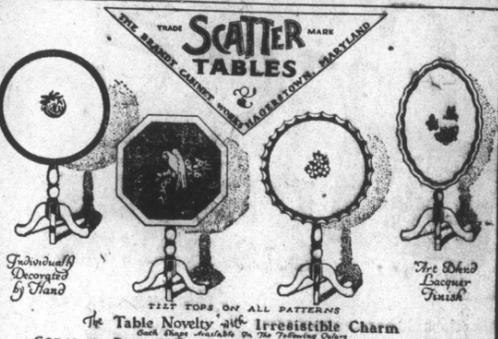
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