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PURLOINED PARAGRAPHS

If you think there is nothing touching about Christmas, ask dad.—High Point Enterprise.

"Girl who wed to pay election bet asks release." It was a good bet that she would.—Greensboro News.

If the American printer has knocked out Shakespeare, he'll have no trouble bringing home the Bacon.—Virginia-Pilot.

Perhaps the work of the world might be promoted if Russia and Mexico could arrange an exchange of defeated candidates.—Terre Haute Star.

The most impressive evidence of the fearful effects of a drought comes from Utah in the form of a dispatch to the effect that water is so scarce makers of liquor are having difficulty in operating their stills.—Haverhill Evening Gazette.

A United States Marine rescued a struggling native from a shark-infested bay in Haiti, where the sharks are so thick they snap a man's head off before he's in the water three seconds. It is understood that Secretary Stimson will write the sharks a letter telling them their conduct is really most reprehensible and that they should desist.—Chicago Tribune.

Tar Heel Topics

When a day passes without a building burning in Chapel Hill, that will be news.

The blizzard which was reported as heading for the south from the middle west last Tuesday was evidently just another newspaper man's brainstorm.

Down in "J" they reorganized the governmental system of the dormitory the other night. Judging from the state of things in the quadrangles last quarter there wasn't much government left to reorganize.

A man was killed at Rutherfordton Wednesday while driving his first car. Most people prefer to wait until their second or third, when they have become a trifle more proficient, and killing some one else.

The trustees probably are taking the easiest way out by waiting until January 28 to decide the fate of Memorial hall—the darn thing very likely will have fallen down by then and they won't have to do any deciding.

Prohibition Ready For The Shelf

Recently a long series of incidents illustrative of the dismal failure of prohibition administration was brought to a climax when a crowd of angry Boston citizens ripped several coast guard recruiting posters from their standards and tore them to pieces while officers helplessly looked on. The men had attended a mass meeting in historic Faneuil hall at which the killing of three rum-runners in Rhode Island waters by coast guardsmen was denounced as murder in its worst form, cloaked under the garb of authority.

This week the Vermont Supreme court ruled that a provision in the state prohibition enforcement law which holds that intoxicated persons brought to judgment must tell where they secured the inebriating fluid, is unconstitutional. North Carolina has a similar law, but it has been obsolete for years. It was not officially declared unconstitutional, but it has been relegated, like thousands of other American state and federal laws, into desuetude.

These two occurrences are added to an impressive list of evidences that the American public is thoroughly disgusted with prohibition. The 18th amendment is about ready for the shelf; it has been sufficiently demonstrated that it is woefully ineffective as well as oppressive.

Our machinery for amending the constitution is highly complicated, and it is probable that the prohibition law will not be cast officially upon the legislative junkpile for many years, if ever. But our guess is that it will be shorn gradually of all pretensions to real power by judicial interpretation and popular opinion.

Why the Dormitory Stores Should Be Abolished

Ever since the opening of the dormitory stores in September a great deal of opposition has been voiced by the Chapel Hill merchants. At first the attack was directed against the stores because they cut down the night trade and took a great deal of the business in candies, drinks, and the like off the street. Then an opposition developed on the ground that the stores were in violation of the theory of government; the state should not run stores in competition with local merchants, or aid the college boys in competing with the merchants. Every effort to close the dormitory stores was made by the merchants, but without success.

When the stores started taking up pressing, cleaning, shoe repairing, and the like they did a good deed for the students; agents, who were in the habit of disturbing the rooms during the hours when most people want to study, were excluded. There could be little objection to the selling of candies, chewing gum, and cakes as boys had been peddling them in the dormitories before the stores were established. When drinks were put in, there was a sound objection from the merchants as the boys pay no taxes for this privilege and the merchants do; it is unfair competition in this respect. From drinks, the business spread to other things. One store put in a complete line of toilet articles, razors, soap, shaving cream, and virtually became a department store. Another one even started taking orders for fruits.

As long as the boys confined themselves to legitimate articles of trade there was some justification for the stores. The business they have been doing in their stores is practically the same in type and volume as that carried on last year by various agents in each dormitory. The

argument was used that the stores gave a few deserving self-help students a chance to make enough money to stay in school; certainly no objection can be raised to self-help students making an honest living. If the stores had stopped at this, then conditions would have been fairly satisfactory. But conditions have degenerated to such a state that abolition of the stores is demanded by a consideration of existing conditions.

In the first place a large majority of the stores are selling punch boards and other gambling devices; this is being done with the knowledge, but not the consent of the University authorities, and in violation of the state laws. We may suppose the boys have been warned about this practice, but nothing has been done to stop them. Enormous profits can be made off of these punch boards; in many of the stores they furnish the chief source of revenue.

In at least one of the stores liquor has been purchased by one of our acquaintances. Others, even if they do not actually sell liquor, secure it for the boys and act as agents for some bootlegger. Liquor will be purchased by college boys, but when it is sold through stores operated by the University, then things have gone too far and common decency calls for some immediate and severe action to be taken.

The stores may have the sanction of the state sanitary department, and perhaps general cleanings are conducted in anticipation of the sanitary inspector, but in a number that we have visited, cleanliness seems never to have been considered by the keepers.

Those operating the stores are not self-help students exclusively. Some boys of average financial means are realizing good profits from the stores. A number of the stores have recently been sold by boys to whom the concession was originally granted. Some are operating the stores under the names of other boys.

After a consideration of these aspects of the situation, we believe the stores should be abolished. They have abused the privileges granted them, and many are violating the state laws in the operation of punch boards. Certainly those in authority should see fit to conduct an investigation. If conditions are as bad generally as we have observed them to be in the stores we are acquainted with, then authorities will do away with them; if not, then some change ought to be made and many of the evils in the present conditions remedied.

—J. D. M.

Education And Success

It is by no means an uncommon thing to hear people claim that colleges and universities are places where young men and women spend four years in leisure and the pursuit of indolent happiness, mostly at the expense of the state and philanthropists. This latter claim they base on the fact that students pay only about one-fourth of the cost of their college or university training. The number of citizens of the state of North Carolina who do not believe that the state is ever repaid in a material way for such expenditures is astonishing.

Persons who fall into the category described above seem not to realize that education and industry are inseparably linked together under present-day conditions. The two go hand in hand. Through close cooperation education and industry can be of great mutual benefit, resulting in an acceleration of profits to those whom they serve. A number of the largest business con-

cerns in the nation today have recently installed personnel departments whose function is to select college men and give them specialized training at the expense of the company. Such is the importance which successful business men attach to college training.

It is interesting to note in this connection that those persons who destructively criticize present-day collegiate policies are almost invariably those who have never attended any institution of collegiate rank and who rely upon rumor for their information. There are still a number of industries which prefer men who have spent their earlier years learning the trade rather than in the pursuit of a college education. Henry Ford, for example, denied his son the privilege of a college education. But has this great automobile manufacturer ever attended a college, or has he personal acquaintance with collegiate education? The attitude of Henry Ford is a typical one. The weight of the opinions of such persons is undoubtedly listed at too high a figure.

The leading industries of the country are coming more and more to seek college men for executive positions. Such an interlinking the writer believes to be of great advantage to the industries, the students, and the educational institutions involved. That education and industry are destined to go hand in hand is one of the signs of the time which cannot be justly overlooked.

—J. C. W.

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Playing With Matches

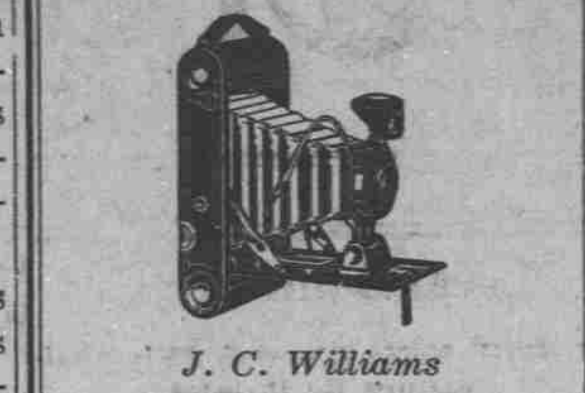
Dr. R. E. Coker, a faculty member of the University of North Carolina Greek letter fraternity to whom the state department of insurance has pointed the finger of suspicion in connection with a fire which during the holidays razed an alleged over-insured building and partially cleared the premises for the new fraternity house to be erected, writes to Commissioner Boney in protest against the publicity given to what amounts to no more than gossip. Dr. Coker offers some testimony in rebuttal; but since there is no real evidence before the court of public opinion, there is no adequate reason for the consideration of his testimony or that of Deputy Commissioner W. A. Scott which first brought the matter to the state's attention.

It might be well enough, however, to submit a few remarks with regard to this deputy commissioner's methods. He has been, to all appearances, an especially effective ferretter-out of misbegotten fires. For at least fifteen years he has been investigating all probable and many improbable attempts to collect insurance ahead of acts of God, rats or defective wiring. Rather generally one of the first steps in an investigation has been an interview given to the newspapers.

The average detective works quietly, not to say stealthily; Captain Scott permits—yea, even invites—palpating young reporters to paw over his clues almost at will. Sometimes the newspaper discussion serves to bring out more evidence, and doubtless furthers the work of the investigator. Anyhow, the newspaper, having the quoted word of a state official as authority, is relatively safe in voicing suspicion against a private citizen.

As to the guilt or innocence of the fraternity held before the public gaze as a possible incendiary the Daily News has no opinion. It neither accepts nor rejects the contentions of the

Campus Snapshot



J. C. Williams

Wandered we down the streets of our lovely village. New faces met our gaze, newcomers we chanced to see.

Winter, the "working quarter," has swooped down upon us with sudden and ferocious vigor. The Puritan-like severity of its laws and the lamentable conditions of our radiator make us shiver. Nevertheless, let's get down to business and make sure that we get one of two things; either a good boot on our profs, or some idea of the contents of our textbooks. 'Tis pleasant to observe, at least, that the winter quarter is somewhat shorter than the fall quarter.

Some of the professors around here tell us that the "better classes" are dying out. We cannot believe, however, that they have reference to Chapel Hill. The number of professors' wives which we habitually see trundling the new crop of babies up and down in front of the Post Office is a sight which is very arresting to the attention. "Ootsey, tootsey! Toote as oot can be!" Such remarks we have chanced to hear.

Strange as it may seem, the teeth of the League of Nations have been declared false. We suggest, therefore, that the league be abolished and that an international Home for Obsolescent Statesmen be established in its stead. It would serve the representative of the insurance department or of the college professor speaking for his younger brethren in the bond.

It is, however, strongly of the mind that over-insurance is a matter which may be safely left to the insurance companies, who, of course, have the right to call in the insurance department for an investigation of fires—that is one thing the insurance people pay taxes for. But these investigations should not be conducted with a blare of trumpets or the rattle of the keys of newspaper typewriters. It might, indeed, be well enough to let a majority of suspicions await the action of solicitor and grand jury.

Otherwise, the simple-minded citizenship may entertain the suspicion that both insurance department and press are being used to build a fire under the patrons of insurance companies.—Greensboro News.

same purpose.

Time and again we have sworn off paying any attention whatever to the co-eds. But occasionally an overtone from our otherwise concentrated cerebrum swings within the aura of Spencer Hall and finds there at once such an entanglement of humor and pathos that restraint is no longer possible. We have it on good authority that one of the fair daughters of Carolina recently imbibed too great a quantity of exuberant spirits and

what are we coming to?

In recent years some interesting and very startling things have been discovered regarding the relative power of the various parts of the human organism. It is claimed, for example, that the human jaw is capable of exerting a pressure of four hundred and fifty pounds. While sitting on class the other day listening to a lecture it occurred to us that this must refer to pounds of air pressure.

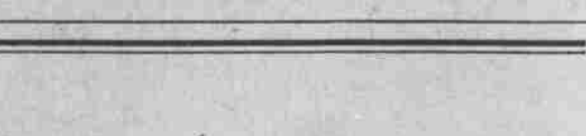
This year the high schools of the state have chosen for their annual forensic tournament this subject: "Resolved, that North Carolina should adopt the proposed constitutional amendment authorizing the classification of property for taxation." In all probability the greatest movement in that direction will take place when the high school orators journey to Chapel Hill to participate in the latter stages of the tournament.

We understand from a reliable source that ninety-five per cent of freshman women at Grinnell College are not in favor of allowing Grinnell women to smoke. In so far as we have been able to ascertain, however, the male students of the surrounding colleges have not yet aired their views on hot women.

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