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MONDAY, SEPT. 17, 1923.

TWINKLES

A large heading in a state newspaper recently read: "North Carolina Has Good Roads." That reminds us of the fellow who came by the debris of Shelby's most recent disaster two or three days after it happened and wanted to know if any one got hurt when it fell.

Judging by a digest of all the reports heard about the Cleveland county cotton crop it will be about an average crop. One report has it that it will be a bumper crop while the next one does not think it will be so good. Of course, the weather and the season ahead will have much to do with it, but our guess stands—an average cotton crop, and by average we mean over 40,000 and less than 50,000 bales.

COTTON AND THE FAIR

THE FIRST BALES of cotton have been picked and ginned in this county, and a week from tomorrow the county fair gets underway. Fair officials say they look for more than 30,000 people on the opening day. We are not inclined to doubt because when the cotton comes out the people will turn out. Incidentally more than a quarter of a million people have passed through the gates at the local fair since its start five years ago. The total will go beyond the 300,000 mark when the "Fifth and Finest" is over. Get ready, folks! Remember it's just a week off now.

A BOUQUET OUR WAY.

MISS BEATRICE COBB, publisher of the Morganton News-Herald and secretary of the North Carolina Press association, tosses the following bouquet our way:

"Last Wednesday's issue of the Cleveland Star, Shelby, was printed on a new Goss press, marking the advent of the paper into a larger field. For some time the Star has been issued three times a week and with the new press it is "all set," as soon as conditions justify, to advance into the daily field.

"The Star is one of the outstanding newspaper successes in North Carolina. It has been one of Shelby's biggest assets and is increasingly more valuable with the acquisition of more and better equipment and possibilities for greater service. Our congratulations to Shelby on its newspaper and continued good wishes to our enterprising neighbor."

All of which is not calculated to injure our feelings; not merely because it comes from a lady but more so because it comes from an editress who has few equals in the state—and that goes for the editors, too.

WHEREIN WE PREDICT SOME

PROGNOSTICATORS, prophets, estimators, and guesstimators flourish during a campaign year, but if you care to stand by for a moment we have a prediction to add to the list. Some of you may disagree, and it could be, perhaps, that a few may agree. Anyway, those who do, or do not may have their own say. Judging by the thousands of prophecies heard every one must have the inherent right to guess.

Our guess is this. This fall Cleveland county will be found voting the same ticket it has voted for 30 years, and the State of North Carolina will have done the same. The "solid South" will remain solid without a crack, although there may be a few shavings off the rock but not enough to really endanger its solidity. Likewise the West will vote as it has voted heretofore and the North and East will do likewise, except that about the same number of Democratic votes lost in the South will be clipped of the Republican total in the East. So, there you are! That means Democratic officers for this county, this state, and the South, but it doesn't sound so encouraging for the national Democratic candidates, although for them we are hopeful.

Some of you may paste this up for future reference, and others may hurl a curse after it as it goes into the wastebasket. That as you like—it's merely our prophecy.

PROPAGANDA ON HOEY

DESPITE all the Republicans and "sore Democrats" can do to prevent it the people of North Carolina continue to turn out by the hundreds to hear Clyde Hoey espouse the cause of Democracy. (By "sore Democrats" we do not mean what is nowadays known as "Hoover Democrats," but rather those fellows who have been licked for office or have become disgruntled for other personal reasons and have decided to be the nearest thing to Republicans possible).

Anyway, the more the Republicans writhe and scream under the suave stings of Hoey's bombardment of the Grand Oil Party, the larger the crowds grow as they flock out to keep the voters from hearing Hoey, but the voters go anyway.

An instance is noted in The Laurinburg Exchange, edited by O. L. Moore, a son of the Boiling Springs section. Mr. Hoey was billed to speak recently in the Laurinburg school house and such was the fear of him in Republican and dissenting Democratic ranks that somebody put out the word that the Laurinburg school house was shaky and might fall in if too many people got into it. The Shelby building disaster was fresh upon the memory and it was a good scare to keep the people from hearing Hoey, but according to The Exchange more than 1,000 heard him and one of the largest crowds ever packed in the school house to "hear the greatest oration since Zeb Vance." And "the school house DID NOT FALL." That's just how Editor Moore wrote it—in capital

letters. Some day the Republicans will realize their methods of fighting Smith, Hoey and the Democratic party are of such a low nature that they make more Democratic votes rather than decrease them. Let 'em keep it up.

Something To Think About

Morality And Religion

By Bruno Lessing

The Bishop of Valencia, in Spain, has issued a church bulletin which affords an opportunity for interesting thought and much discussion. He is opposed to Catholics joining Rotary clubs because these clubs, in their moral work, omit the religious ideas. He says that it is "damnable for individuals or societies to try to moralize with a naturalist, rationalist or atheistic doctrine. The sum and substance of it all is that the bishop thinks it is wrong to try to make people more moral excepting through the channels of religion. Can he possibly be right?"

Of course, it all depends upon what we have in mind when we use the word "moral." A famous German philosopher said that when St. Crispin stole leather to make shoes for the poor he did something that was moral, yet wrong.

Most of us mortals cannot follow such tortuous reasoning or such hair-splitting in the use of words. Morality, to most minds, is synonymous with goodness. And goodness of the heart, the soul and the mind is simple enough for all to understand, no matter how difficult it may be to attain.

Can such goodness be attained only through religion?

The teachings of Mahomet, who has several hundred million followers today, gives each of them the right to several wives in this world and the promise of many more in the next. Yet, in all Mohammedan countries, the trend of legislation is toward monogamy. Which would

you say is the greater force for morality, the religion or the government?

There was a day when the church was the arbiter of morality. You had to swallow a religion or you were immoral. Joan of Arc and Savonarola stand out as the victims of the Roman church. The history of Scotland, of Switzerland and even of our own State of Massachusetts is full of the sufferings of the victims of the Protestant church.

A bitter fact which no student of history can escape is that every religion that ever possessed power and attempted to regulate people's morals, abused its power and became immoral.

Defenders of the clergy claim that that is all a matter of the past and that the mantle of charity should be drawn over the misdeeds of the church in bygone centuries. Yet what assurance have we that churches are any more infallible today than they were in the past?

Whatever force makes people better is a force worthy of admiration and respect. Religion is, unquestionably, one of the greatest forces in this direction. But it is not the sole one. Education is also a great force.

And, strange to say, there are many people in this world who possess perfect goodness of heart and mind and soul, who look upon all religions as superstition and who have had none of the advantages of education.

A Methodist And Political Things

Lexington Dispatch.

Miss Beatrice Cobb, editor of the Morganton News-Herald, thinks the following brief story from the Raleigh News & Observer is worth passing along:

"A certain state official asked one of his neighbors whether he intended to vote for Governor Smith for president. The neighbor's answer was: "Well, I'll tell you how I feel about it. I am a Methodist. There have been times when the bishop sent our church a pastor we didn't want, but we always took what was sent us because we understood what the Methodist plan of organization was when we joined that church. There have been times when the preacher sent my church didn't suit me. But I didn't leave the Methodist church and go over to the Baptist church. I feel the same way about this campaign. The Democratic party has sent me a candidate for president I was not for but I'm not going to quit the Democratic party. I'll play the game according to the rules and maybe I can get my man next time."

Perhaps the Raleigh man has very aptly expressed the position of many Democrats this year. Indeed the same thing might be said by many a Republican as to their candidate. It contains a lot of the sentiment of loyalty that holds a person to any organization.

MOORESBORO MAN STRUCK BY CAR IN RUTHERFORD

Forest City Courier.

A Mr. Blanton, who resides near Mooresboro, was seriously injured Tuesday night when a wagon he was driving was struck by a car near the Puzzle Creek bridge.

Mr. Blanton was returning home, and while rounding the curve near Puzzle Creek bridge, his wagon was struck by a motorist. Mr. Blanton suffered a number of injuries, necessitating medical treatment.

FLO ZIEGFELD IS TO RE-OPEN HIS FAMOUS FOLLIES

New York.—Flo Ziegfeld is going to reopen his New Amsterdam roof where once the Ziegfeld midnight frolic held sway, this fall, shortly after the advent of the great drought, when it was found that diners couldn't wax merry without giggle water and other high voltage beverages. Now, Flo seems to believe he can revive the frolic on an arid basis, probably supposing that

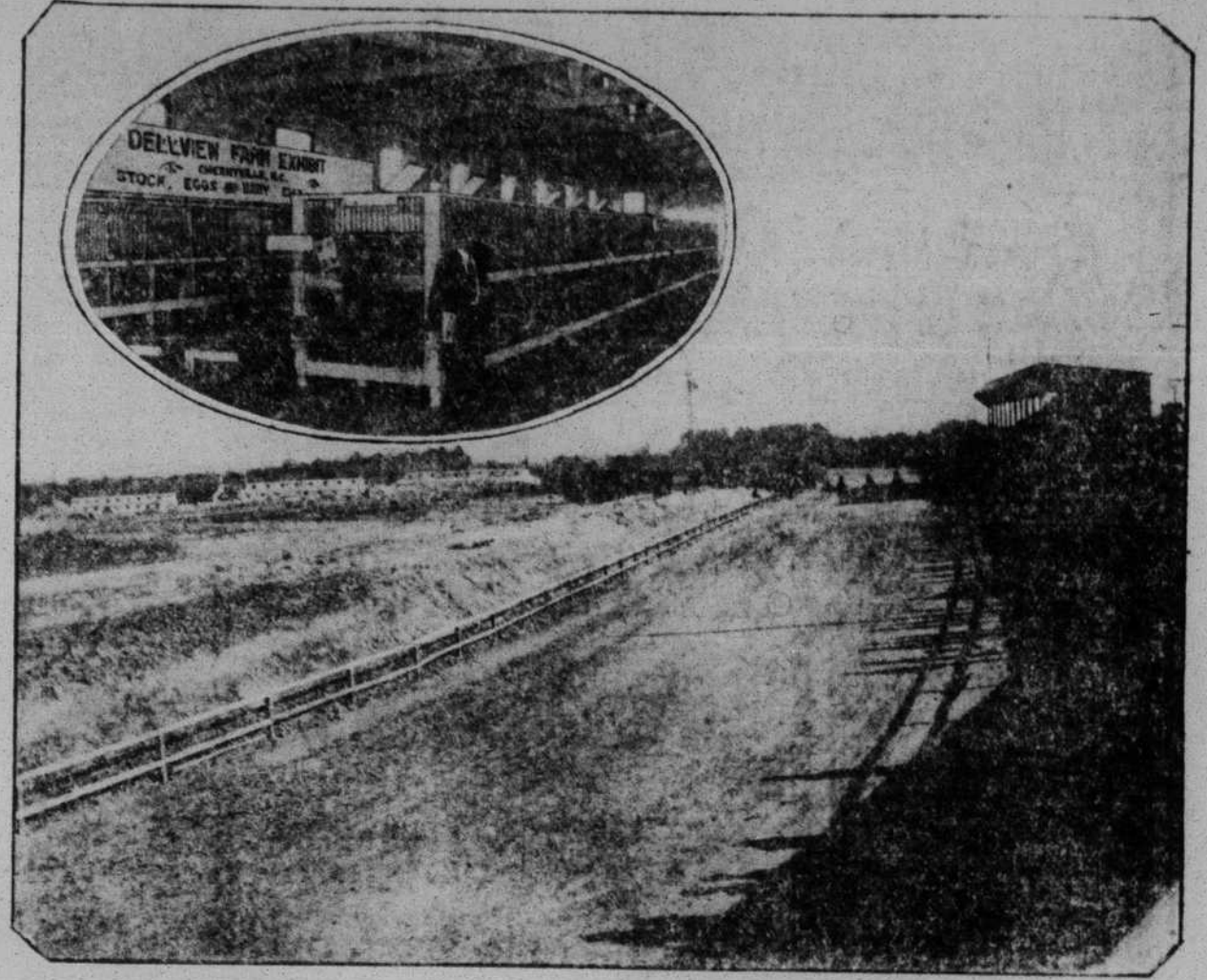
the public has long since gotten used to going without it. On week-days, the frolic will cost \$6 a chair and on week-ends \$7.50 which is quite a hoist over the prevailing box office prices.

WOMAN, GUN IN HAND, THWARTS JAIL BREAK

Hillsboro, Sept. 13.—A bold jail delivery by four negroes was frustrated here last night through the timely arrival of Mrs. R. F. Cole, wife of the Orange county jailer,

who gun in hand came upon the scene in time to save her husband, then in the midst of struggle with the negroes. She had heard the struggle, and had come prepared, frightening the men into submission. Cole had gone into the corridor to place the prisoners in their cells. One of the quartet requested a match. As he reached into his pocket, they pounced upon him. He was giving a good account of himself, with the aid of his blackjack, on the arrival of his wife.

Views At Cleveland County Fair.



Above are two views of the place where Cleveland County people will assemble by the thousands next week for their biggest annual event—The Cleveland County Fair. Photo in oval is a view of poultry show building with the manager, Rev. John W. Suttle. Large view is a cross-section of a finish of one of the horse races last year.

TRY STAR WANT ADS

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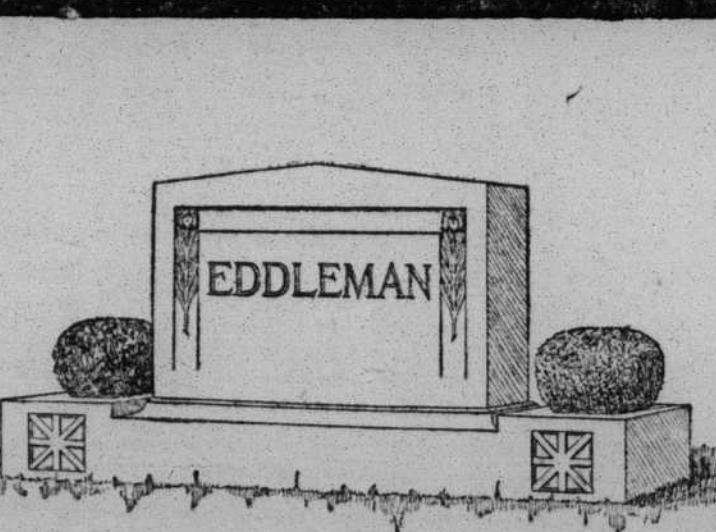
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