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Farming is not made any easier by calling it agriculture.

'The Twentieth Amendment rid Washington of lame ducks, but it didn't seem to affect the number of quacks.

You may have noticed that so many who profess to want to help humanity never get any further than helping themselves.

If only the car-makers could manage to streamline the fat lady who insists on driving from the back seat.

Parents often have reason to wish that the schools would require a 'sit-down' course for noisy youngsters in the home.

Senator Bob says Jean Harlow's kiss didn't compare with a North Carolina smack. Up to his old trick of fishing for votes, the booger.

Dodging ghosts as well as automobiles while traveling along the old road through the woods, is a pretty strenuous penalty for being superstitious.

One political analyst declares that Senator Bailey sees in this court business an opportunity to demonstrate his size as presidential timber.

Braddock and Louis are grooming for a fight a few months hence. These prize fighters show horse sense. They never look for trouble unless they see they can make it pay.

Come to think of it: If they go ahead and settle this Supreme Court question, what in the world will we have to read about then?

The Right Spirit

At least the lower house of the South Carolina legislature is willing to burst out doing things, whether the senate follows its lead or not. The house voted 32 to 11 to enforce a 40-hour, five-day week in South Carolina textile mills, regardless of action in neighboring states.

But what makes this of particular interest is the manner of argument advanced in favor of the measure. One member of the house put it this way: 'Get away from this thing of waiting for action from other states. Let South Carolina be a leader. To hell with Georgia and North Carolina, when it comes to the people of South Carolina.'

Attaboy, that's the spirit! If a thing is right, why wait for George to begin it; if it is wrong, why piddle along hoping somebody else will discover it.

Moreover, North Carolinians will be inclined to wince from the other end of the argument. One of the legislators opposing the measure up and took this unkind cut: 'Any man would be a fool to come into South Carolina and build a cotton mill when he can go into North Carolina and work sixty hours a week.'

These references are especially significant, coming as they do soon after this State has turned thumbs down on the national child-labor amendment, and when its present labor legislation is constructed along lines that are calculated to please mill executives more than to meet an acknowledged need if the worker is not to remain the 'forgotten man' in North Carolina.

There was a time when most of us joined in saying 'Thank God for South Carolina' when that state was the only one that saved us from a place at the bottom of the list, educationally. If the South Carolina folk hold their stride, as indicated in this labor legislation, the tables will be reversed.

A Legislative Break

Governor Hoey endorses and will ask the General Assembly to authorize submission to the voters, the five constitutional amendments agreed upon by members of the gubernatorial constitutional commission and representatives of a committee opposing the adoption of a new State constitution.

First of the five is an amendment that would give the Governor the veto power. The others have to do with a reorganization of the Superior Court system; reorganizing the board of education; prohibit the appointment of General Assembly members to offices they helped to create; and to prohibit the legislature from passing special or local laws relating to counties or municipalities.

Of particular concern is the amendment that would give the governor power to veto

legislation passed by the General Assembly. Every other State in the union delegates this power, subject to over-riding by the legislatures, and North Carolina has abundant reason for asking this check on the legislative group.

There are times when this brake is essential to good, sane government. Fortunately the speed with which the lower house of the General Assembly, under the lash of a merciless and ambitious speaker, in turning bills from the legislative hopper, has not wrought much harm. But it could have, and a more deliberative Senate could have concurred. By that token it is possible that the veto will eventually be needed.

The Statesville Daily points out another thing in favor of the veto. It says: 'The governorship is the symbol of the people's choice of general leadership. Under the present system there can be little check on whether the Governor is leading or not. If he elects to remain in the background while the legislature runs things, he has a perfect alibi. With the veto power, by whether he signs a bill or not, his people will be able to know and appraise him—know whether he is hiding behind mere lipservice to a cause for which they went about the business of electing him.'

We will not be voting on these amendments just yet, but it would be well to agree on the first on the list, and get it out of the way.

The Best—Under The Circumstances

Representative Victor Bryant, chairman of the House finance committee, and who headed the commission appointed to study the liquor question, says he thinks that probably absolute prohibition would be the best answer to the liquor question, but with public opinion what it is, he doubts that absolute prohibition will come ahead of the millennium.

Concerning the county-option bill passed by the General Assembly, Mr. Bryant says: 'I think that maybe it is the best solution under the circumstances. If the county boards are composed of good men, then perhaps we will have a good result from an attempt to control a bad situation. My hope is that when this thing has been tried for awhile, there will be more intelligent integrity in dealing with this problem than has been used in the past.'

We are about willing to agree with Mr. Bryant that the county option measure as passed by the legislature, is about as much as could be expected under the circumstances. The counties still retain the right to determine whether they will be a part of the set-up or string along as best they can without control of any sort. That provides local determination—of a sort.

The main difference between the present arrangement and a State-wide referendum on the subject, is that while many counties will call for a vote, many others will refuse, and thus the scope of the agitation and strife will be curtailed.

Whether we like to be the beneficiaries of liquor profits or not, eastern Carolina has furnished ample proof that such counties as elect to have these profits, will be able to beat down the tax load with them. And that will be one merit of local option that will go unchallenged.

Such counties as covet these liquor stores and the profits from them, had better not be too sure of their objective, for the Drys will be at the polls with bells on and somebody's going to be disappointed.

Meant to Get In On

Apparently the Asheville editor who wrote the State Democratic platform for 1936, over-spoke himself. That or else platforms are meant for standing room in campaigns, but to be sat upon afterwards. Or to use the words of Speaker Gregg Cherry, 'Platforms are something to get in on.'

The platform endorsed the removal of 'all' the necessities of life from the sales tax schedule, but the legislature interpreted this 'all' to mean only the nine items of food which were so generously removed from the poor cuss who must count his pennies or starve. And now we will have the merchants scrambling their brains trying to keep track of what is taxable and what is not, and if in the confusion that follows they decide to hand your steak across the counter and say 'here's your fat-back,' who is there to blame them for this chiseling. The better way would have been to cut the levy to two percent and make it apply on everything.

But the political leaders in their devout loyalty to the Democratic platform said that a promise is a promise, and the platform having promised exemptions, that was what it must be.

Yet the platform is committed to the removal of the sales levy on meals. What is more, Governor Hoey from almost every platform during the campaign promised that the tax on meals would be removed. But it remains by legislative edict. And the same old inequity will apply. The poor devil who must content himself with two hot-dogs for his lunch, will pay 10 per cent for the privilege of eating them while his boss may sit down to a dollar turkey dinner and the toll will be only 3 per cent.

Yes there are abundant evidences that platforms are built for transportation purposes only—to ride into office on. But come another campaign and the gimme artists will be quoting another platform—in the full knowledge that the people have forgotten the rottenness of the planks.

We are a gullible lot and nobody knows this better than the political boys.

February Called Cabbage

Month; Later Sun Month The ancient Saxons called February Sprunkale, or the Sprouting of the Cabbage. Later, this was changed to Summonath, or sun-month, because it was at this period that daylight increased and the pruning of trees began.

The word February comes from the Latin 'februare,' meaning 'to expiate,' because during this month the Roman ceremony of purification took place. Originally, it was the last month of the year, and not until 452 B. C. did February assume its present place.

When Julius Caesar reformed the calendar, he gave 31 days to each alternate month from January, and 30 to the others, with the exception of February, which got 30 in leap year and 29 every other year. But when Augustus took power, he was unwilling that the month named after him should be shorter than those on either side, so he took a day from February and added it to August. So that three months of 31 days should not run consecutively, he reversed the other two.

Clipping of Whiskers

on Bust of Thackeray One of the most curious events that ever occurred in England's famous Westminster abbey was the clipping of the whiskers on the bust of Thackeray, in the Poet's Corner. Thackeray's daughter, Lady Ritchie, had objected for years that the whiskers on each side of the face were too long, and at last asked the dean to let her have them shortened.

The dean consented reluctantly, and accompanied by a sculptor, Lady Ritchie arrived one morning for the work. The bust was taken to the crypt, where the whiskers were chiseled to their proper length. Then the sculptor flicked off the statue with a cloth, just as a barber would have after shaving someone, and it was returned to its niche.

Joy

Joy is a flame which association alone can keep alive, and which goes out unless communicated.—Lamartine.

Who partakes in another's joys is a more humane character than he who partakes in his griefs.—Lavater.

True joy is a serene and sober motion.—Seneca.

Joy never feasts so high as when the first course is of misery.—Suckling.

Joy is more divine than sorrow; for joy is bread, and sorrow is medicine.—Beecher.

All who joy would win must share it; happiness was born a twin.—Byron.

The Palisades

The Palisades is the name given to a series of massive cliffs on the west bank of the Hudson river. From near Haverstraw, N. Y., these extend south to Weehawken, N. J., a distance of about 30 miles. These precipitous cliffs rise almost directly from the water's edge, varying in height from 200 to 550 feet. They consist of basaltic trap rock or diabase, in marked columnar effects. The Palisades Interstate park, covering more than 48,000 acres and New Jersey, embraces some of the finest portions of the Palisades.

Kept Macaroni a Secret

Naples was the center of macaroni manufacture for so many years that the Pompeian road leading into it was broken to bits by the continuous procession of wagons and trucks hauling in hard wheat and flour, says the European Cookbook for American Homes. The process for making macaroni was kept secret until the Fourteenth century, when a Frenchman got hold of it and took it back to France with him.

Push-Button Gives Answers

An automatic machine is used at Charing Cross post office, England, to give information to the public. By pressing a button, inquirers may find a solution of problems concerning mails and other postal services. It is known as the 'mechanical informant.'

Sparrows' Eggs, but Why?

In the account rolls of Blester priory of the time of Henry VI is a curious item for 12 pounds of sparrows' eggs for 13 pence, says F. H. Crossley in the English Abbey. Just what the eggs were used for or how extensively they were sold is unknown.

Medal—Or Death

There used to exist in the Austrian army a medal given only to officers who, for some good reason, disobeyed a higher command on the field of battle—and succeeded. But if he failed, instead of a medal, he was shot.

Build Rubber House

A house has been built of rubber in England, the roof, floors, wall panels and window frames all being of that material. Elastic fittings are used in the bathroom and kitchen.

TRUCK CRASHES ON BRIDGE; 1 KILLED

Large Transfer Vehicle is Practically Demolished in Accident Tuesday

ANOTHER PERSON HURT

Yadkinville, March 2.—Special.—D. H. Andrews, 25, was instantly killed and Charles R. McKinney, 23, was seriously injured at five o'clock Tuesday morning when a large transfer truck crashed into the abutment of the Yadkin river bridge near Enon.

The truck belonged to the fleet of E. T. and W. N. C. Transfer Co., of Johnson City, Tenn., and was headed east with a cargo of freight for various points. Andrews was the driver of the truck and from all indications went to sleep while going at a terrific rate of speed. The impact against the bridge caused the body to tear itself from the chassis of the truck and plunge down an embankment 20 feet below. A

part of the chassis was driven through the heavy iron on the bridge holding the truck on the embankment.

O. N. Sprinkle, driver of the Klondike Farm milk truck, was the first on the scene. He called Manuel's ambulance and the injured man was carried to a Winston-Salem hospital, where he is still in a very serious condition.

Andrews, who was a single man, lived at Elk Park and had been driving this route for his company several weeks. McKinney, the injured man, has a wife and three children and lives at Linville City, near Blowing Rock. McKinney worked for the company with his headquarters in Greensboro and had been home to visit his family. He is a brother of State Highway Patrolman Sam McKinney of Salisbury.

The E. T. & W. N. C. Company operates a large number of trucks between Johnson City and Burlington, N. C. Usually a dozen of the large yellow vans pass Yadkinville each day. They carry freight of all kinds.

The body of Andrews passed through Yadkinville yesterday morning on the way to Elk Park.

WITH THE SICK

The following patients have been admitted to the local hospital during the past week: Cynthia Allen, Elkin; Allen Wagoner, Jonesville; Mrs. Ruth Osborne, Piney Creek; Henry Steele, Elkin; J. A. Matthews, East Bend; Mrs. Ruby Warren, Booneville; Heber Mounce, Elkin; Ernest Shaffer, Jonesville; Mrs. Lenora Luffman, Ronda; Mrs. J. G. Abernethy, Elkin; Mrs. Silas Nichols, Elkin; Harold Hemric, State Road, Mrs. Carl Folger, Dobson.

Patients discharged during the week were: Wesley York, Jr., Mount Airy; Delaney Snow, Elkin; Mrs. Vonnie Jester, Jonesville; Lorene Harris, Elkin; Paul Vestal, Yadkinville; George Cheek, Booneville; Mrs. Ella Hyatt, Pilot Mountain; Harold Hemric, State Road; Allen Wagoner, Jonesville; Mrs. Inez Goss, Doughton; Earl Royall, Cherry Lane; McKinley Brown, Dobson; A. G. Laffoon, Elkin; Mrs. Smith Williamson, Elkin; Mrs. Vick Payne, Jonesville; James Robert Martin, Jonesville and Henry Steele, Elkin.

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