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**Newspaper Reports of Weddings**

Carl Goerch now comes out and admits that newspapers don't tell the truth about weddings. We feel sure Carl is wrong. Every bride that faces the altar is beautiful to somebody, even if nobody has discovered it but her mother and the bridegroom. However that gives two witnesses, which are enough to prove the case. And then her gracefulness and sweetness can be easily vouched for.

Now, when the cleverness and brilliance of the dashing bridegroom is mentioned, it makes no difference how much the newspaper lavishes in the way of strong adjectives (publicly, of course, not privately) the smiling bride will swear to it on a stack of Bibles.

So it makes no difference how many

nice things the newspaper says about a wedding, it is always true. It is, of course, admitted that the newspaper does not always believe what it says, but it can prove them true. Of course, Carl can not discern beauty in every case. Yet we would like to see him test out just one wedding article and write what his own cold, technical, scrutinizing eye thinks of the beauty and charm of the young couple. Then he will find plenty of proof that he is wrong and that every bride is beautiful and charming to some one.

The trouble about Carl is that he is too critical about beauty. But you can bet on his nice "write-ups" about weddings, whether he believes them or not. We advise him not to write what he thinks.

**Prohibition Not a Complete Failure**

"Prohibition viewed locally," is the subject of an editorial in the Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch, in which that paper attempts to attack prohibition by saying that Norfolk had more arrests for drunkenness in 1926 than in 1915.

They admit that the population of Norfolk increased just 100 per cent from 1915 to 1926, and they say the number of drunks increased only 55 per cent, which in itself is evidence that drunkenness is diminishing. According to figures given, the Norfolk police record shows only one year since prohibition went in force that there was as many arrests for drunkenness as the last year of the liquor regime—and the 10-year record shows not half as many as for that year. The Ledger writer wants to know why more last year than in 1915, and seems to be unable to understand why it was. If he will go to the trouble, he can easily find that in the old bar-room days Norfolk had 5 drunks to 1 now. He will further find that the bar rooms and whiskey houses ruled the city government of Norfolk and especially the police department. He will further find that every bar room in Norfolk, of which there must have been more than 100, had sleeping stalls in which to store drunks and bums, and the general habit practiced by bar-room out of sight of the public rather

than to take them before the police courts, which would have created a bad impression in the public eye. The drunkard had no opportunity to get out and "cut up."

Now, if the Ledger will take the trouble to go into every one of the old Norfolk bar rooms and quietly listen and correctly write the echoes from their haunted walls and let them exhibit their blood splashes, evidencing the bar-room fights and murders in the old days gone by, then it will tenders and their police henchmen was to put drunken men in some back

not again commend them for their virtues. Another reason why no more arrests were made in the old days in Norfolk was that the liquor business was licensed by law and every drunk was a legal product and the body politic was naturally slow to frown on its own fruits, hence men were not arrested for simple drunkenness. They had to reach the state of an abnoxious nuisance before they were arrested.

We venture to say that if the Ledger man will study his own case further, he will find a condition existing today that is quite different from that of 10 years ago. More stringent laws against drunkenness, a higher idea for the virtues of sobriety, has forced a more trustworthy, a better, and more honorable type of men on the police force than in those days when liquor interests named them. Now he will find, with very few exceptions, men who not only arrest men for public drunkenness, but they go

further and hunt their haunts and bring them to justice, and it is now quite possible to hail a class of men into court who call themselves good men; while in the old days it was only the "bummest of the bums" who were nabbed by the police.

Norfolk is doubtless in about the same class with other cities, needing more stringent laws and a better observance of them.

It is very regrettable that people will violate a law of the people, even the prohibition law; and no man can do it and justify himself in any aspect of the case. It is about as regrettable to see thoughtless good people knock it and complain at it and grumble about it as to see the "low-brows," the toughs, and the bums violating it.

When all the people who call themselves lawful citizens keep the law themselves and help other to keep and enforce it, drunkenness will be very scarce.

**The Passing of the Ku Klux Klan**

The members of the Ku Klux Klan are now beginning to see that their plans were poor, even if their policies were fine.

Society has tried to improve itself throughout all the ages of history, although it has passed through many tribulations, and has made very slow progress at times. Yet it has slowly advanced, until we today have as much protection by law as we need. We have more liberty than knowledge and more wealth than we know how to use. Yet because we can not attain perfection in the twinkling of an eye or reach the ideal at once, we become dissatisfied and act like unhappy whining children.

Thus it was that an idea was hatched that something could be done quickly, something that would set every man right. The idea and the desire could not be beaten, but the carrying out of such a principle violated every policy for which it was designed, which was to make people better and safer. When it was applied it was found very imperfect and caused danger and strife within and without the order.

So, after all, the old kind of rule

by law, though it is evaded and brow-beaten and sometimes almost looks disgraceful, has proved to be the best place to right wrongs.

The court is the establishment of the civilization of many centuries, in which billions of people have contributed more or less towards its perfection. No one man, nor no new sect, nor no part of the great body of men can change its course to meet their special ideals. Just as it is in religion, which has come out of the crucifixion and centuries of toil and from the martyrdoms of thousands, and which can not be changed by a few modernists or idealists who happen to think their own ideals surpass the wisdom of God, the love of Jesus, and the knowledge of all past generations, and should be the standard of religion.

So the Ku Klux Klan must die, not because it does not think it is doing right, but because it fails to appreciate what right is. It needs to acquire both knowledge and wisdom and to rid itself of selfishness.

Democracy and Christianity are the only things needed on earth to make this an honest, happy world.

**THE LETTER BOX**

**THE YOUNG PEOPLE**

To the Editor:

Dear sir:—I saw an article in Friday's issue of The Enterprise stating that young people used too much slang. It can not be any worse in your city than it is in my community.

Take the young people in my community—the children of the best people in the county—when they are in a crowd they use some of the most vulgar and rotten language that one could imagine civilized people would use. It is sickening and shocking to the refined or cultured senses of all right-thinking and God-fearing people. Their parents are not wholly to blame for the actions of these children, for some of them have parents that are the best neighbors in the world; but they have been so engrossed in other things that they have not had the time to look after the needs of their offspring.

I know of communities that have their Sunday schools and church organizations, and all you have to do

is compare of that type of community with those communities that do not have these organizations to see the difference. There really is no comparison in the two. In my community the Bible has been largely withheld from the children. They have been taught that it was not made for them but was written for the older people. So we have no Sunday schools nor any young peoples' clubs, or anything that will teach the young people to respect their elders or parents. They do not even use the rudiments of good manners or training. When Sunday comes they rush from place to place like the wind, with the recklessness of one intoxicated, and cripples, children, and old people have to take to the woods to escape death or injury.

AN ANXIOUS PARENT.

**NOTICE**

North Carolina; Martin County: In Superior Court.

Peter Thompson vs. Penina Thompson  
The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as

above has been commenced in the superior court of Martin County, North Carolina, to obtain an absolute divorce on the grounds of statutory period of separation; and the said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear before the clerk of the superior court of Martin County at Williamston, N. C., on March 10, 1927, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to this court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This the 8th day of February, 1927.

R. J. PEEL,  
Clerk Superior Court.

**RHEUMATISM**

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**Planters & Merchants Bank**

EVERETTS, N. C. AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS FEB. 11, 1927.

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts	\$154,969.73	Capital	\$ 15,000.00
Stocks and bonds	16,250.00	Surplus	10,000.00
Banking Houses	3,500.00	Undivided Profits	2,358.38
Furniture and Fixtures	2,910.00	Dividends Unpaid	194.50
Cash on hand and in Banks	76,266.40	Cashier's Checks, Outstanding	1,727.30
Total	\$253,796.13	Deposits	224,515.95
		Total	\$253,796.13

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EVERETTS, NORTH CAROLINA.

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