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THE POLL ON PROHIBITION

on prohibition, carried on by the Literary Digest, is enlightening, although the sentiment be presumed. In last week's issue of the Digest votes had come in from 44 states, Arizona, Nevada, Wyoming and New Mexico being still not in the lists. Votes are cast to express three separate desires, the repeal of the prohibition amendment, its modification and its enforcement. Of the three propositions more votes favored repeal than either of the other processes, but did not have a majority. Twenty-two states gave a larger vote for strict enforcement of the law than for repeal or modification. An equal number gave a larger vote for repeal than for enforcement or The McKeithen's were a sub- or of this fearsome situation that can produce at the lowest modification. The cities appear to be more favorable to repeal than the country, and the North and East are more favorable to repeal than the South.

As the vote has not progressed very far yet it is interesting to watch the poll develop. But beyond satisfying a certain curiosity as to the opinions of something over two millions of the people it does not presage much that is conclusive except this. Twenty-two states appear to be more disposed toward strict enforcmeent of the law than to repeal. And the reason this is a conclusive sign is because in order to repeal the amendment a three-fourth majority is required in the vote of the states. That means thirtysix of the forty-eight states would have to ratify a repealing motion. With twenty-two states registered more votes for enforcement than for repeal it is evident that the attempt to secure a favorable response from thirty-six states for repeal of the amendment would have a was adopted it required thirtywas adopte dit required thirtysix states to vote for it. Many more came forward to approve of the measure. That was when the prohibition group had its job on its hands. That the antiprohibition group can now secure thirty-six votes to vote to repeal the amendment does not in the face of the Digest's fig- REDUCING THE ures look very probable. It does not take a very bold man to prenot be repealed.

THE EXPECTED SEEMS TO HAPPEN

Mr. Raskob to his party, and to stop over producing.

the people into two armies, for down, and a lower price abroad ton crop that will be too big, and

of either leader from doing what hope to avert. ing more favorable to the Repub- see. lican doctrine of protection and that has made Republican states of other southern states, and The poll of two million votes will be used for all it is worth ing to bear in mind that the govpolitical mooring if any internal against Democrat. Wars are alexpressed is about what was to ways costly and their aftermath persists far into the future. North Carolina Democrats to fight each other.

ONE OF THE CORNER STONES

The death of M. McL. Mc-Keithen at Cameron has taken another of the foundation stones of Moore county, for this old citfrom the closing days of hostilities to the present time with the development and life here. far back in the past. Two broth- of other crops the potato acre- comes to realize a profit for low they like the man who has pass- acreage as five per cent lower. duction. ed on, are men of contact with Cotton is the only thing so the things that have been going circadful that it is not safe to EARLY EASTER SERVICES on in this community.

junction of importance, but the knowledge is permissible. automobiles have put it on the side to a considerable extent, THE HOPE OF and the creation of the winter FARM RELIEF and it has been sufficiently pro- section are contemplating a cot- on April 14th. nounced that it has accomplished enough to give the village a rating that cannot be forgotten during the life of the existing generation. Mr. McKeithen was a leader in many lines of sound principles and action, and although he had reached that point where he had laid down many of his responsibilities his acquaintance and association to the last was valuable and appreciated by his friends and neigh- ord be broken during 1930?

COTTON ACREAGE

dict that the amendment will unsatisfactory condition of the time on those days, tempted as we and the need of a reduction in ed. acreage and a better quality of lint, if we are to save the cot-When The Pilot a few weeks ton farmer from further disago deplored the prospect of a astrous plight. This week a cirforeshadowed bitter fight in the cular from Texas farm organi-United States Senatorial elec- zations appeals to the cotton tion there were those who doubt- farmer every place in the coted the prospect. But the skies, ton belt to reduce his acreage, instead of clearing, are growing because it is apparent that the more murky, and the entrance world will not absorb another of Mr. Raskob, in his outspoken big crop in this country. The infashion, with Mr. Daniels, Sen-creasing crop in Egypt, India ator Simmons and others in and elsewhere will probably see their plain style of speech, more foreign cotton made this pretty definitely establishes the year, and as each extension of Creek is not afraid of wasps. In fact approximately 24,000 teachers, white And as The Pilot predicted, it courages the foreign cotton number have been building nests in drivers and other employes, the toturns largely on the same fac- planter to broaden his area of some of his outbuildings, and he has tal personnel is nearly 30,000 peotors that made was in the recent yield, and to improve his insisted that they will not trouble ple. presidential election, for already methods, it is imperative for him any. "They are tame wasps," he

it is up to the date of the pri- than at home will be reflected not carefully and economically mary election a battle between at home. Certainly a big crop cared for. That led naturally to the followers of the two sena- in the United States will have a the question of prices and he torial candidates. So far there is depressing effect on prices. Yet said that is one thing that the no definite sign that other candi- it is likely that a small crop in farmer need give the least atdates will become entangled, but this country would strengthen tention. Most folks think that it is clear that the major affair prices to the extent that old the chief factor in farm success, is one in which much feeling is world and South American far- but the man argued that the The game is set, and the bat- cotton acreage. That would in- prices of cotton except that if tle will go to a finish. But that vite the disaster that acreage he makes too much the price will does not prevent every follower reduction in this country would be low because the market will

.00 he can make the contest one Meantime the federal congress for it. .00 that will keep as far from ran-proposes to put a tariff of seven .50 car as possible. The enthusias- cents a pound on foreign long supplies the world's needs. Any tic Democrat should keep inmind staple cotton. That may be a above that has no value except Address all communications to The the fact that the second step in movement that some look on as as speculators will take it and any direction is always easier sincere and hopeful, but as im- carry it over in the hope of than the first, and some mighty ports of cotton to this country profit later on. The price of cotgood observers have predicted run around two to four hundred ton is fixed by the world buythat too many family fights fre- thousands bales a year how that ing, and all the farmer can do quently lead to deserting the is to help the farmer who raises family. North Carolina is becom- but little long staple is hard to the world market makes. The

> Incidentally, now that farmers are interested in the acreage of the cotton crop it is amusto move North Carolina from its ernment statistics that try to give the farmer some informadissension turns Democrat tion as to the acreage of other crops may not tell him anything about the prospective acreage of cotton. All that he can learn This is not a profitable time for about the prospects for the cotton acreage is such as he can pick up here and there from the various sources that gather the information for their own uses, and they are not much interested in telling that to the farmer. The government, which has the greatest information gathering machinery in the world, is forbidden to secure izen connected the present with knowledge or to impart it. So the before-the-war days. He was the farmer may go ahead blindold enough to recollect the en- ly in the dark, knowing nothing tire conflict between the North of how much cotton to expect and South, and to be connected nor how little, and scared for fear some one will find out.

know how much will be plant-Cameron has been a prominent ed. The cotton farmer is the

resort in the neighborhood of The Pilot this week listened arranged, and some very interesting Southern Pines and Pinehurst to a well-informed business man and appropriate talks are promised. has shifted the center of influ- discussing the grave situation It is hoped that every one who can ence to these points. But the in which farming finds itself, will be present. Cameron influences were pro- and which involves the rest of nounced and they have throw 1 the country as much as it aftheir weight for the general fects the farm. This man said welfare of the Sandhill country, he feared the farmers in this deen announce the arrival of a son

mers will further increase their farmer has nothing to do with not take it and pay a high price

A certain quantity of cotton is to sell his cotton at the price buyers of cotton are the mills and they can buy only as much cotton as is needed to make the cotton goods the world will buy. It sounded reasonable when this man said that the only influence farmers can have on prices of their crop is to make smaller crops when prices are lower, and to permit bigger/crops when the

price goes up. He was asked what is the solution, then, of the farmer's condition and he said, smaller acreage of crops, better quality, and above all things more attention to cost of production. Cotton, as well as most other crops, is made at a cost of production that is too high. Frequently it is said that the crops do not pay the cost of production. That ought to be sufficient to show the farmer that the cost of production is a place to begin to improve his condition. Any other industry studies production costs and steadily endeavors to lower those costs. In-To add to the gruesome hum- variably the man or the concern stantial family in this section government bulletins tell that cost has the inside when it Editor, of The Pilot:

part of the state. Years ago it be kept in ignorance of what his 5:30 o'clock on the shores of the to aid. was more or less of a railroad industry is doing. In other lines Aberdeen Lake in Aberdeen under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor of the Presbyterian Church. The church bells will ring for services at 5:15. There will be special singing

> SON TO MR. AND MRS. AME Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ame of Aber-

GRAINS OF SAND Local contractors say there are | where else." But he knocked down the

more plans out for estimates in the wasp nests in the buildings. Sandhills right now than ever before in history. It looks like a big building summer. More than a million dollars worth of new homes were constructed here last year. Can this rec-

We always know when they're going to have ice cream at The Teacherage. They freeze it right outside 17.01 percent. State average 4.0 perour editorial window. But we haven't cent urban, and rural 9.02 percent. The Pilot has remarked the yet quite dared to saunter in at meal American cotton export trade, have been since the hot spell arriv- years of age and older; 94,664 of these

> Add needed Aberdeen Improvements: A coat of paint on The Teach-

There will not be better talent in any tennis tournament in the country this year than may be seen in action this week at Pinehurst-not unless th French come over for the national tournament in the fall.

acreage and production en- he has rather a pride in them. A and black. If we include the truck men are debating the relation of the American cotton grower to said, "and they know how to behave." Total assets of North Carolina COUNTY OF MOOREE. But the other day he was sitting in building and loan associations were inthe movement that would re- American cotton is in a pecul- one of the buildings engaged in a creased by \$838,536.85 during 1929, peal if such a thing were possi- iarly dangerous position. More bit of work that occupied both hands, said a statement issued by Dan C. and the misfortune is that Mr. market fixes the price of Amer- move to dislodge his visitors, but at ciations. Raskob's rank as chairman of ican cotton. The relatively ligh length they became restless and he On December 31, last, there were the National Demorcatic party price of American cotton since laid down the stuff he was working 233 active associations in the state, puts him in opposition to so the war broke out has encourag- with and made a brush to drive them reporting assets of \$95,848,056.86. many of his political affiliations ed the planting of cotton abroad, away. They protested, and left sev- During the year the association fiin this state. But the die is cast and continued high prices will eral hot marks on his bald top. "But nanced the building of 6,709 homes and the game seems set. In this further stimulate foreign com- these are not my wasps," he said. valued at more than \$18,500,000 the 1930. county as in the rest of the petition. The foreign competi- "Mine know better how to behave. report said. The average value of the state, the campaign has divided tion will tend to hold the prices These are some strays from some- home was \$2,762.07.

Moore county ties for sixth ranking in the state in literacy of white

New Hanover has the smallest number of native white rural illiterates, 885, and the lowest rate, 2.9 percent. Wilkes county has the largest number, 3,601, and the highest rate,

In the state at large, there are 104,673 native white illiterates ten are in the farm regions, and 82,056 of these are 21 years of age and over.

That is to say, approximately ninetenths of our native white illiterates are in the countryside, and more than four-fifths of them are beyond school

Our white illiteracy problem is essentially that of adult white illiterates in the farm regions.

The public school plant of North Carolina represents an investment of \$108,000,000, and its current oper-An old settler down on James ating budget is \$28,000,000. There are

BOOK REVIEWS

LIGHTS OF FAME By Walter Gilkyson Scribners, \$2.50

"Lights of Fame" is the name of social relations. another new book at Hayes' store from the typewriter of a Southern one of the Southern Pines community Pines author. The book is by Walter is another factor that will give in-Gilkyson, who is a summer resident terest to his book. Mrs. Gilkyson is here as well as winter, and who has also a writer of reputation.—B. H. R. recently come into prominence by his striking power of handling some of THE DOOR these new phases of life that seem to By Mary Roberts Rinehart. be arising as the world speeds up. Farrar & Rinehart. New York, 1930. Mr. Gilkyson has presented a bit of work that is so wholly of romance that that alone saves it from being Roberts Rinehart needs no herald rather typical as modern, tremen- to proclaim its hair raising merits. dously modern, history. But probably The reader may be confident that ha it is a revelation of what changes are will enter upon a swiftly moving nargoing on in society and in the influ- rative which will curdle his blood in ences that govern social relations. a gently sophisticated manner, arouse No doubt some of his readers will his dormant sleuth-like capacities question his outspoken style, but and out-sleuth him to the end. The others will recognize his story as four murders and three murderous asakin to the morning newspaper, saults which involve the hitherto imwhich tells what happens as the day's peccable family of the spinister. Miss events. The author has moved up his Elizabeth Jane Bell, should satisfy dates ,and written life as it is now, the most exacting crime hunter. not as it was fifty or ten or any years The story begins with the apparent.

not a pretty one. Neither are some housekeeper for various membes of of the pictures the photograph of the Bell family. These relatives of fers today. But that does not change | Miss Bell all enter the story, some as the skillful accuracy of the pictures. victims of assault, others as sus-Mr. Gilkyson is a keen observed, and pected criminals. Neither Miss Bell he is familiar with his human con- nor the reader can untangle the more tacts. He is a clever writer, and has usually complicated skein, nor do made a book that will hold public they learn until the final paragraph attention wherever it is read, for it the identity of the murderer. "The is more than a mere novel for an Door" fulfills all the requirements of hour's diversion. Whether he intended a thrilling mystery and among canit or not he has called attention to didates for the Crime Club it should some of the habits and customs of go to the head of the class. today that are approved by some and

questioned by some, but which nevertheless seem to be fixed as a feature in the present adjustments of our

That the author has come to be

A new mystery story by Marv

ly unmotivated murder of Sarah Git-In some respects the picture is tings who for years had been nurse.

-ANN HYDE ALLEN.

Correspondence

THANKS, SAY WE

ers, N. A. at Carthage and A. A. age is indiacted as three per production gets the same price ment of the Chamber of Commerce "add" is not only a model but a at Aberdeen, still survive, and cent larger and the peanut in the market as high cost pro- in your issue of the 11th, I feel I classic. The Chamber of Commerces must write to tell you how much I and every lover of Southern Pines personally appreciate it.

The basic idea, so appropriate, is did aid to a worthy cause. ON SHORES OF LAKE developed in such a human and logi-Special Easter services will be cal manner that the reader feels both factor in the progress of this only man in industry who must conducted on next Sunday morning at a glow of friendliness and a desire Southern Pines,

It is unusual to see a request for funds which appeals so strongly to head and heart.

Referring to the page advertise- For the purpose intended this owes you this thanks for such spleu-

> Faithfully yours, -M. G. Nichols.

April 12, 1930,

Report of the Condition of the

Page Trust Company

Bank at Aberdeen, North Carolina to the Corporation Commission. At the Close of Business on the 27th Day of March, 1930.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$2,989,996.52
Overdrafts	
United States Bonds	25,282.81
North Carolina Bonds	
All Other Stocks and Bonds	
Banking House	
Furniture and Fixtures	
Cash in Vault and Amounts Due from Approve	ed 1
Depository Banks	
Checks for Clearing and Transit Items	6,094.38
Due from Banks (Not Aproved Depositories)	3,203.43
Cash Items (Items Held Over 24 Hours)	3,314.42
Other Real Estate	
TOTAL	.\$3,931,981.66

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-	LIABILITIES	
9	Capital Stock Paid In	250,000.00
1	Surplus Fund	
•	Undivided Profits (Net Amount)	10,352.27
;	Reserved for Interest	39,912.29
	Reserved for Taxes	1,840.82
	Reserved for Dertreciation	50,849.03
5	Unearned Interest	4,305.17
	Other Deposits Subject to Check	1,653,495.18
	Deposits Due State of North Carolina and Any Of-	1,000,1000
	ficial Thereof; Secured \$430,173.04	430,173.04
	Demand Certificates of Deposit (Due in Less Than	100,110.0
	30 Days	44,242.22
	Cashiers Checks Outstanding	57,372.30
	Certified Checks Outstanding	1,221.04
	Time Certificates of Deposit (Due on or After 30	1,221.0-
	Days)	255,590.69
	Savings Deposits (Due on or After 30 Days)	1 032 526.16
	Expense Vouchers Outstanding	10.45
		10,10
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

Robert N. Page, President, Ralph W. Page, Director and H. A. Page, Jr., Director of the Page Trust Co., Bank, each personble, the eighteenth amendment. than half of the crop must find when two or three of the insects Boney, insurance commissioner, who ally appeared before me this day, and, being dul ysworn, each for North Carolina is not a wet state a market abroad. The foreign lit on his head. He at first made no supervises the operation of the asso- himself, says that the foregoing report is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

> ROBERT N. PAGE, President. RALPH W. PAGE, Director. H. A. PAGE, JR., Director.

FRANCIS PLEASANTS, Notary Public. My Commission expires Feb. 1, 1932.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of April,