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TWINKLES

The next occasion being that of Kris Kringle's coming one wonders if the Southern would present Shelby with a new passenger station.

STILL UP IN AIR

They're still able to talk in big figures about Hendersonville. This time it is of a two million dollar suit.

LASTED LONGER, MEBBE

There's not so much tragedy in the Vanderbilt girls marriage and annulment. Likely as not she would have divorced the American lover years ago, had she married her hearts desire.

GET IN HEADLINES NOW

A lot of one horse politicians and office holders should have returned thanks yesterday for Al Smith. Those of the type are able to get their speeches published now just because they denounce the New York man.

JIM'S SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY

Ye Twinkler's idea of a good entertainment would have been the opportunity of listening in on J. D. Grist's conversation with the New York World staff writers about the South Carolina lynching.

COTTON HONOR CHEAP NOW

A few years back when Cleveland county stepped ahead of the cotton production of preceding years the fact was printed on the stationery of local boosters. This year the crop bids fair to reach new marks, and one hears nothing of it.

A NEW KIND OF SPEECH

It is always a pleasure to report signs of progress. At a recent dinner in New York an innovation was presented in the form of a "speechless" speech. There were four addresses, which, however, instead of being delivered by their authors, were distributed to the guests in printed form.

This is our idea of civilization of a high order. No stammering words, no mutual patting of backs, no boring jokes and no oratory of a high order. What a feast it must have been.

FOR CONGRESS IN 1928

Those with an ear for political rumblings hear some talk these days of a warm congressional race in the offing. Opponents are already being talked for Major A. L. Bulwinkle Among those named are Solicitor John G. Carpenter, of Gastonia, and Edgar W. Pharr, of Mecklenburg.

Rumor has it that these two men are already in the race unofficially and, take it from us, others will enter once candidates begin to announce themselves. However, despite the known ability of the likely candidates it should be remembered that with so many in the race it will not be an easy matter to dislodge the present Congressman. A split vote for the others would create a nice gift for the Major.

Anyway it goes 1928 is going to be an interesting year politically speaking.

NOT FIGHTING GAFFNEY

The secretary of the Gaffney Chamber of Commerce seems to think because Shelby is trying to get the P. and N. that we are trying to deprive Gaffney of its connection. Shelby has never intimated which route it wants the P. and N. to take between Shelby and Spartanburg. It would be unbecoming for us to try to dictate that route to the P. and N. officials. What we do want and are striving hard to get is a connection from Gastonia and Kings Mountain and if we accomplish this, we will be satisfied.

The P. and N. is not a trunk line road. It is seeking to reach out and connect up with towns that give it the most freight and passenger traffic, therefore it is perfectly reasonable to believe that it will seriously consider connections with both Shelby and Gaffney, even though the rail length might be a few miles further. We hope our Gaffney friends will forget the idea that Shelby is trying to fight Gaffney in order to get something for itself.

ACTIVITY ON HIGHWAY 20

Those who observe the moving of traffic on highway channels will note with interest that State engineers will definitely locate Highway 18 from Shelby to the South Carolina line. This move heralds a hard surface road in the future and brings thoughts of a new traffic artery through Shelby.

Hundreds of motorists coming South in the fall and winter take what the North and East know as the Johnson City route. From that point their trip is much a matter of taking the best offered. With the inviting stretch of the Central highway from Asheville to Morganton and Highway 18 in good condition from Morganton to Shelby and from Shelby southward this route would attract much of that travel in addition to that of sections near by.

Highway 18 should mean considerable to Shelby and Cleveland county provided indications of future activities materialize.

QUESTIONS CIVIL AUTHORITY

The people of America have read numerous tales of the gang warfare in Williamson county, Illinois. As a whole they have been reluctant to believe that the condition there could be as bad as news dispatches indicate. It seems that organized gangs of criminals have developed a system of warfare similar to the tong warfare that periodically sweeps through Chinatown.

Mayor McCormick, of Herrin, recently reported that the gangs have reached such proportions that no sheriff can cope with the situation, no prosecuting attorney can convict them and no citizen can safely testify against them. He suggests the setting up of a military court, saying "there is no man in Williamson county who believes civil authority can ever meet the existing conditions."

We don't know much about the causes of the conditions in the Illinois county, but we are of the opinion that the respectable citizens are entitled to some immediate relief. If employment of soldiers on a large scale is necessary then the quicker they are used to clean up this nest of gang criminals the better.

Ladies Night At Kings Mtn. Civitan

Pleasing Program is Rendered, With Many Good Stunts, Orchestra Furnishes Music.

(Special to The Star.) Kings Mountain, Nov. 25.—The Kings Mountain Civitan club, was host last night to the ladies, in their annual "ladies night" program. It was the largest attended, and most elaborately staged, of any program so far given by this club in our town.

The committee in charge, Civitans Ed Anthony, George Webber and Joe Thompson, had carefully planned a program that was most pleasing to the large number in attendance. Civitan Percy Stokes, in his genial and pleasing way as toastmaster, kept things moving from the invocation which was given by Civitan Isaac McElroy, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of our city, until the good night, by Todds Civitan orchestra of Gastonia.

Civitan Luther Baker, in a most gracious and eloquent manner welcomed the guests and members, emphasizing that the meeting was one that every one must enter into the fun. Civitaness Sarah Mauney, responded in a most clever manner, with a toast "Our Civitan Husbands."

Numerous humorous stunts filled the program, but the most notable of these was (Dr) Wade Sanders, of Heg Haw Bitters fame, of the Gastonia Lions club, supported by his cast of all star comedians, Miss Helen Chandler, an accomplished pianist of Gastonia rendered several selections, and Civitaness Catherine Neisler, captivated the members, with her original vocal selection, paying tribute to the members of the local club, she was accompanied at the piano by Civitaness Betsy Boozer.

The music was furnished by Civitan orchestra from Gastonia under the direction of Floyd Todd, which was one of the most splendid features of the evening, and only second in importance to the splendid banquet, which was served by the ladies of the Eastern Star.

Lawndale-Piedmont Holiday Mention

Girl Scouts Give Minstrel Show, Professor Burns Spends Thanks giving in Onslow County.

(Special to The Star.) Lawndale, Nov. 25.—The minstrel given at the Lawndale theatre Saturday night by the Girl Scouts of Lawndale was a success in every way. Music was furnished by the Lawndale colored brass band and was greatly enjoyed. There is no evidence of a race problem where such cooperation is enjoyed. The door receipts were a little more than \$50, which will be used to pay for seats in the community church.

The same program is to be given at Fallston in the high school auditorium at 7:30 Friday night, December 10.

Miss Henrietta Wilson is visiting Miss Ethel Elmore. Miss Wilson lives at Winston-Salem.

Miss Minnie Mull was the guest of Miss Lucy Yelton last week end. Professor W. D. Burns and Robert Burns left Tuesday to spend the holidays in Onslow county. Mrs. Burns is spending Thanksgiving with her daughter, Miss Mary Burns in Raleigh, where she is attending Meredith college.

Miss Melba Whitworth is spending the holidays at her home in Waco.

Miss Rosalie Toller is spending Thanksgiving with Miss Mary Beth Warlick and Miss Ruby Warlick.

Miss Minnie Mull was the guest of Miss Lucy Yelton last week end. Mrs. C. J. Yelton was called last week to Richmond, Va., by the serious illness of her daughter-in-law Mrs. C. J. Yelton jr., who is still very ill.

On Wednesday morning the students of Piedmont from both the grades and high school, assembled in the chapel to attend a Thanksgiving program. The students of the 7th grade held chapel by giving a Thanksgiving exercise, after which a program was rendered by representatives from the four literary societies.

The students of the home economics department are soon to hold a sale of Christmas gifts made by their own hands, the proceeds to be used for equipping their department. The sale will follow immediately a meeting of the Parent-Teachers association. Further announcements will be made later.

If Rip Van Winkle returned today he would find "No Parking" signs where once there were hitching posts.

Traffic Cop: Saw! Didn't you see me wave my arm?

Indignant Miss: Certainly, and I intend to report your attempted familiarity.

Stick: Is it possible for an experienced motorist to lose control of his car?

Stone: Certainly. He might be unable to pay the money on it.

Gladys says that the dumbest girl she knows is the one who told her that a coupe is an inferior type of car, because every time she went out into the country the roads were lined with those that had stalled.

Joe Canon And Overcoat Buying

Washington, Nov. 15.—Of the thousand and one stories told by or about Uncle Joe Cannon there never was one to compare with the overcoat story. It was a classic.

It happened a good long time ago when Uncle Joe was vigorous and when he invariably walked from his home to the capitol, turning into Pennsylvania avenue at the treasury and trudging down the famous thoroughfare at a pace which made many a younger man lag behind. Uncle Joe's companion on most of these walks at the time the story opens was "Jim" Watson, of Indiana, now a senator, but then a member of the house.

Uncle Joe never was much for dressing up. In fact, he often would let himself get rather seedy. His daughter Miss Helen Cannon, tried in vain to get her father to buy a new overcoat. His old one was slick in several places. But Uncle Joe liked it and said he didn't have time to buy a new one.

Miss Cannon enlisted the friendly services of Jim Watson. She asked him to inveigle Uncle Joe into a clothing store along Pennsylvania avenue some morning and make him buy a new coat. The high strategy was successful. Uncle Joe began to try on several overcoats. At last he struck one which met his fancy. It was a beautiful garment and Uncle Joe rather strutted in front of the long mirror, cigar cocked, as usual, out of the left corner of his mouth.

"I'll take it," he said; "how much?" "Fifty dollars," replied the clerk. Uncle Joe gave a start, then, quick as a flash, ripped the coat from his back, threw it on the floor and stamped out of the place. "Hell," he said. "I wouldn't pay more than \$25 for any man's overcoat."

That evening Jim Watson reported the failure of the quest to Miss Cannon. For a time she was downhearted. Then she thought of a scheme and unfolded it to her companion in "crime." She would go to the store, pay the extra \$25 herself and then Uncle Joe was to be once more inveigled into the institution and told there was a fire sale or something.

It was not so easy to get Uncle Joe in the store again. He shied at every suggestion. At last, however, he was induced. The clerk had been posted. He brought out the favorite overcoat and after a sufficient amount of bargaining, knocked it down to the gentleman from Illinois for \$25.

Uncle Joe was proud as a peacock; proud of the way he looked in the new garment and proud of the bargain he had made. When he reached the cloak rooms of the horse the new garment was a sensation. It was a riot. Uncle Joe put it on and took it off many times for his admirers. Eventually one of his colleagues asked Uncle Joe what he paid for the coat. "Twenty-five dollars," said Uncle Joe.

"I'll give you thirty-five for it," offered his friend.

"Sold," said Uncle Joe. When he told Miss Cannon that evening of the big deal he had put over, the daughter collapsed. Uncle Joe wore his old slick coat for a long time thereafter, and never ceased to tell of how he made \$10 in the trade.

Millionaire Buys More Mountain Land

Thermal City.—From a reliable source of information it was learned here today that Mr. E. W. Grove, the millionaire of Grove Park, Asheville, and Mr. W. R. Ellerson, of Hot Springs, about forty miles from Asheville on French Broad river, had options on land amounting to between one hundred and fifty and two hundred acres, on the Second Broad river, between the C. C. and O. and Southern railroads for an approximate distance of two miles.

Part of the properties owned by Mr. A. F. Weaver and Mr. M. V. Bottles is now being surveyed. This work began early today and it is believed that another property will also be surveyed as it is the wish of the purchasers to include it in the land they will buy. The titles were examined and found to be satisfactory. When the surveys are completed it is understood cash payments will be made and the deeds recorded by the company now or about to be formed.

Tread three times as strong as that of ordinary cotton is manufactured from bark of the Mexican can Jaws.

A great many sweeping victories promised in the late campaign failed to arrive due to broom trouble.

When a married man does not get last word it generally is "Well, I did the best I could under the circumstances."

The horse and buggy just naturally had to pass out. It was slow—seldom ever ran over anybody or into anything.

The health columns in the daily newspapers notwithstanding, it has been found that pie and cake are still the most popular foods in America.

RUM RUNNERS IN SMOKE SCREEN TO EVADE OFFICERS

St. Johnsbury, Vt.—Every man for his trade and every trade for its tricks. So say the rum-runners who take it upon themselves to supply the parched throats in the United States who still desire Canadian liquor though Volstead and others have decreed against it.

A trick is a trick, though in the process of deception, it may prove fatal to the rum-running business. To the rum-runners who originate the tricks of that business, the adage of "all is fair in love and war," must have been broadened in its interpretation to include rum-running.

At any rate the boys who bring the stimulant over the border are resorting to all means, whether fair or foul, to accomplish their purpose. The latest trick which has caused serious injuries to several policemen and may yet cause fatalities is commonly known as the "smoke screen."

As the name implies, that's what it is—a smoke screen. All kerosene, a hot exhaust pipe on a liquor laden automobile, and a police officer in pursuit. Then the smoke-screen goes into action.

Not until he is about to be overtaken and all hopes of escape are abandoned does the rum-runner put this trick into action. He has the gallon can of kerosene attached to his car, so connected that a pull of a wire open a cap and allows the kerosene to fall drop by drop onto the hot exhaust pipe. Without igniting, the kerosene evaporates, throwing off a heavy white smoke. Within a few minutes the automobile has every appearance of being on fire. So heavy does the smoke become, that it obliterates the view of the pursuing officer and he has to slow down or come to a stop, otherwise he is very liable to come to a disastrous ending.

Usually this novel stunt is withheld by the rum-runner until he reaches a cross road or a sharp curve. The result is obvious. On the curve the officer is liable to continue straight ahead piling up on an embankment or some similar obstacle. Or he may drop into a roadside gully. This has occurred several times. At a cross-road the rum-runner simply throws out his screen and thus causes the officer to lose valuable minutes as he tries to figure out which of three possible roads his quarry may have taken.

So dangerous to police has this weapon of the rum-runners become that one: the smoke screen is thrown out, none but the nerviest and best riders dare to follow closely.

Football Threatened

The New York World sees in the Princeton-Harvard break over football the first sign of an impending dethronement of King Football from his pedestal in American colleges.

The breaks that have come between the otherwise pleasant relations of many colleges this fall cannot be attributed to anything else than the power of football unbridled and uncontrolled. It is running away with our schools and colleges. It has come to pass that a college is not considered anything unless it has a winning football team. Nothing else counts for much in the eyes of the alumni and undergraduates.

The New York paper expresses the hope that the Harvard-Princeton break "is the first sign of a debacle whereby football will fall of its own weight." The World contends that "it now looks as though we have neither college nor universities but simply rival football clubs," and while admitting that classes go on and other activities are reported says the defenders of the present system "will hardly deny that football is now the chief campus activity; that its coaches are paid more than professors; that its budget is larger than the budget for anything else; that it is almost the sole interest of the alumni and that any president who dares flout that interest would lose his job so quickly he would not know what happened to him. In short, football comes first, and all else second."

There is much truth in these statements. We are giving too much thought to football. In many institutions football players have all kinds of advantages and are not required to pass their work. In other words the system of operation at many institutions now depends upon the effect it will have on the football team. Again The World says:

"The time must come, and come fairly soon, when the country realizes it is absurd. Does the Harvard-Princeton rumpus aid the realization? Then let us have more such rumpuses, and the more idiotic the better. If some college stadium were ever rented to Ringling Brothers circus that would be a red-letter day for American education."—Gastonia Gazette.

PENDER'S LOOK FOR THE YELLOW FRONTS ECONOMY LANE LEADS TO THE YELLOW FRONT STORES SUNMAID RAISINS, Puffed And Seedless, Pkg. 12 1/2c LIFEBOUY SOAP, 3 Cakes 20c VAN CAMP'S BEANS, Large Can 8c RICE, Fancy Blue Rose, Whole Head, 2 lbs. 15c CITRON, Fancy Candied, lb. 50c APPLE SAUCE, Ready for Use, Large Can 11c D. P. Bacon, Thin and Rindless, 1/2 lb. 26c 1 lb. 51c IVORY SOAP, Family Size, Cake 7 1/2c PRUNES, Fancy California, lb. 10c HAMS, Swift's Premium or Shafer's Sugar Cured, lb. 36c FINEST MEATS Wonder And Snow Cream FLOUR 12 lb. 24 lb. 48 lb. 54c \$1.05 \$2.05 These are the finest grades of flours manufactured. We are so positive of their Superior Quality that we will cheerfully refund the purchase price to any customer dissatisfied. Try a bag. D. P. Coffee, the World's Best Drink, the taste lingers, lb. 47c Old Virginia FRUIT CAKE 65c Land O'Lakes Sweet Cream BUTTER the taste lingers long after the price is forgotten, lb. 57c

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