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### Officers Should Obey the Law

An official has no business drink ink whisky, even in a social way, according to a recent statement by Judge Sinclair.

This comes to the people of the State as a ray of hope; and they will rejoice that the judge has taken that position, though late, and that he will furnish a personal example.

If there is anything that makes decent people hold their heads in shame—and which is enough to break the jawbone of an ass with disgust—it is to see officers of the law breaking the laws they are sworn to administer. Any yet they may be found everywhere. Some are those who make the laws; some who judge the laws; and some who administer the laws.

Most towns of any size are afflicted with some officials who stand in with some unlawful faction or factions of the town, and who will shut their eyes to "red lights," look the other way when liquor cars pass, and never see a poker chip.

When officials bow their knees before such practices, it is not long before they lose their force for good.

A judge full of bootleg liquor has no business trying a moonshiner; a constable who winks at one bootlegger has no business running down another bootlegger.

Yes; Judge Sinclair is everlastingly right. All officers sworn to enforce the law should keep it themselves.

### Tobacco Crop Not Too Large

Ten years of history does not show a tobacco crop too big.

Our 1919 crop was 425,000,000 pounds, and sold for \$174,000,000; the 1920 crop went up to 433,750,000 pounds and fell to \$109,000,000. In 1921 we only produced 252,450,000 pounds, which sold for \$63,637,000. In 1924 our crop amounted to 286,796,000 pounds, which sold for \$17,986,000. In 1926 we went up to 293,000,000, and it sold for \$103,802,000. This year we have, accord-

ing to government estimates, 417,648,000 pounds; and at the rate of price so far, in comparison with last season's prices, it will sell for very little over \$80,000,000.

It is quite apparent that the only trouble with the price of tobacco this year is that the price-fixing gentlemen simply made low figures when they fixed it, evidently because they had rather pay low prices than to pay high prices.

### Jim Reed's Presidential Aspirations

Jim Reed comes out snorting and braying again, trying to get on the presidential track. Jim has great aspirations; in fact, he is like several other fellows; he would like to be President.

He harps on personal liberty;

very personal, so personal that all law and order is restricted to the individual home. Regardless of how a man wants to do at his home, Reed wants him let alone and would allow him to govern his own family at will. In fact he is so strong

for personal liberty that he has grown cross-legged. He seems almost opposed to letting the law of our civilized and enlightened system go into the home and touch and educate the child unless it meets with the approval of the king of the house, be he drunk or sober.

On the other hand, Reed has quite a lot to say about united support of the party and such principles as he likes. But before Mr. Reed is nominated for President, about ten million Democrats will think for a

while on the spear thrust into the side of Woodrow Wilson when democracy was on trial and a new era of peace and freedom was within our reach. It is true that Reed did help unearth some national scandals and that he is a great lawyer and no doubt a man of honor and clean personal habits. But when his political epitaph is hung in the halls of history, it will hang beside that of Henry Cabot Lodge as an arch-traitor to a bigger and better democracy and a higher civilization.

### Capital and Labor Should Get Together

The High Point Enterprise seems to fear the day when Southern textile labor organizes itself.—We know there is danger in organizing labor; but the remedy is not in fighting labor. The remedy will have to come from a proper relationship between capital and labor if it is to be worth anything.

Industrial organizations are being strengthened throughout the country every day. It is a fact that capital is always seeking to organize itself and at the same time apparently seeks to disorganize labor.

Organization on the part of labor is one of two chances it has to at least have something to say about

what it shall receive for its only capital investment—its blood, bone, and sinew. The other chance it has to receive a fair deal is to go single-handed to capital and ask for mercy; enough mercy to constitute a fair deal. Then it will be a question of dividends—a thing that warms the heart-blood of capital.

Capital and labor will find a basis of settlement hard now; but with the fine schools in every city, town, and village in the State well attended, we will soon have a generation of people who will know how to take care of itself and be able to say, "Don't tread on me."

### Lindbergh Still Unspoiled

Lindbergh must have both a good head and a good heart. Few young people can stand as much praise and petting as he has stood since the hour he struck Paris on his overseas flight. He has not said nor done any foolish things during the flood of praise that has been bestowed upon him. He has been tempted with money, with

wine, and with women; and has had the manhood to escape them all.

It is possible that it takes just such a man as Lindbergh to succeed in such hazards as flying across the oceans. Any young man who stands as squarely against temptations as Lindbergh does will succeed.

### Marriage and Divorce

Marriages decrease while divorces increase is the latest report coming from the State records. Of the 100 counties in North Carolina, 65 of them issued fewer marriage licenses than for the previous year; 31 increased, and 4 issued the same number as for the previous year.

The total number of marriage licenses issued in 1926 was 22,691; in 1925 23,337 were issued, a loss of 646.

Our own county only slipped back from 199 in 1925 to 198 in 1926. Washington fell from 104 to 81; Pitt lost 4; Beaufort was the same; Bertie dropped from 191 to 145.

Martin gained one divorce, from 8 to 9. Washington went up from 4 to 10 divorces in 1926. This was more than 12 per cent as many divorces as marriages. And this is in one of our adjoining counties that we are talking about, and not Reno.

It is generally agreed that anybody should have the right to get

married that wants to, but there is grave doubt about the wisdom of letting everybody get a divorce that wants to.

It seems that culture has no power nor wisdom to regulate marriage, because the more we advance in what we call knowledge the more unreasonable we seem to become about marriage and divorce. It may be that we are capitalizing—pleasure with all our hearts, and souls and minds and forget a few of the obligations of sacrifice that we may be called on to make in the journey of life.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Leggett and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Thrower and son, Joe Jr., attended the circus in Washington last night.

Misses Mary Fletcher and Serena Peacock and Messrs. Stanley Seasons and Garland Barnhill were in Fremont a short while Sunday afternoon.

### Last of Pyrotol

North Carolina has been allotted 525,000 pounds of Pyrotol this year, and this is the last of the cheap government explosive.

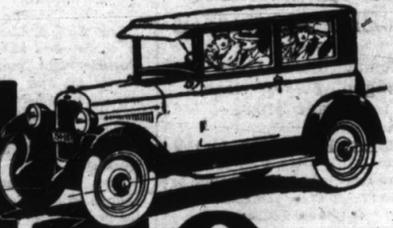
Messrs. A. Anderson and Jno. T. Tetterton attended the circus in Washington yesterday afternoon.

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