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This Week



By Arthur Brisbane
A COURAGEOUS IRISHMAN—
A HOLLOW MAGNET—
A VARIEGATED CLIMATE—
MORE AIRPLANES NEEDED—

A real fighting Irishman has come to America. William Thomas Cosgrave, President of the Irish Free State. Diffident, keen light blue eyes, soft voice, iron will and a lion's courage. That is a picture of the Irish President, for whom fear does not exist, not even the only fear admitted by his relative, the Celtic chiefs of Gaul, who admitted that they feared one thing, that the sky might fall on them.

If you asked, "Can NOTHING be more powerful than SOMETHING?" you would get no serious answer.

But how do you explain this fact, announced by German science and proved by convincing experiment? A hollow magnet is more powerful than a solid magnet.

The absence of magnetized metal inside the magnet increases its magnetic strength. A magnet containing four hollow lamellae has as much lifting power as one containing nine solid lamellae.

Everything is possible in chemistry and physics, now that atomic construction and the horrible power and speed of the tiny electrons have been added to human knowledge. But that hollow magnet news is a thing to puzzle science.

A. D. Lasker, who ran the Shipping Board, once a young, frightfully energetic boy, sitting in the outside office of Lord & Thomas, in Chicago, now even more frightfully energetic, sits in the inside office and owns the place.

He and his wife have just given a million dollars to Chicago University to study the "causes, nature and prevention of degenerative diseases."

Within three hundred years, the average life has increased from thirty to sixty years, but a man of fifty has very little better chance of life than a man of that age one hundred years ago.

Lasker wisely gives money to find out why it is that human beings after fifty break down so quickly.

If the scientists will let him, Lasker should use some of his money investigating suggestions that medical science would call "all nonsense." All the theories of Pasteur, who taught them more than they ever knew before.

Michael J. Hinch, eighteen years old, touched a live wire carrying 5,000 volts and, according to doctors, was "dead for half an hour." Quick action by firemen brought the boy back to life.

At first his mind wandered. Then he recognized friends, knew his own name, who he was and what he had been doing in the previous eighteen years.

The question arises, does the same thing happen to all of us, after we have been dead a long time, perhaps, as one earnest clergyman suggests, as long as a billion years, waiting for the (Turn to page four, please)

Tantalizer

There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield or Johnston county, and if the right one decipher his name and will present it to the Herald office, we will present him with a free ticket to the Victory Theatre. Tickets must be called for before the following issue.

Joe Ellington deciphered his name last issue.
Today's Tantalizer:
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Hickman Is Angry At Fellow Prisoner

Elopes With Sheik



Sybil Bayer, \$5,000,000 heiress daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin S. Bayer of New York City, who recently eloped with Vincent Edward Brown, \$25,000 a week necktie clerk. The elopement, it is said, has brought down parents' wrath on her head.

Herald Family Gets Together

Mrs. Joe Gribble and B. Arp Lowrance Speak To Correspondents and Subscription Solicitors at Dinner Meet

The Smithfield Herald entertained at dinner a number of its correspondents and subscription solicitors Friday evening at the Woman's club room. This is the second meeting of this kind that has been held, a similar occasion having been enjoyed about two years ago.

Covers for forty guests were laid, and the Woman's club served a delicious two course menu.

Two out of town speakers were present on this occasion, both experienced in newspaper work. Mrs. Joe Gribble, who for ten years has been the Dallas correspondent of the Gastonia Daily Gazette, made a very interesting and helpful talk on the "Art of News-gathering" in which she interspersed much of her own experience. Mrs. Gribble is full of her newspaper work and has the knack of imparting her enthusiasm to others.

Mr. B. Arp Lowrance, of Charlotte, Field Secretary of the North Carolina Press Association, was the other out of town speaker, who gave a practical talk on "Subscription Solicitation." Mr. Lowrance has been a wonderful aid to the newspapers of the association in furthering their interests, and his talk Friday evening was out of a varied experience with the newspapers of the state.

Following these talks, a round table discussion made for an informal occasion which was apparently enjoyed by all.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. T. J. Lassiter, editor of the Herald. In the absence of the business manager, W. M. Gaskin, who was detained on account of illness in his home, words of welcome were extended by H. V. Rose. Rev. D. H. Tuttle pronounced the invocation.

As the guests arrived and during the dinner, music was furnished by a local orchestra, known as the Midnight Ramblers. Those composing this organization are Walter Lassiter, trumpet; Tom Lassiter, trombone; Bill Joe Austin, saxophone; Bill Norton, drums; Durwood Creech, banjo; Miss Maude Creech, piano.

Linotype slugs bearing the names of the guests were unique place cards. Printed programs in the form of a miniature newspaper were at each plate.

"Babe Ruth walked twice today." "Gosh, she should be more careful whom she rides with."

Begs His Guards To Let Him "Get His Hands On" Man Who Revealed His Letters

ial precautions were taken today to closely guard both William Edward Hickman, confessed kidnapper and slayer, and Dale Budlong, a fellow prisoner, whose revelation of a sensational letter from the self-styled "Fox" brought him prominence in the present sanity trial of the former.

Tirades against Budlong reported by jail officials to have been made by Hickman resulted in the informer being more closely guarded.

SEEKS REVENGE.

Hickman was said by his custodians to have pleaded for a chance to "get his hands," on Budlong. The latter had turned over to the prosecution a letter, later admitted by the defense to be the product of Hickman's active pencil, in which Hickman said he was going to "throw a fit in court," and stage a "laughing, screaming, diving act." "Maybe in front of old man Parker himself."

When led back to his cell after the court was adjourned last Saturday until Monday, Hickman asked for a chance at Budlong. "You just let me in a cell with him," Hickman begged his guards. PLAN BIG DRIVE.

While these backstage events were taking place, the legal battles of the prosecution and defense marshalled their forces for a French drive for their prospective goals. Apparently taken by surprise when the defense "stole their thunder," by using the pictures of the dismembered parts of little Marian Parker's body as further proof of the defendant's insanity, the state prepared to reverse its original plan of attack.

CHANGE PROGRAM.

Instead of saving the prosecution psychiatrists until the last was planned, District Attorney Asa Keyes will offer the state's medical evidence early in the case, and then finish off with witnesses who will relate to the jury the crime itself and how Hickman acted after his apprehension at Pendleton, Oregon. By this method the state hoped to give the jury a final impression of the facilities of the crime and not the long and technical testimony of the psychiatrists. ONLY A SANITY HEARING.

The state also prepared to make doubly sure of plugging all possible legal loopholes in the law by establishing before the jury the commission of the crime and the (Turn to page four, please)

Funeral Services For R. I. Wallace

The funeral of Mr. R. I. Wallace who passed away at his home here Thursday was held Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the residence. Rev. D. H. Tuttle, assisted by Rev. S. L. Morgan, conducted the funeral. A large crowd was present including a number of out of town people to pay a last tribute of respect to the deceased. Interment was made in the city cemetery. The pallbearers were: Messrs. Lawrence Lee, Robert Adams, T. C. Henry, G. W. Hicks, E. A. Johnson, J. C. Stancil, H. C. Hood and H. A. Crumpler. A beautiful floral offering covered the new-made grave.

Among those here from a distance to attend the funeral were: Messrs. H. B. Johnson and W. B. Clark, of Wilson; Mrs. J. W. Massey and Mr. Bill Massey, of Clayton; Mrs. I. W. Massey, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Massey, of Selma; Mrs. J. E. Peele, Mrs. C. S. Peele, Mrs. John Woodard and Mrs. Luby Mitchell, of Princeton; Mrs. A. G. Johnson, of Oxford; Mrs. P. H. Massey, of Wilson's Mills; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rouse, of La Grange; Mr. and Mrs. R. U. Barbour, and Mr. M. L. Stancil, of Benson.

BENEFACTOR



A. P. GIANNINI

Gives Fortune To Aid Farmers

Giant Financial Institution Outgrowth of Country Boys' Early Transactions With Farmers

Written Specially for The Herald By ROBERT FULLER

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 9.—It's a long trail from handling fruits and vegetables to handling millions, but that was the path of A. P. Giannini, who has just decided to give away his personal fortune in the interests of human welfare—and significantly enough, remains true to his boyhood love by endowing his wealth for the benefit of agriculture.

Giannini never did have ambitions to be a millionaire. The son of an Italian vegetable grower, and founder of the Bank of Italy and its associate corporations, he is giving a huge fortune to the agriculture of the state in which he built a banking organization which has been called the greatest financial asset of the state and a "banking octopus."

In 1928 alone the enormous sum will amount to \$1,500,000, representing Giannini's 5 per cent of the earnings of the Bancitaly Corporation, which he has refused to accept.

James A. Bacigalupi, on behalf of the directors of the Bancitaly Corporation, made the announcement that this money will be given to the people of California through a foundation to foster and develop the State's agricultural interests.

One million dollars will go toward the establishment of the Giannini Foundation of Agricultural Economics at the University of California, and five hundred thousand dollars for the erection of a building on the campus, dedicated to ways and means of improving the economic conditions of Farmers, Dairy and Livestock men.

A little more than thirty years ago Giannini, a young Italian fruit and vegetable buyer, began lending money to other farmers who had established themselves in the fertile valleys of California.

Today the Bank of Italy reaches every hamlet in California, and the Bank of Italy and its subsidiary corporations are said to form the second largest bank in the country, the National City Bank of New York being the only one to surpass it.

This giant institution began when Giannini started lending money as an aid to friends and those with whom he did business. Mighty oaks from little acorns grow!

STABLES AT FAIR GROUND CATCH FIRE

The city fire department was called out Saturday when it was found that some stables at the northern end of the fair grounds had caught fire. The stream of water soon put out the flames and the damage was slight. It is not known how the first started.

Another Arrest Shooting Affair

Another arrest has been made in connection with the shooting affair in O'Neals township which took place last week. Sunday, Joe Wright, the son of Sarah Wright who refused to vacate the log cabin in which she was living but which belonged to C. G. Weathersby, was brought here and placed in jail to await a hearing in Recorder's court. He is only about fifteen years of age, but he is charged with shooting at the officers, who were attempting to force his mother to vacate the house.

Grade Crossing To Be Retained

Hearing Before County Highway Commission At Regular Meeting Yesterday.

The hearing in regard to abolishing the grade crossing to the left of the station here conducted before the Johnston County Highway Commission at its regular meeting yesterday resulted in a denial of the petition of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway to do away with the crossing.

Until Highway No. 10 was hard-surfaced, this route crossed the railroad at the station and was a very dangerous crossing. Several accidents at this point have taken a toll of human life, and two years ago the A. C. L. company placed a guard there during the twenty-four hours of the day and night. Since the location of No. 10 has been changed, the traffic along this road has lessened considerably and the railway company is now desirous of doing away with the guard and closing the road at this point. The railway company favors the road crossing the railroad on the right side of the station where proper safeguards would be placed. This would necessitate changing the route for a short distance.

The hearing had been advertised, and at the meeting yesterday, a (Continued on Page 4)

Smithfield Quint Defeats Wakelon

After trailing the Wakelon high school basketballers during the first half of a game Thursday night, the purple and gold five of Smithfield high ran wild in the second division of the affray and registered its tenth victory of the season defeating the Wakelon tossers by a 22-11 score. The game was played in Zebulon. The Smithfield aggregation seemed to be off form in the first half and only chalked up six points against eight or Wakelon, but when the second half opened the locals began to get themselves together and rang the basket with frequency.

"Cinch Bet?"



W. W. Watson, 80 year old capitalist of Salina, Kan., who has made a wager with an insurance company he will live five years, says he has a "cinch bet." Mr. Watson paid the insurance company \$100,000 in cash and the company in turn is to pay him \$1,500 each month that he lives.

W. T. Kirby And His Big Hog



SOME PORKER!—Twenty-eight months old Poland-China belonging to W. T. Kirby near Kenly weighed 971 pounds. Mr. Kirby is on the left of the picture and his brother-in-law, E. T. Crumpler, who helped care for the hog, on the right.

BAG CONTAINING VALUABLE MAIL CUT TO PIECES BY TRAIN

An accident which caused considerable extra work and delay occurred Sunday morning when a mail sack thrown from train No. 83 rolled under the cars and was cut to pieces by the wheels. This train does not stop here, and the mail is thrown off as it passes. It is said that the bag Sunday morning struck a switch post

and rolled back under the train. The bag was said by post-office authorities to have contained first class mail, there being an unusually large number of letters. Every package except one was ground up. Three registered letters were intact.

This bag contained several (Turn to page four, please)

County Historian Offers Resignation

Successor To John A. Mitchiner Will Be Chosen At March Meeting Of Board Of Education.

The County Board of Education in regular session here yesterday decided to employ A. M. Pullen & Company, public accountants who have audited the school books of Johnston county for the past few years, to make the audit for this year the work to begin at once. This action was taken after consideration of a letter from A. T. Allen, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, who has written all of the county superintendents asking for their cooperation in having the reports out on time this year. It was his suggestion that auditors be employed now and that the audit be made from month to month. This will have two beneficial results. The report of the State Superintendent can be ready by the time the legislature meets, and the various counties can make out its budget more quickly thereby making it possible for the tax books to be compiled sooner.

At the meeting yesterday, a letter was read from John A. Mitchiner, of Selma, tendering his resignation as Johnston county's first historian. On account of ill health, Mr. Mitchiner has not assumed the duties of the position to which the board of education recently elected him. In tendering his resignation, Mr. Mitchiner writes as follows:

"Kindly excuse the delay in recognizing the receipt of your letter notifying me of my election as Johnston county's first historian. Realizing the importance of the appointment and the necessary study and research that it would take to satisfactorily perform the duty, I wished to carefully think the matter over before making my reply. (Turn to page four, please)

Mrs. S. G. Phillips Passes At Hospital

Mrs. Addie Lena Phillips, wife of Mr. S. G. Phillips, passed away at the Johnston County Hospital Friday following several days' illness. Mrs. Phillips was operated on for appendicitis about a week before her death and her condition was serious from the time she was taken ill. She was forty-two years of age.

The funeral was conducted at the home Saturday afternoon at three o'clock by Rev. H. R. Faircloth, of the Freewill Baptist church, and Rev. S. L. Morgan, of the Baptist church. Interment was made in the Oakland cemetery. The pallbearers were: Messrs. J. H. Brady, W. D. Johnson, Roscoe Ford, J. E. Gurganus, R. E. Holt and S. B. Jones.

The deceased is survived by a husband and three small children.

Arrest Negroes In Kenly On Theft Charge

Two negroes whose names were not reported were arrested Thursday in Kenly under suspicion of having stolen a Ford truck loaded with two bales of cotton. The negroes stated in Kenly that they were from Moore's school section, but when questioned closely it was found that they knew nothing of that section. It is thought the cotton and truck belonged to a Mr. Best in Wayne county. Wayne county officers were notified who went to Kenly and took charge of the negroes.

Aunt Prudence: "Keep away, from the sound of the same things as aher the loudspeaker, Denny. The announcer sounds as if he had a cold."—Ex.

Regular Session Of Co. Commissioners

First Days' Session Featured By Tax Releases; Will Meet Again Today

The board of county commissioners were in session here yesterday and will be back again today to complete unfinished business. Every member of the board was present.

The greater part of yesterday's session was taken up with hearing tax complaints, and a number of tax releases were ordered as follows:

Ella J. Creech, Pine Level township, \$60; Raymond Creech, Pine Level township, \$150; Rebecca Creech, Pine Level township, \$480; Mrs. E. Wood, Banner township, \$160; Dan U. Oliver, Selma, \$1,000; Harriet B. Jones, Selma, \$1,000; Mrs. W. B. Woodard, Pine Level, \$742; Stephen Hicks, O'Neals, \$600; J. P. Alford, Smithfield, \$550; Mrs. D. H. Alford, Smithfield, \$230; S. P. Wood, Selma, \$1,000; S. P. Wood, Selma, \$500; J. L. Johnson, Smithfield, \$650; Savannah Weaver, Banner, \$2500; J. M. Peele, Clayton, \$2900; J. Q. Beasley, Banner, \$450; J. S. Peele, Wilders, \$8415; W. B. Barber, Boon Hill, \$615; Barnes Pope, Beulah, \$1000; Iradell Raynor, Banner, \$50; J. W. Smith, Meadow (amount not given); G. Willie Lee, Smithfield, \$50; L. T. Ogburn, Pleasant Grove, \$500; R. S. Johnson, Elevation, \$3,000.

It was ordered that C. A. Bailey be paid \$18.00 for burial expense of one who was on the pauper list. It was also ordered that Savannah Woodall's tax abstract be changed to Savannah Weaver, Elevation township on account of error in name.

An order was passed to refund J. M. Peele tax on \$2900 tax valuation on real estate, 1926 tax.

J. W. Dodd was ordered paid \$14.55 for supplies Ingram township roads, and Robert Holland was ordered paid \$10.60 for bridge timber for Micro township. Other bills were ordered paid totaling \$169.40. D. C. Rhodes was ordered paid \$14.00 for geese killed by dogs.

A few changes were made in the old pauper list, before the board adjourned to meet again this morning.

Wanted, Information

In the early days of the World War the officer in charge of a British post, deep in the heart of Africa, received a wireless message from his chief.

"War declared. Arrest all enemy aliens in your district."

A few days later the chief received this communication:

"Have arrested seven Germans, three Belgian, four Spanish, five Frenchmen, a couple of Swedes, an Australian and an American. Please inform me whom we are at war with."

Emphatically, No!

Mamma: "Now Frankie, if they pass you cake a second time at the party you must say, 'No thanks, I've had plenty.' And don't you forget it."

All went well with the boy until the hostess said kindly:

"Don't you have another piece of cake?"

"No thanks, I've had plenty, and don't you forget it!" was the astonishing reply.—Ex.

Aunt Roxie Opines



"De game law ez a failure because fokes hain't even quit shooting hot air."