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We wish to call your attention to the fact that it is, and has been our custom to charge five cents per line for resolutions of respect, cards of thanks and obituary notices, after one death notice has been published. This will be strictly adhered to.

FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 1924.

We wonder what the word "practically" does mean. Every candidate we have conversed with was "practically certain he would win."

Speaking of variety, Peggy Hopkins is married for the fourth time. Peggy has a house cleaning almost every spring.

Wonder if Ford will decide to run for president now that he did not get Muscle Shoals by being cool and calm with Coolidge?

A high school graduating class of 55 boys and girls is something to boast of along with 39,000 bales of cotton and over nine million dollars worth of agricultural products.

A Union county citizen got a threatening letter on the first day of the month, read it, and then committed suicide. We know a lot of people that felt so inclined over the mail they received that day.

Monday an official party of prominent South Americans will pass through Shelby, and perhaps they will wonder why such a progressive utility has no more hard-surfaced roads. Yes, perhaps, for the highway commissioners will be along.

CHIEF JUSTICE HOKE.

There was considerable speculation and comment concerning Governor Morrison's delay in appointing a successor to the late Chief Justice Walter Clark, but appointment Monday of W. A. Hoke has met with such favor as to erase speculation and comment that was. Twenty years on the Supreme court bench placed Chief Justice Hoke ahead of the others in point of service and along with his seniority there are many other qualities about the new chief that make his selection a fitting one. The new chief justice is a native of the neighboring county of Lincoln and in the nineties practiced law in Shelby.

THE TYPE FOR GOVERNOR.

Angus Wilton McLean, candidate for governor, hails from the town of Lumberton in the county of Robeson. Now for some weeks a union evangelistic campaign has been in swing in Lumberton, the services being conducted by Rev. George Stephens and the revival has been very successful if the Robesonian may be taken as an authority, but last week the suggestion arose that the revival would in all likelihood close so that the "home town" friends of Mr. McLean might work in his interest during the last week of the campaign. Mr. McLean heard of the suggestion and his answer, typical of his method of campaigning, was "I'd rather lose the nomination for governor than for one soul to miss an opportunity to come to Christ by closing the meeting on my account."

CHEFOO AND HAIRNETS

If for some reason, this is supposition only, furniture was no longer a necessity, and chair, beds and dressers were no longer used by mankind, what would become of such cities as High Point and Grand Rapids? If the demand for cotton products should suddenly cease entirely what would happen, say to Gastonia? Well—

In China there is a city of some 100,000 people, Chefoo by name, and the chief industry of Chefoo is the manufacture of hair nets. In fact the life and prosperity of Chefoo depends more on the hair net industry than Gastonia does on cotton manufacture. Bobbed hair suddenly became the craze, scintillated for a time, dimmed, then returned to favor and if it continues the vogue, Chefoo will soon be "down and out," that is, unless the Chinese who inhabit Chefoo can determine upon another industry. With all the flowing tresses being clipped hair for the hair nets, which is gathered from all parts of the world, is becoming much lower in price, but if there is no demand for the hair nets of other days what matters the price to Chefoo? Have you ever thought what one slight change in style or mode might do to some firm or city?

MR. BAILEY VACILLATES.

Josiah W. Bailey of Raleigh, candidate for governor, has made speeches all over North Carolina telling the farmers that farm lands are paying too much of the tax and that if elected governor he will shift the burden to domestic corporations. Finding that the corporations do not like to be made the goat, he sends this week a private letter just on the eve of the election to the textile mills saying something like this "I do not mean

any harm to you when I tell the farmers I will lighten their tax and put it on corporations I am only talking for votes; you need not expect any harm from me." This thing of being everything to everybody is our most serious objection to Mr. Bailey. If he did mean to shift a greater burden of taxation on corporations why did he leave that impression on the farmers when he spoke to them face to face? It is evidence of his insincerity. Publicly he says from the stump "Let's tax the corporations and railroads, get six millions from them. That will ease up the burden on the farmer." Privately he says to the corporations: "Don't get scared, I don't mean what I am saying; I want to be governor." Now if Mr. Bailey restores the tax on stock in foreign corporations he can't get enough to reduce tax on farm lands. He is either fooling the farmers or fooling the domestic corporations and such a man is too vacillating to hold the high office of governor.

THE COMEDY OF COURT HOUSE SEATS.

Since O. Henry departed this life North Carolina has not been entirely without humorous writers, but in certain cases the humor is tragic whether it be in the writing or the writer. One, "Corn Cracker," essays to establish literary standards at intervals with caustic, and, if you will pardon us, comic comment on various matters. The reader usually makes allowance for elastic statements when perusing the works of such as Ring Lardner, for mild and unique perversion by Ring is for entertainment only, but—

In a recent article "Corn Cracker" struts his stuff by remarking that "the Shelby court house, including gallery, has a seating capacity of 1,200, of which the auditorium furnishes over half." Now if Mr. Corn Cracker had included the down stairs offices, the gable and lawn with the gallery we might have let pass the statement that the court house "has a seating capacity of 1,200." For a careful count of seats in the auditorium of the Cleveland county court house reveals the fact that there are seats for 336 people outside of the bar. Inside there are 12 juror seats, 18 seats for the grand jury, and, speaking very liberally, about 20 seats for the members of the bar and his honor, the judge. This makes a seating capacity around the bar of 50 seats, which added to 336 totals 386, and if the Corn Cracker's statement is to be taken as correct the insignificant "peanut" gallery must have seats for 814 people. Think what a mammoth gallery we must have in our court house, one that seats 814 people, but surely the Corn Cracker forgot to include the "court house square" and the basement. "—a seating capacity of 1,200, of which the auditorium furnishes OVER HALF," he says. The auditorium of the Cleveland county court house is divided into two sections. There are 12 rows of seats in each section with 14 seats to each row. 24 times 14 by our method of multiplication is 336, and if 336 is OVER HALF of 1,200 our teacher was a boob on division, and we will class our teacher above the one known as Corn Cracker. Unless each and every seat in the auditorium, when occupied by one person, represents the entire family, or more, there are many sardine packers who would like to learn Corn Cracker's methods of packing 1,200 people in the court house.

However, the famous "1,200 article" spoke of two political gatherings, one of 250 and the other numbering at least 1,500. When Josiah W. Bailey, candidate for governor, spoke in the Cleveland county court house this paper gave him an audience of 250 people. As a cub reporter the writer was taught that one of the rudiments of "covering" a gathering was to count or estimate the attendance—and on that particular occasion, we counted. And if there were over 250 people in that court house the departed spirits of Cleveland county's great must have been hovering around, or the one who counted more must have come in contact with cracked corn. Three separate and distinct counts were made and never did the total run over 250. As yet the writer has to see anything like 1,500 people in the court house and never has such a statement been made in this paper, which gave Bailey's audience as 250 and McLean's between 250 and 300. The 1,500 spoken of by Corn Cracker must have been the demagogue rumbung of the mind that sees in our court house a seating capacity of one dozen hundred people. Wonder if he teaches his scholars his style of mathematics and his style of verbosity and inaccuracy?

Once and anon from the Corn Cracker's direction comes a communication that reads like the trials of Ulysses, had they been written by Ring Lardner, but the last article, of the court house attendance, the "Big Four" and impressions, if it could be screened would make the greatest comedy hit the movie world has ever known—or would it be a tragedy could one see behind the screen to its origin? We admit some of the articles are typical of the king's jester, but somewhere and somehow "life must have soured" on the writer and with this knowledge it is impossible to laugh at the comedy.

Suffice to say such followers as the misfit school teacher of No. 8 are proving disastrous to the candidate they are supporting and his chances at the polls would have been considerably brighter had they devoted their revolutionary ideas and thoughts to other matters—say teaching children that 336 is over half of 1,200. Finis.

AT THE PRINCESS THEATRE

—SPECIAL TODAY—

Metro pictures presents one of the best attractions Mae Murray has yet appeared in, entitled "THE FASHION ROW." Here's your chance to see a picture that will make you sit up and take notice. No extra charges. Better come or you will miss something worthwhile. Matinee 2 p. m. Admission 15 and 25c. Night 7:30.

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Of all the notable pictures in the career noted for good pictures Tom Mix has done nothing more pleasing than his portrayal of "THE TROUBLE SHOOTER," which is to be shown here tomorrow, Saturday. Don't forget Tony, his wonderful horse takes a great part. So don't miss it—for it is a rare treat. Extra: "SAD BUT TRUE," a special comedy for laughing purposes. Come early and avoid the rush as we don't expect to have very much room at night.

—COMING MONDAY—

Don't miss seeing Douglas Fairbanks in his super special entitled "THE THREE MUSKETEERS." This picture is on for the period of two days for the benefit of THE BOY SCOUTS. Come out and help the boys by buying tickets from them besides you more than enjoy the picture and help the boys with a good cause. Also "GHOST CITY."

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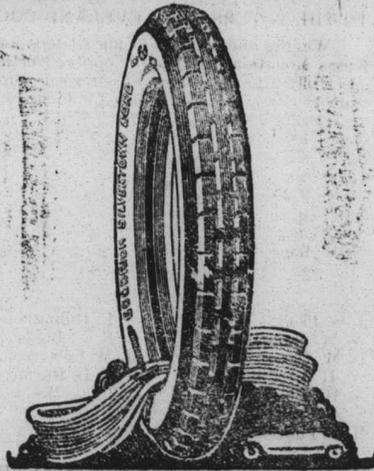
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MRS. BICKETT IS FOR ANGUS W. McLEAN

Wife of Former Governor Gives Reasons For Preference For Candidate For Governor.

Monroe, May 18.—Mrs. Thomas Walter Bickett, who is spending the week-end with Governor Bickett's sister, Mrs. Frank Ashcraft, said, when asked the question "Who is your choice for governor?"

"Mr. A. W. McLean." And when asked if she minded stating why she was for Mr. McLean, said further:

"I am for Mr. McLean because I believe he will make a good governor. I am for Mr. McLean because my husband who knew intimately both candidates, declared his intention shortly before his death, of actively supporting Mr. McLean, should he run for governor. I have endeavored to carry out every expressed wish of my husband to the best of my ability, and in supporting Mr. McLean, I feel that I am so doing.

"I am for Mr. McLean because of his high and honorable character, his exemplary life, his fine executive ability, and because of his active interest in education, agricultural and civic improvement, and public welfare in the state.

"I am for Mr. McLean because he stands since he has become a candidate for governor—the program and policies of the democratic party, which have brought to the state material prosperity, and an enviable progress in those things which make for a better, finer, and more humane civilization."

Coy McSwain And Miss Agnes McBrayer Speak Highly Of Him In His Home Town.

Mr. Coy McSwain, who owns and is cultivating a farm between Lattimore and Shelby, and Miss Agnes McBrayer who has been teaching school for a number of years, two of our good Cleveland County people lived in Lumberton, N. C., the home of Mr. A. W. McLean a few years ago before he thought of running for office and when they had an opportunity of learning the worth and merit of the man free from political aspirations. This is what they have to say about Mr. McLean as a private citizen.

To the Democratic Voters of Cleveland County:—

I lived in Lumberton, N. C., several years ago when I learned to know Mr. A. W. McLean personally. I am pleased to say that he is a most excellent man. He is well liked by his neighbors and all who know him. He is one of the largest farmers of his county and the farmers of his section believe in him. He has the confidence of his home people, bHee ganlif etain eta home people. He began life a very poor boy, doing all kinds of farm work for his father who lived on and cultivated a small farm. With this small beginning, Mr. McLean by his splendid ability and honesty has made a remarkable success. In addition to his farming he has helped to promote and is interested in much of the business being done in his home county. I believe he will use the same good judgment in looking after the State's business that he has in conducting his own, and will therefore make us a great governor. For that reason I am going to vote for him and ask my neighbors and friends of Cleveland County to do likewise.

Respectfully,
Coy McSwain.

Local People Who Have Lived In Robeson County, Recommend Mr. McLean.

To the Editor of The Star:—

I taught school in Lumberton for two years and am pleased to say that I know Mr. A. W. McLean personally. He is a very friendly man, kind and helpful to strangers and liked by all who know him. He has done much for his home county and town. He is a large farmer and interested in practically all the business done in that section. He began life as the oldest son of a very small farmer, and by his good judgment, good character and willingness to work has made a wonderful success. I believe he will apply the same good qualities to the conduct of the State's business and make us a great governor.

Yours truly,
Miss Agnes McBrayer.

Walter G. Graham, a prominent farmer and merchant of Earl, N. C., writes as follows:

I was born and reared in Robeson County, within three miles of where Mr. A. W. McLean was reared on the farm. He has been a hard working person from his boyhood; and has done more for the farmers in that section than any other man; and all the farmers down there call him their friend. He has always done what he could to build up his county. He is just a plain, honest and economical man; and has been very successful in all his business and farming. And because I know him and believe he will make us one of the best governors we have ever had, I desire to recommend him to the voters of Cleveland County.

Walter G. Graham.

VOTE FOR MR. McLEAN FOR GOVERNOR. HE IS THE FRIEND OF CLEVELAND COUNTY
(Political Advertisement.)