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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, JAN. 2, 1925

THE LITTLE YEAR.
 Just at the stroke of midnight,
 When the snow lies white on the hill,
 The bells ring out from the steeple,
 And the people cheer with a will;
 Town and village are eager;
 The little hamlets are gay;
 For the Old Year is departing,
 And the New Year comes today.

Sweet as a child that wakens
 And holds out dimpled hands
 The Little Year is standing,
 A sheaf of gifts in its hands.
 His hours are all unspotted;
 His days have never a stain;
 He comes with summer and winter,
 With the sun, the dew and the rain.

What greetings real and loving,
 What gifts have we in store,
 To meet this New Year fruitful
 As never was year before?
 Shall we help our toiling brothers
 In the grace of the fleeting days?
 Shall we work in the sight of the
 Master,
 And fill the world with praise?

Since yesterday's place is vacant,
 And tomorrow is not here,
 Shall we crown today with duty,
 As we meet you, Little Year?
 And thus shall our hearts be happy,
 And a bit of Heaven's own blue,
 In the road time and the frost time,
 Come to our lives with you.
 —Margaret E. Sangster.

Will the New Year bring Shelby
 extended city limits?

Some progress intellectually. Imaginative things the children could teach father and mother.

Money certainly does play havoc with some lives, especially if the other fellow has it.

Taking off a contemporary: Perhaps the meek will inherit the earth, but remember the inheritance tax.

Ike, of Casar, has resolved not to resolve so much this year. Apparently, he is yet getting over the Yuletide.

If the bus and taxi business here is enough to force two trains out of the running, why is it not large enough for a taxi terminal?

Asheville is now engaged in telling the world that the Mountain City escaped the predicted cold snap. Next summer the publicity will change.

David Lawrence says Uncle Sam has let France know that the payment of their debt is expected. "Dun" with expectation!

The Hickory Record asks "Does Prohibition Prohibit." Yes, it prohibits those who would drink from drinking good liquor, judging from recent deaths caused by poison intoxicants.

Another consolation in the acceptance of the Duke offer by the Trinity trustees is that in a few years some member of the Duke University eleven may be chosen on Camp's All-American—If Walter lives long enough.

From the memoirs we gather that few governors have been or will be better friends of the Raleigh newspaper writers than was T. W. Bickett. Which to our way of thinking is quite a tribute to the late governor.

Let's appeal to the Inter-state Commerce Commission. A South Carolina magistrate tied the tie that binds during the holidays for \$1 for each couple and here in Cleveland only 16 couples staged home weddings during the Yuletide.

A catch-the-attention feature written in a national magazine opines that the next war will last only two days. That during that time everybody on earth will have been slaughtered. Perhaps, then we will have peace and a League of Nations—without people.

Once was we thought a news story was to convey something new. However, a big headline in one of the morning papers says that the "Trinity Trustees are Grateful For Duke's Generous Gift." It would be news, big news, if they were not.

By the advertisements that the Florida line is running a "Cape Fear Special." Up here two Seaboard trains are not running through, but are through running, perhaps known as the "Cape Bus Specials."

Ridicule made some people, and made others ridiculous.

Thanks to the farmers of the county the footnote on the office stationery of The Star, which once read "Cleveland, the fourth largest cotton producing county in the state," will have to be changed to "second in cotton production." Frankly, we would not mind the expense of new stationery again next year.

IS THE LITTLE TOWN PASSING?

North Carolina, famous at least here at home in recent years, is a state without an outstanding city—apologies to Queen Charlotte—but a sage whose opinions we somewhat respect tells us that the network of highways over the state will mean a consolidation of the little towns into larger cities. With four or five cities of some size, none of which would hardly be called cities by other states, North Carolina has been commented upon in years past as the state of many little towns. It is so. In other states in travelling from one large metropolis to another few small towns are encountered. Here we speed down upon one every ten or fifteen miles. But are not these towns that dot the map of the state gradually slipping into the nearest city only to leave a rural center as a marker in the pathway of progress of the nearby city?

A network of highways has made it easy for those in the little towns to patronize the business houses of the city, once many miles away, but now drawn closer by wonderful roads. It is just as easy for those in the little town to "trade"—trade means much—in the city as it was for those in the countryside to assemble heretofore in the little town. The business man's definition of "What is a Town or City?" may be the answer to the change that is taking place. What need is there for the small town when the big city with all of its conveniences, bigger displays, naturally better bargains, and greater assortment is only a few hours drive away? As the cross-road general merchandise store that once met the traveller around every curve has vanished, will not the small country town?

There is no pessimism in the query, but is not the change taking place? The main question is, however, what towns will survive, and what cities will become bigger cities? It's just a mark of Carolina progress—should such a change be fitting on. Remember, the little one and two-room school houses that at one time nestled here and there on a hill have given away to the big, modern consolidated school.

TIME TO HALT.

The General Assembly which meets this month will be called upon to appropriate \$40,000,000 for the colleges and charitable institutions of North Carolina and there are a few college professors in the state who feel that there is no limit to which the state can go in spending money. To our way of thinking the state has gone far enough in debt and unless we call a halt, the state will be hopelessly plunged in debt. It is true that we have made wonderful progress but we have been progressing on borrowed money. The state treasury already faces a deficit this year of six or eight million dollars so it would be the sheerest folly for the General Assembly to plunge us more in debt and bankrupt North Carolina. There are only two states in the union, New York and Massachusetts, which now have a larger bonded indebtedness than North Carolina and these two states are richer and on an older and sounder financial footing.

It is folly to see how large we can build our educational institutions just for pride without regard to reason. Buildings at the State college, Raleigh, that were the pride of the institution 15 years ago are being torn down to make room for larger ones. The University has on the largest building program in all history. It has turned out so many students who are influential in affairs of state, they wield an influence which is hard to resist, yet they should not have such a pride in seeing the University grow bigger that the state's financial structure is weakened. With all that we have spent on the higher institutions of learning, the cost of an education is three times as much as it was 15 years ago.

Where must the money that is being appropriated come from? Why, from the taxpayers of North Carolina to be sure. Taxes are already high enough and if the revenue from incomes, franchises, privileges, inheritances and corporations drops off as it is sure to do in years of bad business, a state tax on land must be levied. Land is already taxed high enough and the Democratic party has crowded over the fact that the state levies no tax on land. If it comes to the levy of a sales tax it will mean the doom of the party in power and bring the good state down in shame. A sales tax is the greatest nuisance that was ever devised and the state wants to shun such a mess.

Let us think of no more bond issues for awhile, unless it be for roads, which are on a sound and self-supporting basis. If the legislature grants the requests that come from the strong educational and charitable institutions this year, the state will be plunged so deep in debt it will be a serious question how to emerge. We know we are sounding the true sentiment of the tax payers of Cleveland county in this matter.

Those who are preparing to get on the water wagon would much prefer an ice wagon.

OPINIONS OF OTHERS

Meaning, Perchance, "Scrapple"? (From Greensboro News.)

In this paper last Saturday there was copied from the Fayetteville Observer an article in which this query, of George Bailey, of the Houston Post, appeared:

"When they write of backbone stew, chit'lin's, cracklin bread, hog jowl and turnips, souse and liver pie, why in the mischief don't they do it in poetry instead of commonplace prose?" "they" referring to numerous North Carolina scribes. A Fayetteville bard had accepted the challenge, and the Observer printed some verses in which the separate excellences of each item in the Bailey category, from backbone stew to liver pie, were separately extolled.

Our peculiar interest in these matters lies in liver pie. George Bailey was born in Iredell county and had a good north Iredell upbringing. Is "liver pie" in the north Iredell vocabulary? Is it a Texan term? Is "liver pie" known in the Cumberland vernacular? Strange nomenclature is found in the east.

It is inconceivable that Mr. Bailey, in such an enumeration, should have omitted the most delectable of the products of hog-killing time, which is scrapple; even if he did fail to acknowledge a comestible of such high and merited popular favor as fresh sausage. It seems clear that by "liver pie" George means scrapple; and we are assuming further that the bard of Fayetteville so understood; although it took us several days to get around to it.

We have heard many names applied to scrapple, but liver pie is new. "Liver Pie," now—a lot of people used to prefer to call scrapple liver pie. Mr. Webster's monumental work affords no direct light; but it is known that the old ones occasionally interchanged the long and short sounds of i. For instance, there was "pee," meaning a man's coat; it is obsolete, but "pea-jacket" comes from it. This word for coat was also sometimes "pie". And if the two sounds were used for "coat," what more reasonable that they may have also been used for an article of food?

It tastes as well, as "liver pudding," "liver mush" or "liver hash," all of which outlandish terms, we believe, are applied to it. It does not, however, taste as well served cold; that such an outlandish custom prevails will surprise and shock many people. It must be carefully compounded by a person of high talents, of experience, and lore handed down for generations, then cooked in a cake. Then slices must be cut therefrom and fried, and served hot. And with due regard to the Fayetteville Observer's bard, no poet had yet been found to do justice to North Carolina scrapple, as made by the ancient formulae of Iredell and Alexander, and we wot not how many other sections of the state.

Duke University. (From Charlotte Observer.)

Had the board of trustees of Trinity college failed to accept the terms of the forty-million-dollar trust fund established by Mr. James B. Duke, including the change of name to Duke University, it would have caused great surprise, for it had been a foregone conclusion that the board would do exactly what it did, when it met at Durham yesterday.

Acceptance by the Trinity trustees means that \$6,000,000 will be made available at once for building purposes and that Duke University, of which the present Trinity College becomes the nucleus, will receive annually 32 per cent of the income from the \$30,000,000 Duke Foundation, or from that portion of it that remains after the \$6,000,000 is used. In other words, as it is generally understood 32 per cent of the income from \$34,000,000 will go to Duke University annually. At an income rate of 6 per cent this will mean about \$650,000 annual income for the university from the Duke Foundation alone, as it now stands. But the Foundation will increase from year to year until it is doubled, and the income of the university from this source will increase in proportion.

An interesting point that has been a subject of discussion since the creation of the Duke foundation was announced is cleared up in the announcement of the Trinity trustees, which explains that the name of "Trinity College" will be perpetuated, in that a college unit of the great university will be permanently known as "Trinity college."

The public has hardly yet obtained an adequate conception of the full meaning of the contribution of Mr. Duke to the cause of higher education. It means that North Carolina is to have within its borders a great university that in time will be an institution of national renown such as Harvard and Yale, including a great medical college, a great law college, a college for the training of ministers, for the training of teachers, for the training of journalists, etc. It will be many years before we can adequately comprehend and appreciate the full meaning of the gift of Mr. Duke which will grow in its benefits and service to the Commonwealth of North Carolina and the South as time passes. The benefits and the blessings that spring from Duke University will be cumulative through generations, increasing like money placed and kept through

scores and scores of years at compound interest.

However, the effects of the mammoth contribution to higher education will be felt immediately in new inspiration and a wider open door of hope for thousands of ambitious young people for whose higher education there is not adequate provision at the present time.

Immediate impetus to general education in the state will result from the Duke philanthropy and the establishment of Duke University.

On The Road Somewhere. Gaffney Ledger.

A letter addressed to "Mr. God Knows Where, New York," was dispatched from the Gaffney postoffice Sunday, it was stated yesterday by Postmaster F. B. Gaffney. While the chances are the letter will be undelivered, there is a possibility that the addressee will be found by the postoffice department, Mr. Gaffney said. Many pieces of improperly addressed mail are received at the local postoffice daily, and every effort is made to get the pieces to the persons named.

What A Young Woman Wants. (From The Omaha World-Herald.)

An Omaha preacher undertakes to elucidate, with the help of feminine members of his congregation, what a young woman desires in choosing a husband. The result is interesting, if not entirely conclusive. He is able to enumerate a few things that some women consider desirable, but admits that it is beyond his power to interpret the dreams that a girl dreams, when the mating impulse is upon her. The explanation seems fairly simple. The young woman doesn't know herself just what it is that should make one young man more desirable than another. And even where some portions of her dreams take a fairly intelligible form to herself they are hard to interpret for assimilation by the male understanding.

If the selection of a husband were a purely intellectual process styles in husbands could be fairly well standardized and a definite set of formulae outlined to cover all but the pathological exceptions. But mating isn't an altogether intellectual process. It is perhaps becoming more so than it used to be, but if that is the case divorce court records seems to bear out the conclusion that the intellect is less to be trusted than the emotions. In one conclusion of the preacher there can be fairly unanimous agreement. That is that the young woman seldom gets all that she expects. Prince Charming, shaving in front of the bathroom mirror, is quite a different being from the knight who came a-courting.

Outside Solicitors. (From Statesville Daily.)

Judge Webb has held invalid the Greensboro ordinance requiring non-resident solicitors who take orders for merchandise and collect a part of the purchase price to pay a license tax and post bond to make delivery. The test was made by an Indianapolis concern that retails much hosiery in these parts and all about Judge Webb held the ordinance a tax on inter-State commerce. The decision is of interest in other towns, where the aid of the municipality is frequently invoked to protect local dealers against the inroads of solicitors who sell the retail trade.

Horseshoe Robinson. (Charleston News and Courier.)

Upcountry newspapers are agitating for a new edition of John P. Kennedy's admirable historical scenes of which are laid principally in Spartanburg, Union, Cherokee and York counties, although its hero, as the Yorkville Enquirer reminds us, "campaigns in Charleston, on the Pee Dee, up the Congaree, along the Broad and fought at Kings Mountain." To our way of thinking, it is the best story of the Revolution ever printed, though we should qualify by saying that it has been a good many years since we read it. It is not only rich in historical value, but is a capital story with many thrilling passages. The Yorkville Enquirer has printed it as a serial several times; the last time, if it will permit us to say so, having been in 1906 rather than in 1904. We had thought that it was still available in book form. A great many editions have been published. If it is out of print surely the growing interest in such matters manifested in the Piedmont should justify a new edition now.

Held for Killing.

Gastonia, Dec. 31.—Jim Adams, Myrtle Mills and Lucia Mills, negroes, were placed behind the bars at the city hall this afternoon to be held in connection with the death of Mattie Mills, the negro woman who was mysteriously murdered in North Carolina last Thursday, Christmas Day.

The two girls are daughters of the dead woman, Jim Adams is alleged to be a close personal friend of Mattie Mills.


The two girls have sworn to statements that they last saw their mother on Christmas eve at about 8 o'clock at the home of Katie Littlejohn. They display of no concern or grief over her death at the inquest held last Friday caused the officers to suspect that they did not tell all they knew about the affair it is said.

"Silent Night, Holy Night," is one hundred years old, a Dresden dispatch says. Young folks will probably decide it's too old and stop singing it.

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