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BIDS FOR MUSCLE SHOALS

The bid of the Associated Power Companies, with Alabama as the fountain head, appears to be the best bid offered for Muscle Shoals. Local interest and private enterprise are vital factors in great projects; and the bid of the Associated Companies has within its provisions ample guaranty to bring to the United States full returns for the concessions granted.

The question of private gain enters, of course, into all negotiations for the development of industries. It enters into the problem of Muscle Shoals. But what considerations should come after that? We already have mentioned one-local interest. Another, and perhaps the greatest, is the consideration of service and utility. The Associated Power Companies propose not only to legitimately exploit Muscle Shoals at the spot for the benefit of the country and particularly for the farmers but to distribute power and render service to adjoining states as well as to Alabama. Then, unlike Mr. Ford's offer, Muscle Shoals goes back to its owner at the end of the lease without any strings.

Henry Ford must be given credit for many good things. He has proven to the world the wisdom of efficiency, fair wage and quantity production. But no decree of the gods ever meant that he should monopolize industry or do all the thinking. Unfourtunately. Muscle Shoals has become enmeshed in congressional politics. It is suffering the same malady as the Colorado-River-Boulder-Dam and the Great-Lakes-St. Lawrence projects. In such a crisis national economy suffers by delay.

The largest industry possible at Muscle Soals could not justly claim as much need as the greater concerns of agriculture and industry spread over the entire Southland. Perhaps no single offer ever received more genuinely favorable editorial and press comment than the bid of the Associated Power Companies, including the Alabama Power Company composed of Alabama men, money and intellect. Many people think that Mr. Ford's offer is like that of the horse-trade-looks nice at first, but will not bear inspection of the teeth. It may be that Ford's offer was best and that we are wrong in our contention. But his refusal to modify his original 100-year bid to a 50-year bid sealed the hopes of its acceptance both from a practical and legal standpoint.

THE EARLY BIRD

It is not too early to begin talking about voting; and it is never too early to begin thinking about voting intelligently.

"BY THE PEOPLE"

Local government is not something taken for granted. It requires the same amount of careful management and wise administration that is necessary in a successful home or successful business.

BACK HOME AGAIN

Let us extend a royal welcome to the old-time resident who comes back to visit the old home town. At best things are of eliminating all punishment by strange to him. People have changed. New faces stare at him making prison life a pleasure— and Probably at the footing of the unon every side, as if to say, "Who are you?" The old vacant lot this he considers some well-meaning dertakers's bill. on the corner is now occupied by a brightly colored service station. The old church, where he used to worship, has a new coat of paint, or possibly there is a new and modern structure that graces the atmosphere that once was his. The muddy street that led to his old home is now a silvery thread of pavement. gree. If a little medicine is good

Partly mythical are these illustrations, but they are everyday facts to him who visits the old home town. Let him depart, if at all, with good words and praises for the town, not with a feeling of sadness or coldness. Possibly he may be induced to re- value. And the same may be said main. Forever close as an issue the reason that he left in the of punishment as a corrective agenfirst place. There was a reason. Does it exist now?

One of the ironies of agricultural existence vs political fate is the fact that out West Where the dampness is needed most are to be found the mast ardent Drys.

STRONG MEN'S TASKS

Indications point toward Gen. Lincoln C. Andrews ramaining at his post in charge of Prohibition enforcement. Under the criticism attached to his office and with limited facilities with which to cerry on the work, it is more or less a showing consideration than is given ordinary of strength-to remain. Many men have resigned from burdens people. much less arduous. Andrews probably will remain on the job long enough to find out what the nxet Congress does for Prohibition enforcement. If the next Congress is to wet he will

WHAT'S IN A NAME? AGAIN

Members of Angeles Temple, Los Angeles, have passed reso- proportion of criminals are entirely tween Long Beach, California, and lutions condemning the way the Los Angeles papers have handled the story of the alleged kindnaping of Aimee Semple Mc- tinues now makes slight appeal—it bottom boats. Pherson, and requesting that her first name be not used alone is realized that the same argument in headlines. Well, the kidnapers got nothing out of the deal, would repeal prohibition beacuse it READ THE POLK COUNTY NEWS. America.—The Furrow.

Malding Progress Against His Will



and Aimee says she has not received any benefit from the publicity, so if the newspapers make a cleaning on it what's the odds? As to the use of her first name headlines, the resolutors ought to know that head-writers like short, snappy words. Usually when a person is addressed by his Chritsian name it is a mark of fellowship and kindness; but in this case the too familiar "AIMEE" has aroused a sense of ridicule which, be it right or wrong hurits the feelings of the evangelist's ardent followers. Probably they're afraid some overworked headline writer might simply call her "Mac."

BACKING UP TO START

If there is a lull in business during the warm weather it is no bad sign. The percentage of people away on vacations reduces the percentage of business transactions in exact ratio. able region. Then there are those who are doing a lot of thinking as well as a lot of sweating. They are getting up stam for the grand rush this fall and winter. They are "backing up to start," and one can pull a heavy load that way.

SEEING AT LONG DISTANCE

That nothing is impossible seems to be the phrase of modern science. Now they propose to photograph Detroit, Michigan, from an airplane hovering over Dayton, Ohio, some 190 miles away. Already the apparatus has photographed a distance of has borne them on. The Psalmist 30 miles. If sound can be brought to the ear from afar by radio,-"magnified," a sone might say,-it is not unreasonable that light and shadow can be brought from great distances. It means within these late mnnths Finally, as one now almost hears without limit, one may be to watch the mourners go about the able to see across the continent.

JUSTICE TO THE JUDGE

(From The Asheville Citizen

abhorrent to him as to any one. A reformers. man of wide experience with criminals, one of sound judgement which rests o practical considerations, the chief justice in his recent deliverance was suggesting the wisdom punishment, the barbarities survivzealots would do.

Impentuous, we are prone to run to extremes instead of applying the sanity of common sense which Justice Taft possesses in a marked deit does not follow that a deluge is better, and if an over-dose produces bad results it should not, of course, be inferred that medicine has no

Punishment of inhuman nature has been practiced in prisons-is still in vogue in some penitentariesand seeking to abolish this, wellcases been carried away by their zeal. In seeking to eliminate the cruely of punishment they tend to abolish punishment. They have been been joined by faddists, pseudoscientists who regard only the wellbeing of the criminals and even maintain that these are all irresponsible beings, who should have more

This move ended to dangerous extremes and sensing the situation whenever they begin to put service public opinion declines to follow it. stations out by the barn and road-There is a reaction-it is seen that houses on the back forty. the theory of irresponsibility is unsound. This is voiced by the declaraton of Dr. Louis E. Bisch that he is now convinced that the great normal. The argument that punish- Catalina Island. And we suppose the ment is a failure because crime con- shieks will follow closely in the

thas not abolished liquor, or doctors be cause their is still disease.

Justice Taft merely asks that sane It is suggested that possibly an judgement be applied in criminology. editorial in Monday's Citizen may Increcration is intended as punish-Taft considers that prisoners should are eliminated then it ceases to be be treated cruelly in order to deter punishment. Public opinion is On the contrary, Justice Taft is an beat helpless prisoners. It is this exceedingly humane man and cer- view that the chief justice voicestainly cruelty toward convicts is as the view likewise of many prison from us, trooping to the other side.

NEWSY TOPICS

Frankly speaking to the U.S. A. whih lies between the extreme of that French debt is worth its wait

"O death! where is thy sting?"

because more people are worrying work of the world. than working.

If anticipation is greater than realization, the way to be happy is to keep on anticipating.

Before they can take liquor out of the movies they've got to take it out of the movie studios.

yacht and his car, and then forget to register himself to vote. Wonder if that girl who swam the

English Channel ever hesitates to paddle her hands in dish-water?

The other day a man celebrated

his 108th birthday. Wonder what he has been doing all those 8 years? "Man Arrested For Strangling Landlord."-Headline. Poor fellow

put into action the inclination of most of us renters. The boys will stay on the farm

They're trying now to get Gertrude Elderle to swim the channel be-

SAFE AND DEPENDABLE

Charleston News and

The boll weevil hit Alabama some four or five years before it got to South Carolina. It caused panic in many* places. Whole communities virtually quit. Lands were abandoned. Consternation was general.

But Alabama survived and the Mongomery Advertiser, in an article republished on this page today, gives a picture of Montgomery at the present time which shows that city, largely dependent upon agriculture for prosperity, as more soundly prosperous than it has ever been

The Advertiser article ought to be read by every Charlestonian and every resident of lower South Carolina who still has doubts about the complete recovery of this city and

They did not believe in Alabama that a dairy industry could be established there. They did not believe that a poultry industry could be established on a profitable basis. Today thousands of Alabama citizens are making good money out of poultry, good money in dairying. They have learned how to produce and how to market.

What has been done in Alabama in the coutry about Montgomery can be done in South Carolina in tre country about Charleston.

All that is required is strong and virile leadership, a spirit of confidence, a determination to win out in the readjustments that are needed.

Already the position of the low advance that is in progress can be tremendously accelerated if we will all go at it right.

Let the spirit of conservation take possession of this region, let its the nature of the are called for, let them vision the possibilities that are theirs, and a new era will open. Charleston, like Montgomery, is today, as for many years, a safe and dependable city. The country that lies back of us is a safe and depend-

Nowhere can there be found to day a more inviting ocmbination of opportuities. Nowhere are faith and well directed energy more certain of reward.

AND THE FATHERS, WHERE ARE THEY?

(From the Charlotte News) They are gone, a lot of them.

Tre relentless sweep of the years had it down right, "We are carried away as with a flood."

This community has known what streets for the big men of another generation, for the achievers of yesteryear, for the leaders in our community life, for men of affairs, the business, the financial, the industrial chieftians of another day.

There has bee what almost seems to be a procession of prominent men leaving us via death during the be taken to imply that Chief Justice ment; if all its unpleasant features past year or so, prominent not only socially, but prominent in their contributions to the building here of a others from committing crime. This averse to cruelty but its sound judge- city, me who had a mind to work paper does not intend to give such ment demands some punishment for for Charlotte and who were not a convict boss who has brutally backward when it came to putting out for the public well-being.

The fathers are going rapidly What about the sons?

Somebody has got to do what these men have been doing.

One generation goeth ar another cometh, but the other cometh not only in response to the sequence of posterity, but in greather response to the urgent and inescapable demand that there constantly be somebody among us who will do things, who will not merely hang around and live out their appointed day, but sons of men who will be up Worry kills more people than work early and stay out late to do the

We append to the ancient query, "The fathers, where are they?" this other, "and the sons, where are they?" and "what are they doing?"

Great tasks lie before us, great opportunities for success and service, great lures to loftier heights, the voices of enchanting sirens calling us to mightier labors and more sweeping accomplishments. A man will register his dog, his It becomes the sons to gird them-

selves for the program of great works that stretch forth before them else in the city, in the state, in the republic, there shall come an arresting of progress and an unfulfilled labor, an unachieved work, a unattained goal as the fathers of the generation that goeth, came unto

Farmers conducting swine feeding demonstrations in Chowan County recently sold 266 hogs for a little over \$6,000. All the hogs killed hard and these men will not worry about the price of cotton this fall.

There will be an increase in the amount of barley planted for hay, grazing and grain this fall due to the fine results secoured last sea-

Farmers of the United States are annually taking crops from the soil and are producing livestock, the value of which amounts to more than all the gold mined in the United States since Columbus discovered



An examination of the past is interesting, and a dream of the future brings hope; but happiness depends

upon living today. The joy of today depends to some extent upon the memories of yesterday, and is heightened by the usually anticipation of tomorrow; but the nigger sings on the levee because he has forgotten both.

Too much self-examination turns the forces of the mind inward Work and play turn them outward, than He who is busy with living lays prot the basis for happiness. Man is like a vegetable. The means of pates growth comes from the outside, mightle and the direction of growth is out- should ward. The act of growth is the for source of health; and growth, with joy, comes to those who work hard Iwa and play intelligently.

Playing golf for the health may be a good thing. I doubt it. I prefer to play it for pleasure, and let health take care of itself. I never believed that Grover Cleveand went fishing in order to ponder problems of state; and I can't country agriculturally has greatly be fooled with the idea that Cyrus improved and is improving. But the H. K. Curtis was thinking of his stomach while playing the pipeorgan, which Mr. Bok says he did thousand t very beautifully.

My older brother recently wrote get our de me, in connection with the subject It means of gardening for the health, "The must live intelligently as thing that counts is the state of -and b mind while gardening."

THIS IS THE DAY

THE SALUDA GRAN

WRITTEN AT TRYON Many Praise Mrs. Peattie's Description of Mountains

BEAUTIFUL POEM

A number of people who visit Tryon are captivated by the marvelous mountain scenery, but lack for expression to describe it; when their attention is called to the exquisite poem which was written by Tryon's charming and gracious lady, Mrs. Elia Peattie, they feel that no further expression is necessary and invariably beg a copy of it to send to

their friends. Mrs. Peattie for many years was Literary Editor for the great Chicago Daily Tribune, besides being the autho of a number of books which rank among the best sellers. She has traveled extensively throughout the world and was in a position to compare the mountains of Tryon with those in distant countries.

The following poem is reprinted here from the Chamber of Commerce booklet:

THESE BE THE MOUNTAINS THAT COMFORT ME 'Immeasuably old are they,

These hills that 'round my valley wind: ime has worn their peaks away, And left them wise and humble

and kind.

One they were higher than Andean

And biterly white as the Arctic Now they are all in verdure drest; These be the mountains that com-

've seen Vesuvius lift to the sun There is a word of truth The vine-lad slopes of her riven Times' brief comment side,

know how Jamiran mountains run who has urged cancellation To lave their feet in the azure

Aetna, Stromboli by the sea, Though each with their beauty my appears that their utterance

pirit fires. These be the mountains that com-

Pike's Peak across the plain 'I've others. With the shivering joy of a great other day that the parallel his surprise;

The jewelled crevasses of Muir have between America's separate Revealed to my astounded eyes.

How splendid autumn Berkshires to stir up the animals and be But though their beauties I will psychology has come in to

These be the mountains that com-At dawn my mountains hear me pray,

At noon I turn to them for rest, laugh when I see them at close of Humped like elephants against the frick is to win the public

West; And when neath the star I look at to elicit a counterblast and these home these hills.

I know that I shall holpen be; be: The troubled pool of my spirit stills-

These be the mountains that comfort me ELIA W. PEATTIE.

READ POLK COUNTY NEWS

and flagman the foot of the crale att runaway, as it has determine stances in the past Table grade imposes a constituti on the operating comer s from being an over-likely see disaster. Some many very likely this latest use it behavior will set the minu

HAS TO BE DONE THAT !

to a new line of thought

In order it got America tion fixed on any subject them to think about these and have to sprig the mater spicing or it falls flat The plains many a delib-rate up of sensational features the real more is simply people on the run, as it we get them to considering believed by The New York to explain in large part passages in Clemenceau's ope ter to the president in which put matters very strongly a ou attitude toward the French

"To Mr. Edmunds of Bill debts, Newton D. Baker writed what you and I have done The Gothic Alps with glittering cause calm and thoughtful 180 eration of this grave proble shall be happy about it. not intended a calm and the reconsiderations in themselves to stimulate calm and the

"Mr. Clemenceau admitted

in his open letter to Mr. Coo with Germany and Bolshevis sia's desertion of the Allis know how Greylock looks in Brest-Lipovsk was not quite not resist the temptation the older teachings of experience but with our emotions At least never bring reason into play under the spur of emotion cellation of war a bts would b ably fail to secure a hearing any necessary degree of forest the course of attack and counted tack to permit calm reason the ly to assert itself. First the sale and only later the still

> Some people spend a hundred lars' worth of time trying to half a hundred so they can ear to pay the interest on the fift.

voice."