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FATHER TO THE SON

The father of Calvin Coolidge undoubtedly had much to do with the shaping of the destiny of the son. We may discount much of the elaboration which feature writers are prone to inject when their subjects are high estates or great personages, and still see the sturdiness of character, frugality and industry instilled by the father. This emphasized the future of Calvin Coolidge. The father did not expect Calvin to become president. He builded for character for the man—which means more than being a president. The high office is but an incident in the lives of the father and son. The goal was not the White House; it was manhood.

POLARMANIA

Another Arctic expedition has been delayed at Fairbanks, Alaska, on account of damaged planes. Since it's an ill accident that brings no thoughts, we raise the question of what good will it do anybody to go to that bleak, barren place surrounding that imaginary point called the North Pole? We know that it can not be populated. Even our real estate boomers would have "tough sledding" trying to subdivide and sell Polar lots.

Time was when men loved adventure for its own sake. But adventure may be had in the industry, art, education and social complex of more temperate zones. Let us once admit as common ground that aviators and explorers can go to, across, around about and over the North and South Poles with perfect facility and comparative comfort, and the zest is gone for the future and further trying of it.

THE POWER OF DUPLICATION

A striking advertisement in a recent issue of a well known magazine commands attention. The ad is about a book. It goes on to say that if only one volume of that book were produced the cost would run into many thousands of dollars. By the power of duplication, by means of printing, the expense is reduced in proportion to the number of copies obtainable plus the ratio of potential sales.

These facts bear a direct relation to the power of advertising; which is merely the multiplying of the advertiser's effort and accomplishment, and which, when done in accordance with the rules of the game, unquestionably reduces the price of the commodity to the consumer. Advertising is the same "power of duplication" in salesmanship; and again it is the printing press that does the trick.

JEFFERSON'S INFLUENCE BY PROXY

Altho he was in France at the time of the Constitutional Convention of 1787, Thomas Jefferson's influence was felt in the deliberations of that body and in the making of the Constitution of the United States as probably no other character in all history at physical distance from any given scene of action. Is it any wonder, then, that April 13 calls to mind the birthday of this truly great American?

Constitutional encroachments of these later days call vividly to mind the painstaking efforts put forth by Jefferson and his contemporary statesmen in the framing and shaping of a government that would embody the principles of Federal unity and preservation of the rights of States and individuals. Lovers of true freedom owe a mark of respect if not a debt of profound gratitude to Thomas Jefferson and his life work. Political differences of today merge into full accord with respect to such fundamentals as "that men are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. "And while the protection of life, the guarantee of liberty and the search for contentment was not wholly settled by such pronouncements, they serve as guide post to the larger freedom which commands the attention of present day champions of national issues.

BOOST TRYON

What some people need is vaccination against small-townitis. If it doesn't take on the arm we get it in the neck.

The "Youth Movement" is worrying educators and sociologists. But when it's in father's car at 60 miles per hour it worries the traffic officers and pedestrians.

We can't cite chapter nor quote verse, but we've got a notion that somewhere it says that the knocker will knock in vain at the pearly gates.

The business men of Tryon are the salt of this part of the earth. If you keep "shaking them down" without supporting them, after a while they gum up and refuse to pour.

Somchow we kind o' like the honest-to-goodness, suspender-wearing, hand-clasping, accomodating, raw-boned, straight-eyed, children-and-dog-loving, God-fearing, booster-minded individual who always says, "if it's best for this community you can put me down for it."

They say it was shortly after a crowd of newspaper editors visited Florida that the boom started in that state. The National Editorial Association holds its annual convention in California this summer, so watch the Golden State. Fact is, there ought to be a premium on editors' conventions. If a handful of newspaper boys can make a whole state boom, think what we could do here in Tryon if the Polk County News had still greater opportunity! Subscribe and help imbibe our prosperity.

THE POLK COUNTY NEWS WEEKLY CARTOON

By A. B. CHAPIN.



THE COLORADO SHOULD BE DAMMED

President Coolidge and Secretary of Commerce Hoover are trying to reconcile the administration's policy of economy with the recommendation of the construction of the dam across the Colorado river. They should find a way out. Congress should act. The bills now pending are the result of government surveys and high engineering approval. Whether the site selected at Boulder Canyon or Black Canyon, or elsewhere, the dam should be built. The rights of Arizona, the chief contender, should be made secure. A vast domain lies in the path of irrigation which the completed project would serve. Out of the territory to be affected, including Arizona, Nevada and Southern California, could be built an empire larger than Italy and the British Isles combined. The mighty Colorado offers possibilities for power and agricultural development with flood control that renders delay in its utilization an expensive measure in the national economy.

BOOST TRYON

The hard grind is the best non-skid device ever known for business.

May you all live and conduct yourselves that whatever this newspaper must say about you shall be good.

Your town is different from your wife or husband. You don't take it for better or worse, you MAKE it so.

The radio is a wonderful thing but you can't wrap up the clothes for the laundry in it. Subscribe for the Polk County News.

All the world's a stage, but some of the good people of Tryon are too busy shifting the scenery to join the others who are doing the posing.

SAFETY OR SORROW

A certain committee was criticized for not looking after railroad crossings that needed repair. The chairman made the mild retort that the rougher a crossing the safer it is. There is meat in the thought. A few years ago the talk went the rounds that automobile manufacturers were seriously considering the make of car that would run only 20 miles per hour. If any such cars were made we have never yet seen any of them in Polk county, North Carolina.

Recklessness, of whatever nature, ought to be placed in the category of sin, along with immorality, debauchery and the host of ills that beset humanity from depraved minds and warped souls. Indifference to human consequences must become both unpopular and immoral before the desired results are even approached. Safety ought to be made synonymous with morality as well as with intelligence. Safety before sorrow, ALWAYS.

If the horse becomes extinct will horse sense go with it?

If only there were some way to tune out the neighbor's boy's cornet!

Government would be worth all it costs to some people if they didn't have to pay cash.

The fellow who used to go along and help pay for the gas now has to agree to help pay the fines.

The country can expect foreign entanglements so long as the negotiations have strings to them.

Some people who think they belong to the Four Hundred couldn't rake up \$400 to save their necks.

When a business has to be sold under the hammer somebody's been knocking or not advertising.

Conversation can now be carried on between New York and London, but who's going to act as interpreter?

It must cost them a lot to keep changing the names on the official stationery of the French Government.

It isn't the so-called monopolies that hurt us so much as the painful arguments put up for and against them.

The simplest way to get the Chileans and Peruvians together would be to subdivide Tacna-Arica and advertise it as only a short hop from Key West.

The only skeptical thing about the Prodigal Son story is that when he returned he found the old folks at home.

About Your Health

Things You Should Know



Dr. Joseph Gaines, M. D.

INVISIBLE POISON
We have no antidote for carbon monoxide intoxication—no advice to give except keep away from it and this is obviously impossible in our crowded thoroughfares.

The danger point is the end of the exhaust pipe of the engine producing it.

Within every doctor's clientele may be found dozens of people who suffer from indescribable weakness and inefficiency, many of them with poisoned hearts, the cause of which has not yet been determined. Many of them work around garages, and places where monoxide gas is in the air. They suffer from typical effect of gas poisoning, more emphatically true, if their eliminative channels are in good working order, and if there are no evidences of bacterial invasion. It is very difficult to restore these patients; we advise pure air, when that essential to life is becoming harder to find.

Most gases are lighter than air. I do not know the weight of carbon monoxide gas, but I believe that the human level may become heavily saturated with it, enough to produce slow poisoning, before it rises to higher strata, while in damp weather in low temperatures, it may become positively dangerous to health if not to life. Clearly it is the duty of our research laboratories to find a means of protecting our people from unsuspecting dangers. Let's have a "transformer" at the end of the exhaust pipe of the family car.

Next Week "SCIATIC NEURITIS"

Song of the Flivver

By BLAINE C. BIGLER.
I go to haunts for which you yearn;
I make a sudden sally;
I rattle, shiver, twist and turn;
I bicker down the valley.
I run, I glide, I bump, I jump;
I miss, backfire and quiver;
I overheat and skid and pump;
I shake your heart and liver.
I rattle underneath the stars;
I rumble on the bridges;
I squeak at many little jars;
I grind o'er sundry ridges.
I tremble when I go to stop;
I tremble when I'm running;
I tremble till I lose my top
And then you get a sunning.
I am the flivver, don't you know?
My way's not smooth—no never.
But cars may come and cars may go
Yet I go on forever—Farm Life.



Sir George Buchanan, minister of health in England, who has been in Washington as the guest of the United States surgeon general, Hugh S. Cummings.

Support to the Deduction That Sleep May Be in Much Part a Bad Habit

By R. H. ULM, in New York Times.

Most of us do not sleep efficiently, and thereby waste on slumber a lot of time which might be salvaged and added to the hours we give to work or play. Moreover, it appears, according to the findings—which are put forth as more persuasive than conclusive by the scientists who arrived at them—that sleep is a "form of intoxication." The doctors at George Washington university found that sixty to seventy-eight hours of continuous wakefulness had no great physical effect upon the nine subjects. Those who were accustomed to sleeping six hours each night awoke fully refreshed in about ten hours. Those who usually slept from eight to nine hours awoke fully normal after ten to eleven hours in bed. This gives support to the deduction that sleep may be in much part a bad habit, as Socrates, Samuel Johnson and Thomas A. Edison have contended.



By Arthur...

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