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**ABE MARTIN**

"I" stands for indigent, one needs a strong. Waitin' fer a job that jest suits him t' happen along. Ever'body's in favor o' th' way th' girls dress these days, rept those who are agn ever'thing, an even they turn around.

Oh you Hoodoo. Got your tickets?  
 Glad to know that the status of the coal strike suits somebody.  
 We'd just naturally hate to get into what our neighbor, Jule Modlin, would call an unfriendly argument.

And so the celebration of Virginia Dare Day this year will take on an international significance—which is eminently fit and proper.

**About Those Holidays**

It's hard for those of us who do not work for the State to get the point of view of the State employees in regard to the cut which the Salary and Wage Commission has made in the number of holidays which the said employees shall have.

Aside from bank clerks and the employees of a few of the insurance companies, most of us consider ourselves rather lucky to get a two weeks' vacation, and a day or two at the time in case we aren't able to drag any longer.

At first we might have been inclined to lend a sympathetic ear to the wall of the poor underprivileged State employees, who have had their number of holidays drastically reduced. But when we give heed to the fact that they still have six holidays, 12 vacation days, two petty leaves, and ten days' sick leave, it must be confessed that a feeling comes to having misplaced one's sympathy. And when it finally sinks in that the Salary and Wage Commission took its official scissors to the State employees' holidays, they were getting 52 half holidays, 12 vacation days, ten sick leave days, 12 holidays—such as everybody's birthday—and other unnamed privileges, we must confess to a feeling of downright irritation at ourselves for ever being even inclined to sympathy.

Somehow, after scanning the list of holidays which the State employees still have, one can't be properly impressed with any propaganda that they are overworked. If it is a difficult matter to take cake away from a child who has become accustomed to that kind of a diet, the State might try giving its present employees the air, for it's certain there would be plenty of us who would be more than willing to have their six holidays, 12 vacation days, ten sick leave days and two petty leaves a year. Then, the State employees might try working for awhile for private employers who require longer hours service a day than the State, and who think they are doing one a gracious favor to allow 15 days of vacation a year.—Greensboro Record.

**CLAMOR HAS NOT HALTED MERGERS**

**Efforts Now in Active Progress to Organize All Dairy Products**

By J. C. ROYLE  
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New York, Feb. 10.—Clamor in Congress and investigations or forecasts of action by the Federal Trade Commission or the Department of Justice are not serving to check the trend toward consolidation. This is especially true of the combination involving food products. Efforts are now in active progress to organize a dairy products corporation which shall have national scope. Theoretically it would handle and control all forms of dairy products from farm to consumer.

Its main object would be the elimination of surplus products which some dairy men say is beginning to make its appearance in the industry. They say the time is not far distant when it will be necessary to export dairy products in large way and are preparing to do so. The moves toward the formation of this concern were attended by reports that certain government agencies were strongly opposed to them. Government agents in various sections made immediate denial that such was the case and negotiations continued unchecked. The new concern is expected to be built up around a large dairy concern with farms and dairies largely located in the East and a big ice cream concern which has already absorbed some smaller units in the Middle West. Other concerns involved are scattered from one end of the country to the other.

No universal has the trend toward consolidation of food products companies become, that it is now no unusual thing for executives to announce that they will not join mergers instead of that they will do so. For example Clarence Barthe, chairman of the board of the United Milk Products Corporation stated today that concern was not negotiating for a consolidation. United Milk Products itself was composed of a combination of about fifty dairy concerns and began to function as a corporate entity January 1, handling output at wholesale only.

A proposed merger of the Postum interests with the California Packing Company is causing wide discussion. On the other hand it has been indicated by the Beach Packing Company and the Heinz Company representatives that they are not seeking amalgamation with other corporations.

Definite proposals are under consideration to bring about the consolidation of 150 competitive creameries in Wisconsin with 450 cooperative creameries of the Minnesota Cooperative Creameries Association. The sales of such a combination would approach 100,000,000 annually. The Minnesota Creameries Association is only a few years old.

The consolidation of cooperative creameries according to J. C. Brandt, president of the Minnesota group, contemplates absorption of the Iowa plants as well as those of Wisconsin. The Minnesota organization was made possible by the action of the state legislature in 1921 and 1923. Its last annual report shows that 70,000 farmers are interested and own 475 co-operative creameries.

But now the dairy industry is chiefly concerned with the butter situation. Imports from Argentina, Denmark and Australia are declared to have affected the domestic situation and forced retail prices down. The industry is working for an eight hour tariff on butter. The farmers who gathered recently at Ohio State University made it plain that they wanted no government corporation to market farm products, are against paternalism, are opposed to government fixing of farm product prices. They demand a better Federal market news service.

**Gold Rush Pioneer Never Carried Weapon**

By BEN G. KLINE  
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San Francisco, Feb. 10.—Current school boys and movie ideas of Western pioneers of gold rush days, which put two guns into the hands of every real man of that generation, will have to be revised in the light of the experience of Hugh Brown, 96-year-old pioneer who died in San Francisco Saturday and at whose funeral in Santa Clara the pioneers of that California county, turned out en masse.

Brown, a rider of the famous pony express which has furnished so much rich material for thrilling tales of the West, lived through the troublesome period of the "50's" without ever arming himself with fire arms. He never even carried a gun, and in later more peaceful and settled years, he claimed that he had never been in a situation which necessitated the use of the light artillery so prevalent in pioneer days.

A covered wagon train, the one which left Independence, Missouri, in 1851, brought Brown as a youth to the Santa Clara Valley, where he has spent his life as a miner and farmer. Contrary to the custom of the time—a custom which at least is almost universal in the lurid literature describing the earlier period—Brown refused to carry a gun because he had no desire to kill any one. He was afraid that if he was armed he would be led at some time to take human life. He had many thrilling experiences with Indians but he claimed to his death he experienced no real need for a gun.

Brown at his death was the oldest of the pioneers in the Santa Clara region and those surviving him assembled as a body to pay their respects at the burial.

**Troops on Duty in Lexington**



One thousand National Guardsmen were on duty in Lexington, Kentucky, when Ed Harris, negro slayer, went on trial. Photo above shows a machine gun emplacement guarding the approach of the court house.

**TOM SIMS SAYS**

Pay careful attention to the little things. Many a flyover has wrecked a live-on truck.

Some day some wise Congressman is going to be pro-lected on the platform that he didn't introduce a bill.

Wouldn't it be fine if a woman about her household could look like those in the soap advertisements?

About the time a man begins to enjoy himself he needs a shave again.

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**Two Big Odd Pants Specials**

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**T. T. Turner & Co.**  
 See Window Display

**"THE IRON HORSE" IS MIGHTY EPIC**

**Picture Closing Two-Day Run at Alkrama Today Tells Stirring Story**

Comparable to "The Covered Wagon," is that epic of the great West in the making which is portrayed in "The Iron Horse," which will close a two-day run at the Alkrama Theater with matinee and night showings today. Beginning with the Springfield, Illinois, of Lincoln's day, it carries the spectacle through the romance and adventure, the comedy and pathos of the building of that mighty band of steel which riveted East and West into one great nation.

George O'Brien, as the young surveyor about whom the love and adventure motifs of the picture are woven, establishes once and for all an incontestable claim to stardom on the silver screen by his acting in this picture. Madge Bellamy, his sweetheart, and the daughter of the railroad president, is a co-star worthy of more than casual mention.

Few of this generation knew that Abraham Lincoln was a factor in the building of this first railroad across the continent, and that he signed the bill authorizing an appropriation for it in 1862, in the midst of the Civil War. The road was completed in 1869, with ceremonies which included the driving of a golden spike west from California.

The picture is big, and clean, and bracing. It is like a breath of fresh air after the endless succession of problem plays to which motion picture audiences in Elizabeth City, as elsewhere throughout the country, are accustomed as their daily screen diet.

**APPROVE AGREEMENT FOR FUNDING DEBT**

Brussels, Feb. 10.—The chamber of deputies today approved the Washington agreement for funding Belgium's war debt to the United States. The vote was 75 to 9.

**Too Late To Classify**

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**NORFOLK MARKETS**

JARVIS & FENTRESS  
 Reported by  
 SPENCER-HOLLOWELL CO.

Young Chickens	35-40	50
Hens	35-38	35
Roosters	26-15	14-18
Turkeys	40-45	12-15
Geese	25	15-17
Ducks	25	
Hogs, small		
Hogs, large		
Milk Calves 12-15		
Calves, ord	8-12	
Yearlings	8-12	
Eggs, 30-33 cents		

**Everett True By Condo**

I TOLD YOU, MR. COLLECTOR, THAT I'D PAY THAT BILL ON THE 10<sup>TH</sup>, AND THIS IS ONLY THE 1<sup>ST</sup>.

YES, MR. TRUE, I KNOW, BUT I WAS PASSING THIS WAY AND I THOUGHT I'D COME IN AND—

ALL RIGHT, I'LL GIVE YOU A CHECK FOR IT.

THAT'LL BE FINE!!!

SO IT WILL, AND THAT'LL BE ON THE 25<sup>TH</sup>! AND WHEN I SAY THE 25<sup>TH</sup>, I MEAN THE 25<sup>TH</sup>!!!

**ACCUSED SLAYER TO BE TRIED IN MARCH**

Gastonia, N. C., Feb. 10.—Jesse Vandyke, aged 28, accused slayer of Chief of Police Painter at Cherryville, after he had filled the town with excitement from a letter and speech, will be tried at a special term of Gaston Superior Court March 8. Solicitor John G. Carpenter announced today.

**MUSSOLINI REPLIES TO GERMAN MINISTER**

Rome, Feb. 10.—Replying to the Italian Senate today to yesterday's address by foreign minister Stresemann of Germany, Premier Mussolini said "I confirm the letter and spirit of my previous speech, not excluding the account upon by phrase referring to the possibility of the Italia flag going beyond the Brennero frontier, which Stresemann can interpret as he chooses."

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 (Head-to-Foot Outfitters).

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**OUT OUR WAY By WILLIAM**



**SCHOOL DAYS BY DWIG**

