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ANOTHER DANGER

Recently a man's car was pushed onto railroad tracks by another car coming from behind. Fortunately the motorist got off the tracks before the train passed the crossing. Here is a new danger. Something else to worry about. It simply means that along with the familiar "stop, look and listen," every motorist should stop far enough from the tracks to be out of this peril; he should look behind as well as each way along the tracks, and then listen as if he were trying to get Denver on his first crystal set.

POLITICAL PARTIES NECESSARY

The argument has been advanced that because members of Congress worked together on the tax reduction legislation they can get together on a no-partisan basis in nearly all matters of state. This sounds nice, but would it be the most desirable thing in government, after all? No matter how hard we might try to force non-partisanship it can never be made the absolute rule. Under our system of government it can not be, and was never intended to be the method by which checks and balances in legislation should come about. The moment that non-partisan action becomes paramount there appears as a logical sequence a faction opposed to non-partisan action or to the matter acted upon. Both groups divide, and soon there are formed "parties" out of the very elements that sought to destroy them. The question is not so much to do away with political parties as it is to help make and keep the platforms and organization of the existing and to-be-existing political parties clean and constructive. Then good government will inevitably result.

KEEP THEM BUSY

The school term will soon be over, and then the long vacation. What shall we do with our boys girls during the summer months? This is the question that concerns many parents and ought to concern more parents than it does. Some may say, let the children alone and they will seek proper environments in natural course of events. But few parents will deny that the boys and girls ought to be kept busy. Whether busy at play or busy at work makes not so much difference so long as the respective channels of activity are kept wholesome and free from degenerating influences. A proper mixture of work and play and of intellectual and physical activity administered with such moral restraints as are conducive to increasing virtue will send the children back in the fall in good condition to take up the rigors of institutional life in the schools.

ASK "THE FOLKS" ON "MAIN STREET"

Sort of a mock trial pulled off by the Senate committee to investigate Prohibition; the natural sequel to the present agitation induced by recent newspaper polls on the wet and dry question.

The trouble with all hearings on a moral question is that the witnesses cloud their testimony with personal opinions. What good to call an avowed wet to testify for the wets, and an avowed dry to testify for the dries?

If the Government wants facts, strip of personal and private views, let it listen to the still small voice of the American home, where drunkenness is no more. Let it come to the shopping and trading zones of America's "Main Streets" where women and children can pass along without molestation by drunken brags or stench odors from hell-hole saloons. Let them go to the savings banks, the life insurance companies, to the farms and factories where the bleary-eyed sot is but the ghost of yesterday. There will be found the verdict in no uncertain terms. Every wet move brings us that much nearer the old-time saloon, and it is evident that the country wants none of that.

So, Mr. Senator, come out to "Main Street" and ask "us folks" what we think of Prohibition!

The work of attending to your job hurts you less than your conscience for not attending to it.

What we want in this country is a condition where the average citizen is a little above the average.

The fellow who doesn't sweep off his sidewalk is the kind who doesn't brush the ashes off his vest.

What we need now is another straw vote to find out whether the country actually believes the wets won fairly.

Another reason for being against the Bolsheviks is that they believe also in dividing up the bootleg liquor.

That song, "The World Is For The Sunrise," clears up the mystery of why young people stay out so late.

News dispatches of the many uprisings of the Chinese students causes one to wonder when or whether they ever attend classes.

The Census Bureau says the population of the U. S. will be 117,135,819 on July 1; which is counting the chickens before they are hatched.

THE POLK COUNTY NEWS WEEKLY CARTOON

The Queen of May



SUCCESS

Human nature is the same everywhere. Even intelligence is safely on the average. For success, the difference is ambition and hard work. No man ever quite becomes as much as he had wanted to be. But it is infinitely better to have hitched your wagon to a high and gleaming star and by valiant effort half reached it, than to have gauged your mark by a low and easy one that offered no zest to the struggle.

HONOR ROLL

TRYON SCHOOL CLOSÉS MAY 27th

When heat is broadcast, as is now predicted, a coal suspension will be static.

Home is where the keys were left, in the other pants of the two pants suit.

After the great orator expounds a truth for 52 minutes he says it goes without saying.

The Charleston dance is to be tested in a laboratory but that won't tell why they do it.

Learning that the sun produces static takes the sunshine out of life for the radio maniac.

A credit manager says some people seem to get their fashions for paying their debts from Paris.

As to the superiority of blue eyes or brown eyes, opinions differ. It depends on which she has.

Autoists will not be held after minor accidents, such presumably as tearing a pedestrian's fender off.

Tabloid sketch of a political career: 1. Talking himself into office. 2. Talking himself out of office.

Among the paraphernalia considered useless when the campaign closes are party platforms and goalposts.

Whatever became of the earrings so popular a year or so ago, that looked like a pair of Indian clubs?

Fashion now hints that girls will wear trousers. The custom would be a departure in the direction of modesty.

It is hoped we never get to the point where the only evidence necessary for a divorce is a marriage certificate.

A black spot has been discovered on the sun, to say nothing of several that have been noted on presumably clean collars.

If young stenographers would reduce their mistakes by one-half, the high price of rubber would get a staggering blow.

The Paris astrologer who says 1926 will be characterized by hard work and plenty of money is 50 per cent right already.

Science has finally produced a waterproof match, when what was really in demand was one that would grow at the office borrower.

A Cincinnati stenographer has just closed a business deal in which she made \$1,000,000. Let somebody try to dictate to her now!

It is estimated about 82.5 per cent of our publicists who say the American spirit will never submit to dictatorship are still unmarried.

For purposes of easy identification, a football fan suggests that French cabinet officers hereafter be requested to wear numbers on their cutaways.

Parents should read to the children, an educator says, and frequently by the time the parents get home from dancing school the children are not in yet.

A new suit of overalls makes a nice present for mother.

Where one hand is killed, there are ten to take his place.

When they begin to broadcast heat by radio, what will the static do to it?

What the prince of Wales needs is a good wife to order him to get a bicycle.

Arabia may be the mother of the first civilization, but who was civilization's grandmother?

The Tryon School is looked forward to a big commencement this year four nights of entertainment to be given.

Friday May 21, 8:15 o'clock

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Pupils from the first through the six grade will take part in this program. Dramatizations, drills and songs will make up the program.

Tuesday May 25, 8:15 o'clock

SENIOR CLASS NIGHT

On this night the Senior Class will give their class day program.

Wednesday May 26, 8:15 o'clock

SEVENTH GRADES GRADUATION EXERCISES

The seventh grade students will receive their diplomas on this night. The seventh grade class day exercises will be given, also the awarding of certificates of HONOR and certificates of ATTENDANCE. The block "T" for athletic honors will be awarded on this night.

Thursday, May 27, 8:15 o'clock

GRADUATION EXERCISES OF THE SENIOR CLASS

On this night Dr. H. N. Snyder, President of Wofford College, will deliver the commencement address. The Senior Class will receive their diplomas and the medals for scholarship and sportsmanship will be awarded.

CLASS ROLL OF THE SENIOR CLASS OF THE TRYON HIGH SCHOOL

Julia Arthur Averill, William Clingan Burnett, Elizabeth Boubleday-President, Edward Briton Hardy, Mary Caroline Jervey, Mary Dill Lock-Stephenson Rion, Priscilla Alden Scriven, Mary Sharp, Mary Eleanor Swann.

THE FOLLOWING MEDALS WILL BE GIVEN STUDENTS OF THE TRYON SCHOOL

Highest Scholarship in High School Given by Mr. B. L. Ballenger.

Highest Scholarship in Grammar School Given by Masonic Lodge.

Highest Scholarship in Primary School Given by Junior Order Master Mechanics.

Boy showing the best Sportsmanship in athletics. Given by Tryon Pharmacy.

Girl showing the best Sportsmanship in athletics Given by Missilities Pharmacy.

The Scholarship medals will be given on the following points.

50 percent highest average on studies. 25 per cent for conduct. 25 per cent for attendance.

Million-Dollar Stadium

Plans for a million-dollar concrete stadium, built along the lines of the Yale bowl and seating upwards of 100,000, were disclosed by Tex Rickard. This gigantic structure, the promoter said, will be built either in Long Island City or the Bronx and will be completed some time in 1927. It will provide for all outdoor sports in the metropolitan district, a companion piece to Rickard's new indoor arena, Madison Square garden.

How Empire Was Formed

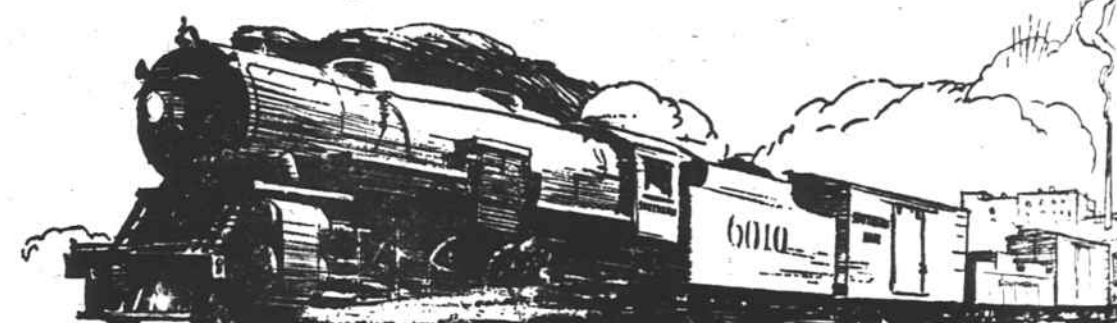
The foundations of the British empire in India were laid by the English East India company, which began its conquests in 1749 by driving out the rajah of Tanjore and claiming his territory for England.

CAPT. A. J. HEPBURN



Capt. Arthur J. Hepburn has been appointed director of naval intelligence by Secretary Wilbur. He has been in command of the U. S. West Virginia.

Good railroad transportation is cheap



POOR railroad transportation, with its attendant delays and uncertainties, is expensive and wasteful, irrespective of the charges for it. All shippers know that.

On the other hand, regular and dependable service greatly assists the economical operation of industry. All shippers know this, too.

Thus the cost to the purchaser of railroad service must be measured as much by the quality of the service as by the actual charge in dollars and cents.

But even the actual dollar and cent calculation of railroad charges shows how cheap service on the Southern Railway System is in relation to other things. The cost of almost everything has increased about 70 per cent in the last decade, but the average freight charges on the Southern have increased only 35 per cent.

In relation to the cost of other things, transportation on the Southern is cheap. And when measured by the quality of service rendered, it is one of the cheapest things that can be bought today.

"There are three things which make a nation great and powerful—a fertile soil, busy workshops and easy conveyance for man and goods from place to place."—Lord Bacon

SOUTHERN RAILWAY SYSTEM

The Southern serves the South