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It really doesn't matter if your sins do find you out. The neighbors would anyway.

Judge Brown Fails to Go Far Enough

IN A RECENT statement by ex-Judge George H. Brown, he says "The only way to maintain the credit of the State, after the several blows it has received in recent years, is by rigid, inflexible economy."

The judge goes on to say that no new superior court districts should be formed, and that the appointment of more judges is further opposed. He further opposes the creation of a fingerprint bureau, which, he says, would cost the State from \$20,000 to \$40,000 annually.

Another item of State expense is the paying of salaries to judges for life after retiring from the bench. We are criticizing the bill simply calling attention to an important item of State expense.

Of course, when the farmer and mechanic spend their money in feeding and building up the country and become too weak to carry the heavy load of old age they have to grope around and nibble on the slender meager from the labors of a feeble hand and pay taxes, when they are occupying the most favorable position of life are placed on the tax-paying list.

It seems just a little strange to see a man who is on the State's pay roll for life complaining about extravagance, unless he fears the State will "bust" before he dies.

The fellow who has the real right to kick at all those Packards and high salaries is the fellow who is paying the bills.

"Hard Times" and Human Nature

IN AN INTERVIEW with an 80-year-old gentleman, recently he stated that he has never seen a year yet that he did not hear "hard times" some year or so in the future.

His opinion that the "hard times" is a reflection of the extreme side of human nature when it says to say the "hardest" rain, the "worst" cold, the "most" extreme expression thoughtlessly. He further indicated that human nature was bad enough when folks say nothing, but worse when folks are ever and eternally talking about it.

More singing and less whining would brighten things up a whole lot.

Are You Doing Your Part?

WE ALL DEPEND lawlessness, but do not always guard against it as fully as we should. It might be well for us all to "inventory" our several sins.

It is not necessary to see a proselytist supporting the liquor man by buying and drinking his product. Such acts offset what good that man might do in his community against the liquor traffic to a large extent. Another of the common breaches of the law is gambling. In the estimation of the modest moralist poker is something extremely heinous. It pictures in the ordinary mind liquor, drunkenness, pistols, razors, knives, and murder, which perhaps is about true. But who can hurl the first stone at the poker player? Just think of the hundreds of games and transactions where we spend little with the hope of gaining much or where we hope to get something for nothing. The very spirit of such hope has no entwined itself in our lives that we have grown to be a world of gamblers.

The poker game is nothing more than the full-grown tree from the seed planted in the ho-ho of supposed innocent games. This hope to win spurs us along and on. We buy industrial stocks, cotton futures, everything, scarcely thinking that we are gambling with experts who run the machines. Doubtless nine-tenths of the banks that have gone under have done so almost directly as a result of gambling in some form or other.

It is only a common occurrence to see good folks selling chances for ice cake, box of candy, perhaps some other article, saying the proceeds go to the church or to some other good cause. Then you find the punch boards on every hand, where you pay your nickels or dimes and may get some small articles—but generally do not.

Another form of gambling is the slot machine, the little trap that catches and keeps all the nickels in the neighborhood. The machine in which you drop your last nickel and it still says "no." Such machines have become very numerous in this part of the State, and they, some of them, run morning, noon, and night.

It is rather amusing to see the youngsters getting their quarters and halves changed for nickels and then run to the slot machines, where they are swallowed up with the same ravenousness that the Ganges swallows up Hindu babies. It is said that these machines are legal, but certainly their operation violates the trend of the law against gambling.

We must rid ourselves of the mild forms of gambling if we expect to be real winning forces in the elimination of the bigger or worse forms of the disease.

The Public Forum

HIS LAST CALL

(Published by request)
I never will forget the sad day Mr. Archie Brown was called to rest. At the hospital he lay. And suffered 'til the final day. When the Savior said "Thy will done, Come up higher, my beloved one." Now his children are fatherless, but our Savior will surely bless; May they, on the golden shore, Meet their father to part no more.

When the train with his body drew near, I was the body they loved so dear, With one sorrowful look they gazed on his face, saying, "Daddy, we'll meet in heaven, that glorious place. His loving wife with babe in her arms, Also grieved with such sad alarms. Now, she alone her griefs to bear, Must pray for God's tenderest care. C. A. W. Jamesville, N. C., Feb. 6, 1925.

NOTICE

Having this day qualified as administrator of the estate of M. R. Collins, late of Martin County, North Carolina, all persons holding claims against said estate are hereby notified to present same for payment on or before the 4th day of February, 1925. This notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please come forward and make immediate settlement of same. This is the 4th day of February, 1925. ARTHUR C. ROBERSON, Administrator.

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Having this day qualified as administrator of the estate of M. R. Collins, late of Martin County, North Carolina, all persons holding claims against said estate are hereby notified to present same for payment within one year from this date or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please come forward and make immediate settlement of same. This is the 22d day of January, 1925. HUGH G. HORTON, Administrator, C. T. A.

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NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power of authority contained in a certain deed of trust executed to the undersigned trustee by John D. Lilley and wife, Lucy Lilley, on the 24th day of January, 1917, and of record in the public registry of Martin County, in book S-1, at page 10, and said deed of trust having been given to secure certain note of even date and tenors therewith, and the stipulations in said deed of trust not having been complied with, and at the request of the parties interested, the undersigned trustee will on Friday, February 20, 1925, at 12 o'clock m. at the courthouse door in the town of Williamston, N. C., offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, at public auction, the following described real estate: A house and lot in the town of Jamesville, N. C., beginning at a gate at the green house on St. Andrews Street, Rena Harrison's corner, and going with a line of said street to the side Branch, thence up said branch to the line of Baptist Church lot

YOUR INCOME TAX

INCOME TAX IN A NUTSHELL

WHO?—Single persons who had net income of \$1,000 or more or gross income of \$5,000 or more, and married couples who had net income of \$2,500 or more or gross income of \$5,000 or more must file returns. WHEN?—The filing period is from January 1 to March 15, 1925. WHERE?—Collector of internal revenue for the district in which the person lives or has his principal place of business. HOW?—Instructions on Form 1040A and Form 1040; also the law and regulations. WHAT?—Two per cent normal tax on the first \$4,000 of net income in excess of the personal exemptions and credits. Four per cent normal tax on the next \$4,000. Six per cent normal tax on the balance of net income. Surtax on net income in excess of \$10,000.

ARTICLE NO. 8

Losses, if incurred in a transaction in trade or business, or in any transaction entered into for profit, not compensated for by insurance or otherwise, are deductible from gross income in determining net income upon which the income tax is assessed. To be allowed, losses not incurred in trade, business, or profession must conform closely to the wording of the statute. For example, a loss incurred in the sale of a taxpayer's home or automobile, which at the time of purchase was not bought with the intention of resale, is not deductible because it was not a transaction "entered into for profit."

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thence along said line of said Church lot to St. Andrews Street, thence along said line of said Church lot to S. Andrews Street, thence along the line of said street to the beginning, containing 4 acres, more or less, and being the same land conveyed to the said John D. Lilley and wife, Lucy Lilley, by deed dated 14th March, 1913 from C. A. Spruill, Martha K. Spruill, and S. H. Spruill.

This the 19th day of January, 1925 W. A. HILLIARD, Trustee.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain deed of trust executed to me on the 3rd day of January, 1921, by W. A. Hilliard and wife, Chelcy Hilliard, and of record in Martin County Public Registry, in book G-2, page 261, securing certain bonds of even date and tenors therewith, and the stipulations therein not having been complied with, and at the request of the holder of said bonds, I will on Saturday, the 14th day of February, 1925, at 12 o'clock m., in front of the courthouse door of Martin County, offer at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described land:

Being said W. A. Hilliard's one-half undivided interest in the following tract of land, situate in Williamston Township, adjoining the lands of Rick Slide on the west; the lands of Jones heirs on the south; land of E. J. Williams on the east, and the Williamston and Jamesville road on the north, containing 50 acres, more or less.

This the 15th day of January, 1925. L. C. BENNETT, Trustee.

TRUSTEE'S LAND SALE

By virtue of a certain deed of trust executed by Frank Bell and wife, Lulu Bell, to the undersigned as trustee, recorded on the 25th day of December, 1923, in book R-2, page 118, Martin County register of deeds, securing therein certain notes and the conditions and terms of which having not been complied with and the

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holder of the same demanding a sale, I shall sell to the highest bidder for cash at the courthouse door in Williamston, at 12 o'clock noon, Monday, February 16th, 1925, that tract of land in Goose Nest Township containing 192 6-10 acres on the Hamilton and Palmyra road, adjoining the land of Carrie Norfleet, Eborn Land, Sara P. Green, H. Johnson, and John Fou, a complete and accurate description of which is found in said deed of trust. This land is sold subject to a mortgage held by the Bank of Oak City. This January 16th 1925.

B. M. WORSLEY, Trustee.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed by B. H. Roberson and wife Fannie Roberson to T. Jones Taylor, trustee bearing date October 13th 1922, and duly recorded in the office of the register of Deeds of Martin County in book H-2 at page 228, and default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness therein secured, the undersigned will on Saturday, February 20th 1925, at 12 o'clock noon before the courthouse door in Williamston, N. C., sell at public auction for cash the following described real estate, to wit: Lying and being in Martin County. Being the same lot wherein W. A. Roberson now resides, on the North

side of the Rail-road, and the West side of Main street in the town of Robersonville, N. C., adjoining the lands of H. A. Gray and O. P. Roberson. Beginning in the edge of Main street at the corner of H. A. Gray, and running along the line of H. A. Gray and H. C. Norman, westerly to the line of O. P. Roberson, thence along the line of O. P. Roberson, northerly to the corner of B. H. Roberson, thence along the line of said B. H. Roberson, over the center of the well, to the edge of Main street, thence along the edge of Main street, southerly to the beginning. Containing one-half (1-2) acre more or less. Being one-half of the lot of land conveyed to B. H. Roberson by A. S. Roberson and wife. This sale will be made for the purpose of satisfying the terms of said deed of trust. This January, 28th 1925.

T. JONES TAYLOR, Trustee.

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