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AND WHAT DOES IT ALL SIGNIFY?

Two main highways crossing each other. One car coming down the road fifty miles an hour. Another cutting across, not so fast, driver said to be half-soused. Perfect contact. One car caught where the sailor says amidships, where the dressmaker says waist line. Caught as accurately as a surveyor could locate the equator. Wreck delightfully perfect. Also complete. The other car magnificent solar plexus blow. Engine split to fragments, transmission recalls mince pie or hash. Drivers casualties, possibly funerals by the time this is printed. Apparently every trick was taken. And what a magnificent movie picture escaped because the camera man did not know in advance.

At the crossing of two main highways, remember. Whisky, indifferent recklessness in driving. But what of it? Plenty of cars and shops to build more. Plenty of people, and more born every day. Enough to kill half a million a year and not go short of population if we feel that way. Enough to injure a million a year if we really need the excitement. Cars enough to smash up a million if we so elect, for the market for cars is slow now.

Well, who cares? The public road is a public road, and we drive as we like. The highway is no railroad where if a driver wrecks a locomotive some swelled up superintendent can fire him. A man's whisky is his own, and no railroad president can call him to the carpet because he drinks in his own car. As for the highway patrol, who is afraid of them. They can't be around to snoop in everything you are doing. Anyway if you are pulled the evidence will not be conclusive. You can show that the other fellow was to blame, or that it was an unavoidable accident. And who saw it, anyway?

Of course, if you have the right of way you are not going to let some conceited hog take it away from you. And if you can beat the other fellow to the crossing why in thunder wait for him to go by? And if you can get by that hearse driver in front why not cut around quickly before the fellow coming the other way blocks your road? Let the other fellow hold back in the curve, for he is a slob of a driver, and you can't fool away all day to crawl through that bunch of toads. Step on her. That's what gas is for.

It has just the one drawback, and you don't happen to notice that. When the neighbors look you over after the choir sings "God be with you till we meet again" they do not remark, "Don't he look natural," for nobody looks natural when he has to be patched up after the crash. However that is one stage of the game that you do not realize, so what is the difference?

Therefore, "Let her go, Gallagher!"

BIG BUSINESS AND LITTLE MEN

It is unfortunate that political policies are biased enough to lay much stress on delusion and deception on the hope of success in elections and by such policy to hamper the progress of the country and the understanding of the people. The subject comes up through reading some of the criticism of the government's action in permitting the Federal Relief commission to put funds at the disposal of the railroads and other big business institutions and not in the hands of small individuals. The deluding statement is common that big business is given freely of Federal money while the small man is denied.

A little study and honest in-

formation would make clear what the government is undertaking to do, and in the only manner possible. The money loaned to big business is perhaps as well illustrated in the sum placed in the hands of the Pennsylvania Railroad recently. Nothing is given to the railroad company, but a sum of money is loaned, and to be repaid with interest. To give money to the small man in that way would be impractical, for the government would not recover its gift. That is one of the impossible things complained of. Another phase to consider is that in the case of the loan to the railroad the purpose is to build some cars. The entire sum allotted to the company for this purpose will be paid out for hire of hands, purchase of material, which means the hire of the hands that make it, and in the end the whole amount goes to the man who builds the cars or in any way contributes to their construction. The company gets none of the money. It gets the cars. The money goes to those who build them, and those who do the work are the small men the critics hold up as the victims because the money is loaned to the railroad company instead of being given out in dribbles to the small man. The money loaned to the railroads will be paid out in wages, the cars will be placed in operation when built to earn more money, and men will be employed in operating the cars. The earnings from the cars that are built will pay wages and also afford money to repay the government for the loan, and is a strictly business proposition.

The small men are employed, they get the money, the company in proper time pay back its loan, business is stimulated, the government is nothing out, and general conditions are improved all over the country. And to carry the matter a little farther the railroad is getting mighty small return from its work or the use of the money advanced to it, for the Pennsylvania, like many other big industries, is not paying to its stockholders anything at all at the present time. The little man, the worker, is getting the whole income, and funnier yet, the plan by which this money is provided for the big concern to pay to the little man for his work is a plan in which Republican and Democrat alike had a hand in Congress, and it looks like queer politics for the Democrats to give the Republicans all the credit for so good a measure, for they will profit by that credit.

SMITH PREDICTS SALES TAX

In the Sunday papers a long article by Al Smith, candidate for president four years ago, predicts a national sales tax. Mr. Smith right clearly shows how he reaches his conclusions. The Pilot has frequently reverted to the idea of a sales tax, inviting more or less criticism by the suggestion, but inasmuch as opinion does not create laws the critics have not suffered much by the expression of the opinion. What the faithful will do with Mr. Smith's proposition is yet to be seen.

However it is not hard to see why the governor argues as he does. It is well enough known that taxes are piling up, and that as they pile up they are discouraging industry, which is losing its income by reason of lessening business, and lost income pays no taxes. To meet the usual requirements of government expenses taxes must be gathered, and if not from the former sources then from something else, and Governor Smith sees no place to turn but to a national sales tax. Thinking men have seen this shadow hanging over the country for a long time, and it has been adopted in so many places that already it is established. The gasoline tax is the most outstanding example of a sales tax, although the tobacco tax is one familiar enough in a state like North Carolina to make discussion of the subject unnecessary. The tariff tax is another, and so general in its effects that it raises the price of the things made at home as well as those imported. In fact every tax laid on any industry is a sales tax, for it is only through the sale of products that any money can be obtained with which to pay taxes.

The only trouble is that with our fright over the idea of a sales tax we obscure and com-

plicate the many sales taxes with a camouflage that leads us to think some one else than ourselves pays the taxes. Mr. Smith thinks we will have to come out into the open, lay an unsecured genuine direct sales tax and get money to pay our high operating government costs, or else reduce taxes and run government more economically. As economy in government has not been looked on as possible by many people the outlook is thought by Mr. Smith to be a real sales tax with no fringes or appendages.

THE NEW BASEBALL LEAGUE

Baseball did a lot for the Sandhills this summer. When times are bad and the hours drag folks need diversion, and the Moore County League games furnished it, with a full measure of excitement throughout the season.

Thanks are due the originators of the plan for the organi-

zation of a league, and those responsible for carrying out the project so successfully. The eight teams, representing Aberdeen, Cameron, Carthage, Pinehurst, Southern Pines, Thomastown, Vass-Lakeview and West End, went through the season without squabbling, something rare in a newly organized amateur ball league. And to top off the schedule, two teams fought off a tie for the championship in a three-game series which kept the excitement at fever pitch to the bitter end.

We congratulate the Sandhill Post of the American Legion, which set the league in motion, the league officials who kept it on a high plane, and the players who maintained their equilibrium throughout the tensity of a close race. The public owes them all a vote of appreciation for the entertainment they furnished through the dull summer months. May the league spring back into life next summer, with equal vigor and success.

GRAINS OF SAND

This is the week Papa has been digging down in his pocket for school books. And the diggin' comes kinda hard this year, eh, boys?

Well, we've got to educate 'em. They're the best investment in sight right now, and the more we learn 'em, the better the prospects for returns later on.

Aberdeen and Southern Pines have new schoolmasters this year. They'll be watched with interest. From all we have been able to see and hear to date both towns have chosen well.

Blankets have been coming out of the moth balls this week after quite a vacation. Old Sol's been a little more friendly.

Here are some facts for Jesse Page's taxpayers' league:

Between 1913 and 1929 the national wealth increased from \$192,500,000,000 to \$361,873,000,000—an increase of 88 per cent.

National income increased from \$34,400,000,000 to \$85,200,000,000—an increase of 147 per cent.

During the same period total governmental expenditures, Federal, State and local, grew from \$2,919,000,000 to \$13,048,000,000—an increase of 347 per cent.

Governmental indebtedness increased from \$4,205,000,000 to \$30,194,000,000—an increase of 615 per cent.

In 1913 governmental expenditures represented 8.5 per cent of the national income and in 1929 represented 15.3 per cent.

Bad as this may seem it by no means tells the worst. Since 1929 taxes have steadily risen while incomes have sharply declined. It is reliably estimated that this year government will absorb not less than 30 per cent of the national income.

Announcement is made that the Sherwin-Williams Paint Company will enter at once upon a million dollar advertising campaign and will also expend several million dollars in raw materials. There is one concern that evidently thinks the corner has been turned.

It appears that newspaper publishers have some value, in hard times

says Arthur Brisbane. The University of Southern California discovers that subscribers to newspapers buy from twelve to twenty-one per cent more merchandise from local stores than non-subscribers. According to the university's investigation, business would be twenty-five per cent smaller without newspaper advertising.

Charlie Picquet in a heart-to-heart talk with a friend the other day remarked: "Folks say I'm a darn poor business man, which is probably true, and I probably always will be. But I would rather make a stagger and miss than to scare out without a start."

"I still entertain hopes of a theater in Southern Pines that will contain an auditorium, gymnasium, stage for conventions and local enterprises, which seems to me justified when we compare what the community is now and what it was a few years ago. And that is what encourages me to carry on even in the face of the unfavorable balance of the summer."

"That Mr. Picquet is not bluffing when he says he is losing money by keeping his theater open is shown by his balance sheet. Possibly he does not care to have the figures published, but the total admission fees in the last three months did not equal the cost of the films exhibited, to say nothing of the operating costs. It takes money to carry on a theater of the high character that Mr. Picquet operates, but the well known truth is that no other kind would get anywhere in Southern Pines or Pinehurst, and as Charlie says, "There you are." But he is a hopeful ganesa, and it's hard to tell what hope will do if you have enough of it.

It is rumored that Frank Shamburger furnished the paint used on that new school bus which operates on the Pinebluff run.

North Carolina no longer holds the questionable honor of having the highest birth rate of any state. According to figures recently issued by the Federal Census Bureau, New Mexico now has more births per thousand of population than any state in the Union. North Carolina is now second but Alabama is only a fraction lower and South Carolina not far behind.

Book Review

THE DONKEY OF GOD.

By Louis Untermeyer.
Harcourt Brace & Co.,
New York.

Reviewed by Ann Hyde Allen

Louis Untermeyer's enchanting book of Italian legends has apparently achieved the ideal form of which authors dream. The format, color, and particularly the fascinating line drawings of James MacDonald both enhance and accentuate the essence of these poetic tales.

The book we are told is for "ages 12, up" but it is my guess that the 'ups' will get even more pleasure from it than the 'downs.' The only serious question raised is whether greater pleasure from it than the 'downs.' The only serious question raised is whether greater pleasure would be derived from reading these varied stories of Italy after having seen their settings or from visiting the places with the glamor of these romances upon them.

There is a geographical sequence to the stories which start at Naples and

progress northward through Pompeii, Paestum and the Hill towns of Assisi and Siena, through Florence and Venice to Rome. But aside from the always vivid and dramatically living Italian background this is the only sequence. The legends range from a mystery, murder story of the Medici to a mystic tale of an imaginative temple boy; from a madly glamorous mediaeval horse race to the story whispered by a miniature Sicilian donkey whose ancestor had thrice carried Christ upon his back.

A sample taste—which will set readers of all ages dreaming—is the secret recipe for torrone, the famous Italian candy, of which honey is the base.

"... seven kinds of tropical nuts from seven corners of the world, and the whites of eggs from the whitest pigeons, and the satin hearts of moon-seeds, and cinnamon powder that has been sifted thru silk, and drops of dew from white rose leaves, and the clear sap of silver gum trees, and a crumbing of young spices, and the milk of the century plant that blossoms only once in a hundred years,

and five small spirits whose names no one knows. Hans Christian Anderson might have concocted such a recipe.

"The Donkey of God" is the guide book of ones heart's desire, for it distills the essence, the heart and feeling of a place thru imaginatively dramatizing its spirit.

Louis Untermeyer, the distinguished poet and critic and famous anthologist may, if he is not very careful, find his already sufficiently impressive reputation eclipsed by his new one as a teller of tall tales to small listeners.

Court House News

Marriage License Issued

A marriage License has been issued from the office of the Register of Deeds of Moore county to Dr. C. A. McManus and Mrs. J. Irene Campbell, both of Hemp.

Real Estate Transfers

The following transfers of real estate have been recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Moore county:

Mrs. M. M. Furr to John W. Furr; property in Greenwood township.

Mrs. M. M. Furr to Mary L. E. Furr; property in Greenwood township.

Mrs. M. M. Furr to Carrie Jane Medlin, property in Greenwood township.

Mrs. M. M. Furr to Joe M. Furr, property in Greenwood township.

Mrs. M. M. Furr to L. A. Furr, property in Greenwood township.

Mrs. M. M. Furr to Rosa Furr Garner, property in Greenwood township.

Mrs. M. M. Furr to H. F. Furr, property in Greenwood township.

Mrs. M. M. Furr to Bertha Furr Priest, property in Greenwood township.

Mrs. M. M. Furr to James T. Furr, property in Greenwood township.

Mrs. M. M. Furr to W. L. Furr, property in Greenwood township.

J. R. Page and wife to Alice Page Shamburger, property in Sandhills township.

MRS. OLIVE, MISSIONARY IN CHINA, HONOR GUEST HERE

The ladies of the Baptist W. M. U. were at home to their friends of the Presbyterian and Methodist Missionary societies at the Community House on Tuesday afternoon in honor of Mrs. L. Bunn Olive, returned missionary from China, who has lived at Southern Pines during the summer months and who is leaving this week for her home at Mars Hill. Mrs. Lewis, president, was in charge of the opening exercises. Prayer was made by Mrs. J. R. Page. Mrs. C. L. Jackson introduced Mrs. Olive, who made a most interesting talk on her twelve years work in China.

Pilot advertising sells merchandise.

SEABOARD'S AUGUST RECORD

A total of 98.8 per cent of the 2,568 passenger trains operated by the Seaboard Air Line Railway during the month of August arrived at their destinations on time, H. E. Pleasants, Division Passenger Agent, announces.

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LUX Flakes 2 pkgs. **19c**
Toilet Soap 3 cks. **19c**

SUPER SUDS
2 pkgs. **15c**

Camay or Ivory
SOAP
4 Cakes **19c**

Sweet or Sweet Mixed
PICKLES qt. jar **19c**

WHITE HOUSE EVAPORATED MILK 4 Tall Cans **19c**

2 SMALL CANS **5c**

N. B. C. Crackers 6 50 Pkgs. **25c** Oreo Sandwich lb. **25c**

SUNNYFIELD PANCAKE FLOUR 3 pkgs. **25c**

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