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TWINKLES.

"P & N Officials Visit Shelby," says The Star today. Good news, that, and now the only better news we can think of will be the announcement that the P & N itself is coming to Shelby.

"Oratory Chokes Congress To Death," reads a headline telling of the closing session of the sixty-ninth session of that august body. 'Tis a pity too that oratory had the honor alone. American farmers struggling hopelessly for some kind of farm relief would have appreciated lending a hand in the strangling.

It is encouraging news that comes from textile leaders hereabouts that the textile business seems to be on the upgrade. The textile industry, employing over 3,500 people, means considerable to the welfare and prosperity of Cleveland county and the county will rejoice with the mill leaders, who kept the payrolls going full time in slack seasons, because of seemingly improving business and a better outlook for them.

Governor Richards stand in enforcing the antiquated blue laws of South Carolina is drawing criticism, but without terming the stand either right or wrong the new South Carolina executive is to be congratulated upon enforcing the laws as they are in the statute books. If all our laws were properly enforced we would not have such a ludicrous number of equally ludicrous laws. A recent writer estimated that it would take an ordinary man a lifetime to read all the laws he is supposed to obey. A few really worthwhile laws enforced and respected would be worth ten times that job of generally unknown legislation.

Bruce Craven, the Trinity philosopher, has a worthwhile idea in wishing that every representative in the North Carolina legislature had been of the type of L. A. Martin, of Lexington, Davidson county's representative. Representative Martin is so honest that he is foolish, according to the viewpoint of politicians, one of whom remarked concerning him: "That man Martin could get something in politics if he didn't act so foolish about being honest all the time." In the absence of a full assembly of that type North Carolina should be thankful for those that are of the Martin calibre. Just how many such there are we leave for someone else to say.

POWER OF THE PRESS

Taking the cue from Miss Beatrice Gobb, of the Morganton News-Herald and one of the best known and most efficient newspaperwomen in the South, The Star begins to wonder just how much power there is in "The Power of the Press." Likewise the wonder comes if the politicians are finding the women's vote so terrifying as was anticipated prior to the giving of the right to vote.

Taking North Carolina's closing "do-nothing legislature" (a Gastonia Gazette term) as an example it seems as if the combined power of the press and influence of the women voters are still unequal to the task of successfully combatting the shrewdness of the political generalissimos. For instance, the Australian ballot. Seventy-five percent or more of the North Carolina newspapers either spoke outright for, or favorably of the Australian ballot and the state league of women voters endorsed it whole heartedly, and the Australian ballot was tabled regardless. Do the press and the women of the state not know as much about the sentiment of the people as the politicians? Perhaps nay, and perchance yea, but the Australian ballot was tabled. The women of the state backed several other measures that were also defeated, and sensible editorial writers the state over advocated other proposed laws that failed to materialize. The law-making body even refused to change the day of the primary from Saturday to Tuesday, and although numerous worthwhile reasons were advanced for the change and none against the measure failed. Why?

The women voters gather this week for their annual conference and the dispatches of that meeting may not be so interesting to some of our lawmakers. Yet where do the newspapers come in, or get off?

"The Power of the Press" and the influence of the good women added together and juggled about the lobbies and corridors at Raleigh apparently equal nothing judging by outcome of the recent legislative hopper.

BULWINKLE WORKING

Not long since there were whispers that there might be several entrants in the next congressional primary for this district, the rumor news having it that Major A. L. Bulwinkle would likely have opposition. However, nothing has been heard of recent weeks concerning the likely congressional contest and viewing the recent activity of Congressman Bulwinkle it has hardly been a time for talking opposition to him.

Come what may by the next election the congressman for this district has rendered a good account of himself during the recent session. The Gastonia Gazette goes so far as to say that at his present rate Bulwinkle will develop as much power and influence as did Judge E. Y. Webb during his period of representing the district, which might be taken to mean that The Gazette expects the present representative to return not once but several times, and if the voters take a similar view of his growing power such will likely be true. The Gazette says:

If anybody should happen to ask you, you might tell them that Representative Bulwinkle has been one of the busiest men in this concluding session of Congress. He has had a hand in some of the biggest legislation that has been enacted, or not passed, in Congress.

Of course, his position on the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill is well known. In the face of much opposition he voted against the bill. His stand was justified by the veto which President Coolidge placed on the bill. The President in giving his reasons for the veto, used the same arguments advanced by Mr. Bulwinkle in his speech against it.

Then, too, in the matter of securing the federal branch bank for Charlotte the Ninth district representative has shown what a fine worker he has been. The creation of the third federal district was largely the work of Bulwinkle and Overman.

In time to come the popular Gastonia man will be as influential and powerful as Yates Webb ever was in Congress.

HELPED ALONG IN DEBT

A philosophical Star reader in discussing "the times" recently agreed heartily with the thought advanced by Max Gardner that present conditions are due to the extravagance and financial carelessness of the people who are now rather "hard up," but he adds another thought in his belief that the general public, farmers and others, were helped along in their extravagance.

"Easy loans and installment plans are behind every pessimistic remark heard today," he declared. "True it is that most of us have been spending our easy money since the war in a reckless manner, but the thing that is hurting now is that we spent more than we made—thanks to easy loans and installments. We contracted the habit of buying every luxury on the market in our fat years and when the lean years came along we fell for the salesmanship that introduces itself with these statements: 'It will not cost you a cent now. Pay later when you have the money,' and 'let us arrange a little loan for you to tide you over a month or so.' If the loans had not been so easy to secure and if the installment buying was not made alluring we would at least be even with the world now instead of behind," continued the philosophic trend of mind.

Portions of the attitude expressed may be considered pessimistic and of a buck-passing nature, but one or two thoughts in the expression are sound.

There are few instances in the economic history of America where anybody starved because they did not obtain loans. Back in the days when mortgages were considered a disgrace many folks got along without them who were in harder circumstances than hundreds today who have sought and received loans.

This decade, 1917-27, has witnessed the carrying-on of a population of wastrels, but too much of the blame should not be placed on the spenders for they were in a way educated to it. Business for a number of years has been humming practically solely because of easy payments and loans. And today the realization is dawning that the easy payments and future settlements tend to cramp the financial aspect.

Whipping Bad Boys Having Revival In Detroit Courts; Spectators Cry 'Harder'

By International News Service Detroit, Mich.—Whipping a form of punishment which was popular in bygone times, is experiencing a revival in Detroit courts.

If erring sons are brought into court, it is not uncommon for their parents to appear with them at the request of the court to wield a swishing leather belt or a good stiff board.

Most recent is the memory of lashings administered to the two 17-year-old boys who had stolen a radiator cap from an automobile. They were faced with the proposition of a 60-day term in prison or 24 lashes. Rather than undergo the stigma of the prison they accepted the whipping.

The boys were Stanley Squarc and Vincent Johnson. In the manner reminiscent of those unpleasant days of the woodshed they took turns in bending over a court room chair. Elio Squarc, Stanley's father, laid the strap on his son

and Mrs. Maude Logan, an elder sister, administered it to Vincent.

John D. Watts, assistant prosecutor, officiated as timekeeper. He ordered one extra stroke for each boy "for good measure."

When the boys came into the court room there were giggles from a number of spectators of their own age. When the lashings started there were cries of "Harder, harder!"

Stanley was the first to bend over the chair. When he was in position Justice John L. Riopella offered the boy's father a long heavy belt which belonged to a police officer.

"Thanks, judge," said Squarc, "but I brought this along."

He drew a razor strap from his pocket. "Oh, you are prepared?" remarked the judge. "Very well, that will do."

Then the razor strap began to hum. Swish—swish—swish up and down went the strong arm of the

"Jim" Davis, Secretary Of Labor Finds Joy In Making Speeches

By International News Service Washington.—One of the chief delights that amounts almost chief delight with James John Davis, the secretary of labor, is making speeches. No member of the Harding-Coolidge Cabinet has traveled further or talked on more numerous occasions than has "Jim" Davis, the little Welshman who came to the United States as a poor immigrant boy and worked himself up from a puddler in the steel mills to a position in the Cabinet of two Presidents.

Not one of his best friends would accuse Davis of being an orator, but he has a faculty of getting his message over, no matter what type of audience may confront him. His two favorite topics are children and registration of the alien population of the United States.

Davis is the father of five children, three of them born in Washington since he became Secretary general of the Leval Order of Moose. He has charge of nearly 1,000 children in the home maintained by the order in Moosehart, Ill. He believes that every child in this country is entitled to at least a high school education and he talk along this line are devoted to a "living wage" for the country's workers in order that their children may receive an education.

One of his chief duties is keeping undesirable aliens out of the country. This is a man's size task, he admits. It could be lightened to some extent if all the aliens already in the country could be registered and those who are here illegally could through this registration system be checked up and promptly deported to the land from whence they came.

If the wheat farmers, cotton planters and fruit growers need harvest hands when the crops are being harvested, Davis is the man who supplies them. Through the employment division he has been instrumental in supplying thousands of "hands."

He has some decided views on conciliating labor disputes and the Conciliation division over which he presides has stepped in to prevent many nonpeace strikes.

"I am a great believer in the theory that employer and worker should get around the council table and settle their dispute before a strike is called," he has said.

Heather and the strap sang its true accompaniment. Spectators pushed and shoved for vantage points that they might see every detail.

on many occasions. Under Davis the Conciliation division has grown to large proportions. The labor Secretary is an early riser and is frequently at his desk in the Labor Department when the 7 o'clock whistle blows. It is a habit acquired while in the steel mills.

Although he is a member of two golf clubs, Davis admits he is probably the poorest golfer in the Cabinet.

Chinese Joan



Mrs. Sun Yat Sen, a college graduate and widow of the former provisional president of China, is reported as one of the leaders of the Cantonese troops. She is called "Queen of the Cantonese" and a member of the executive staff of the Canton army.

Beauty and Good

Indeed, the beautiful is inseparably added to the good and the true, for the very nature of the sense of beauty is such that through it we gain a clearer concept of the other two values. The history of the race has shown that at the height of materialistic success, the desire for artistic enjoyment has been a potent factor in bringing a people back to the higher ideals which underlie a peaceful intercourse between nations. Herbert Sidney Langfield, in "The Aesthetic Attitude."

Messrs Hudson Hartgrove and Alton Hopper were Chimney Rock visitors Sunday.

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