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TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 1921.

If opportunity knocked as often as temptation tickles "Who's Who" would fill several libraries.

Wonder if LaFollete will be another Roosevelt? And if he does, who will be the Wilson?

After this week end there will be those in North Carolina who will seek secluded spots for the next week end.

Sneeding progress. Some of the more modern flappers opine that bobbed hair is old-fashioned and altogether too common.

"The house devoted the day to the farm relief bill," reads a Washington headline, but this house of devotion has brought very little relief.

Mr. McLean while speaking may have thought his audience was only fair, but in the hand-shaking that followed, we bet he thought the entire county had turned out in a body.

Nobody ever heard tell of this county moving or has any idea where it is going, but there are several wondering "how Cleveland is going to go Saturday."

Our idea is that Messrs. McLean and Bailey would both be better off if Preacher Jimison and Jim Abbott would cancel that tongue-lashing contest scheduled in Raleigh Tuesday evening.

On the front page of this issue may be found a list of all the Democratic candidates, both county and state. No detailed description is given of any candidate, nor any endearing terms used, for it is a list carried merely for the information of Star readers. On the list may be found some fine men, and all of them are considerably better than opposition politics paint them.

BIG WHEAT CROP.

Information gathered from every wheat section of the state is that a bumper crop is expected in North Carolina. While the weather has been rather discouraging with other crops, wheat over this state is said to be looking better at this season of the year than ever before. Down in Davidson county, where wheat is the major crop, the fields are reported to present an excellent appearance and fine prospects. Reports tell of similar crops in Yadkin, Iredell and Rowan. The forecasters have it that although the acreage has been decreased the crop will be a large one and of fine quality.

A LESSON WORTH WHILE.

A comedy "Six Cylinder Love" presented Friday night at the Chautauqua tent was worth the price of a whole season ticket. It presented a problem which is all too common in Cleveland as well as every other section where financial disaster comes to those who mortgage a home to buy a fine car. It is not always the price of the car and its upkeep which brings ruin and humiliation, but it is the faster life such as expensive dinners, costly clothes, punishment for violations of the traffic laws which aid the car owner to slip down hill. Automobiles are much to be desired and are great vehicles of pleasure but the ownership of one beyond one's ability is dangerous to property and future happiness. Many no doubt sat through the performance Friday night and saw the ill results of extravagant living in handsome suburban homes and riding in high powered automobiles when a cottage is all such a one can really afford.

The play was full of comedy throughout, well acted by seven stars, the outstanding one being Robert Strauss as Gilbert Sterling, while Carl Reed, whose face is often seen in the movies running him a close second for first honors.

FOR THE BOYS.

One of the most fitting suggestions heard recently is that the new fountain house on the court square be called the "Memorial Fountain" and that a bronze slab carrying the names of all our World War dead be placed in the interior so that the handsome building may mean something to the coming generations besides an ornament and drinking place. The suggestion should meet the hearty approval of every citizen of Shelby and Cleveland county. The majority of counties in North Carolina and every other state in the Union have a memorial of some kind honoring their soldier dead in the world's greatest war, yet Cleveland county has nothing more than the roll of honor in the county

court house. The fountain is already built and unless the people say otherwise it will hereafter be known just as the "fountain on the court square." How much better it would sound to be known as the Memorial Fountain and at the same time we could point with pride to our memorial to the boys who gave their all. The cost of a suitable bronze tablet to carry the honor roll, so that those who may visit the fountain in years to come might read of Cleveland's contribution in young manhood, would be very small and could be easily raised. Moreover, the legion post would in all likelihood place some mark of respect to all ex-service men in the building, and parents and relatives of the boys who never returned will follow the example of other counties and place in the building a chair or some remembrance of each individual. The suggestion is possible and when a movement is started the cooperation will be on hand. Make it the "Memorial Fountain" so that it may mean more than the "new fountain house on the court square". What organization will be the first to sponsor the movement?

IMPRESSIONS OF MR. McLEAN.
Angus W. McLean who spoke in the court house here Thursday night made a most favorable impression upon his hearers and we predict here and now his nomination in the primary next Saturday, for wherever he has gone he has made a frank, honest and clear-cut statement of his position on public matters without the flourish of oratory and the rash promises which carry too many voters off their feet. Mr. McLean is a business man and farmer and a successful one at that. The state has long needed a genuine business administration and it has a chance now to get it from a man who has made a success of his private affairs and whose heart abounds in love and loyalty for his state.

This has been a peculiar campaign in that it has not had any real big issues. The one outstanding contest has been over the question of taxation. Mr. Bailey has made his campaign almost entirely on an attack against taxes and this has naturally brought him some following but we have an idea that Mr. Bailey laughs up his sleeve every time he makes the rash statement that he will reduce taxes. Hasn't such argument been made time and time again in campaign speeches, yet the tax rate has bounded upward, not because the governor put them up but because the people themselves or their representatives in the legislature or on the county board of commissioners have granted the demands of the people for better roads, schools, bridges, public institutions, better health, etc. If the people want the state to progress, certainly they must pay for it. 'Tis true there are certain inequalities which Mr. McLean says he will undertake to wipe out but he does not play the part of a demagogue and promise low taxes if he is elected governor. All taxes on lands are levied, collected and spent in the counties where the land is located and the governor has nothing to do with this whatsoever. Mr. McLean does promise an economical administration of state affairs. He wants to institute the "budget system" so the 66 departments will report to him as chief executive and that by working in harmony as one great state, economies can be brought about that will save the tax payers. In that matter of roads he wants an equalization fund and this is what we have strongly advocated for some time.

We wish to say that both Bailey and McLean are morally fit for the high office, but while Bailey attacks the tax system which he through the Democratic party helped to evolve, McLean upholds the system and advocates economy and a readjustment where inequalities and injustices prevail. McLean is stable, while Bailey is fickle. McLean has been loyal to the party all these years; Bailey was loyal until he became a candidate six months ago and took out his hammer to knock on the sore tax spot because he knew this is a vote getter. We know of no better evidence of McLean's fitness for a business administration than his record as a private citizen and his record as assistant secretary of the treasury and a member of the War finance corporation under President Wilson. Mr. Wilson praised him for his efficient service, for his unselfish patriotism and for his contribution to the success of the war. Talk about being a friend to the farmer, McLean proved just such a man when as managing director of the War Finance corporation he had charge of the distribution of 300 million dollars for the relief of farm products and sent 30 millions of this amount to North Carolina banks which in turn was loaned to farmers to help them through the depression.

Endorses Bailey.

To the Democratic Voters: I think Mr. McLean is a good man and would doubtless make a good governor, but I do assert that every vote cast for him is a vote to perpetuate machine politics and ring rule in North Carolina, which in the last analysis means the end of representative government and the substitution of an oligarchy. Which do you prefer? If you want a government of the people and by the people, then you owe it to yourself and your posterity to go to the polls and vote for J. W. Bailey for governor.

C. J. WOODSON.
(Political Advertisement.)

Aesop's fables had nothing on a vacation letter.

MR. ELLIOTT IN REPLY TO DOWNS

Discusses Religious Intolerance. Says Mormon Elders Were Stoned Out of Shelby.

To the Editor of The Star. We note Mr. P. E. Downs' criticism in last week's Star. President Harding said after being in office a year: "The thing that pained him most was to learn of the bitter religious intolerance springing up in our country." Our government was founded on political and religious liberty in free speech, free press and free religious conscience. That was so well understood that no president mentioned it until Lincoln appealed to it. Roosevelt reiterated it and put a Jew on the Supreme court. Taft sustained it by making a Catholic chief justice of the U. S. Supreme court by appointing Judge White, a southern Democrat. Wilson expressed it in suggesting a Catholic general to command our allied armies in the world war, and that move brought a quick conclusion. I write from the viewpoint of history without prejudice "The truth alone will make us free. Disraeli, a Jew was one of England's greatest prime ministers, 1868 to 1880, he advocated the freedom of common people. Civilization is based on tolerance in respect of different opinions. That all questions have some merit or they could not be debated. People inherit their policies and religion and can not all see alike. Lack of understanding cause most quarrels. Our Christianity stands for peace and god will to all men, with mutual tolerance. Where Catholics are fewest, prejudice against them is greatest. They can be misrepresented without defense. What I said in regard to a Catholic president was in the interest of the national Democratic party, southern Protestant and northern Catholics, chiefly compose the Democratic party, and if the party lives they must work together. If they split, it may be best for the country for the Democratic party to suicide and get out of the way. Mr. P. E. Downs made diligent search of history to dispute my contention and the most he finds is the presumption that the Catholic Baltimore colony had acted on the principle of real estate profiteers in allowing religious liberty. And he finds that some Baptist missionaries were ill-treated in Brazil 50 years ago. But he admits that those Catholics founded a republic and now allow religious liberty. President Coolidge's church once persecuted Baptists and Quakers and hanged witches, but they reformed and he did not object to being on a presidential ticket headed by a Baptist.

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