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TWINKLES

Most clouds have a silver lining, if you keep looking, but it is a tough task to get silver out of a second-hand brown derby.

In ye old days the college boy who passed his work was quite a chap, but nowadays he is a dud unless he is a wizard at forward-passing.

What has become of the Cotnam brothers? Have they become so frightened that they have disappeared now that it is public knowledge that Herbert Hoover and the Pope are personal friends?

Seems as if we've heard something about politics making strange bedfellows. That being the case, may we expect some day to see Senator Simmons, Cameron Morrison, Frank McNinch and Pete Murphy sleeping together in a double room?

Judging by the City Hall's proclamation about obeying the traffic lights we presume that the fellow who goes "when the sign says 'Stop'" may eventually put on the breaks down at the jail corner.

It must be great to be a Governor, but we wonder if Max Gardner will not miss the gang with whom he has been chatting for years about football, the cotton crop, and other familiar Shelby topics?

A lot has been said about the rotten egg throwing in the recent campaign, but to our way of thinking the rotten word throwing was considerably more despicable. The egg stains will wash off, and the odor eventually disappear, but a reputation stained needlessly is another matter.

HERE'S THE CHANCE, SENATOR

SENATOR SIMMONS, we read by the papers, had something to say about certain election tactics he didn't like as they were carried on in the recent election in his home county. We recall, also, that Max Gardner, North Carolina's next governor, is on record "in black and white," so to speak—for better election laws in North Carolina, by Australian ballot or otherwise. If Senator Simmons is sincere in his desire to stage cleaner elections, we see only one course for him to pursue. His support of Max Gardner's stand in the coming months would assure cleaner elections in North Carolina, and we go with the Senator, if he goes that far, in saying that such is needed.

BAPTISTS ARE COMING

BAPTIST LEADERS of Shelby and Cleveland county journeyed down to the State Baptist convention at High Point with the announced intention of bringing the convention here next year if possible. The convention will come and the Baptists who extended the invitation in such a manner that it was readily accepted are to be congratulated.

It has been 15 years since Shelby, a Baptist center, has entertained the Baptists of the entire state, and 14 years since the Methodist conference met here. Therefore, it is about time for the town to again open its doors and leave the latchstring out for another church gathering, and we are of the opinion that the entire town and county will join in with the Baptist people in entertaining the hundreds of visitors who will come next year to our city.

OBEY THE SIGNALS

MAYOR DORSEY'S announcement that the police force will give additional attention to the observance of the traffic signals in the uptown section is an announcement of importance. Every citizen, whether or not there is a traffic officer about, should obey the traffic signals. Not to do so is dangerous, not only to those who disobey but to innocent pedestrians and motorists going the other way. When the "Stop" sign is on one side of the pedestrian who starts across that side feels as if he or she is safe. When a motorist disobeys the signal and dashes on across the life of that pedestrian and the lives of others who walk by the signs are endangered. There have been no fatalities on the up-town corners, and just a few bumps, but if the signals are not obeyed there will be such. The law of averages will make it so, if nothing else, but carelessness is even more of a danger than the law of averages.

And, after all, the traffic lights, were not merely erected for ornamental purposes.

THE BASIS OF A PARTY

THE REAL STRENGTH of a political party is nothing more or less than the loyalty of the men and women who comprise the party. In this state, since the recent election of upsets, Democratic downfall in several instances has been credited to disgruntled Democrats who became so due to defeats or set-backs in Democratic primaries.

Cleveland county, you remember, remained entirely in the Democratic column, and nothing was more responsible than the men and women, some of them defeated by other Democratic candidates in primaries, who worked faithfully on for their party. A good illustration of our point is the Hoyle family. There was a heated primary contest for sheriff in this county with 10 candidates in. In the run-off there were two highly-respected men, Irvin Allen, the nominee

and now sheriff-elect, and Frank Hoyle. Allen won, but on election day here Hoyle was not found sulking in his tent—in fact, he is not of that type—and he along with members of his family was at the polls working for Allen and all the Democratic nominees. A party made up of Hoyles and their type is seldom snowed under. It is needless for us to explain why.

STANDING BY OUR SCHOOLS

THE STAR NOTES with pride that business men and citizens generally are standing by the Shelby school board in its plea to maintain the rank and grade of the city school system. The Shelby school board, made up of some of the best business men of the town who give their time and thought free to educational work, is not throwing away money. In fact, the Shelby schools are operated upon a lower per pupil cost than the average city schools of the state, that despite the fact that the Shelby schools have a good ranking in educational circles. When the school board said that the schools could not be operated upon the present tax levy they presented facts to show why—facts which any reasonable citizen must agree with. The response of the people in immediately starting a petition calling for a special election was the proper move and no doubt is rightfully appreciated by the board members.

The education of our children should come before the beautifying of our business houses and residences, and before the enlarging of our factories and the lengthening of our streets. The children of today will be the leaders of tomorrow. They, more than the streets, buildings and factories, will determine what the future Shelby will be. One doesn't get things for nothing these days, and schools cannot be operated without money. And, remember, that school board members are not asking for an unjustifiable amount. If the tax levy is increased, the school tax in Shelby will still be below the average levy of towns and cities of Shelby's progressiveness over the state.

TOO HARSH ON HIM

IN PLACING THE BLAME for the sinking of the liner Vestris, one of the worst sea tragedies in recent years, in which scores drowned, it seems as if the denunciation of Captain Carey, who went down with his ship, is a little too pitiless.

Perhaps Captain Carey, the veteran seaman, did err in judgment in not sending out the SOS call sooner; perhaps poor seamanship was displayed in delaying the lowering of the lifeboats, and in the slow getaway from the sinking vessel, but remember that Captain Carey died as the gallant legends of the sea have their captains die—hanging onto the bridge of his ship and going down with her to a watery grave. No doubt Captain Carey was more to blame for the great disaster than any other connected with it, and the official investigation of the sea tragedy is nothing but proper, but Captain Carey, whose error in judgment, despite his years on the sea, cost scores and scores of human lives, was not responsible for the conduct of members of the crew and of others who displayed little gallantry after the vessel was abandoned.

Place the blame where it lies, but do not heap everything upon the head of he who is dead, passing out with his ship in doing all he could to atone for his error.

When final judgment of a man is made, by humans, his impulses as well as his judgment should have a reckoning. Many of us make mistakes. Captain Carey did, but Captain Carey's gallantry in going down with his ship was the impulse of the man and should not be overlooked. He told the last member of his crew by his side, as the ship began to slide into the water, to jump.

"You, jump, captain," the seaman urged.
"Hell no—jump!", Captain Carey answered, and that is the last the world knew of him. A few seconds later the Vestris and her captain could be seen no more.

Something To Think

About

Just Confidence

By Bruno Lessing

L. Leclair writes from Los Angeles asking for an article on "confidence." He says that when he has confidence in a person and that person betrays the confidence, he considers that person as one who died. That is rather a strong way of putting it. But it enlists one's sympathy.

On the other hand you have many philosophers, as well as the New Testament of the Bible, urging you to forgive those who injure you. Surely, if you can forgive one who wantonly kicks you down a flight of stairs and then jumps on your neck, you can forgive one who violated your confidence.

Confidence is a broad term. It includes every phase of human endeavor. Lovers have confidence in each other's protestations of undying affection even though they know that no affection is undying.

We have confidence in the truthfulness, the honesty and the loyalty of our friends. We have confidence in the integrity of those with whom we like to have business dealings. A physician can accomplish but little if his patient lacks confidence in him. If we had no confidence in a ship captain we would never sail on his ship.

Human nature gives its confidence readily, as a rule, although it works more swiftly in some countries than others. The English are somewhat slower than others in giving their confidence but, once it is given, it is hard to shake.

The Latin races, with their warm affections, give their confidence most readily but, being also more

volatile, withdraw it with equal readiness.

We Americans are sort of betwixt and between. Not so emotional as the Latins and more so than the English. We usually give our confidence in social, business and political matters unthinkingly. And when we find it betrayed we do not make much fuss about it.

To have a ready trust in one another is one of the nicest traits of us humans. All the more reprehensible is it, therefore, for anyone to violate this trust. Life needs no bitterness of our own adding.

To requite a confidence reposed in us frequently involves sacrifice. The merchant who tells the truth about his wares just because his customers trust him, may lose money. To keep an engagement because you promised to keep it and because the one with whom you made it counts upon your keeping it, may involve inconvenience.

The worst violation of confidence is the betrayal of a secret. Whether or not such a traitor should be shot must depend upon the sense of justice, the charity and the broadmindedness of him who judges.

AROUND TOWN

might think that the governorship is enough for Shelby to have at one time in the Raleigh way of making a living?

Thieves at Lawrence, Mass., carried away an iron safe containing only one postage stamp, overlooking a smaller safe filled with money.

THE TEACHING OF SEX SUBJECTS IN THE SCHOOLS

Charlotte News.

The first move which will lead to a consistent effort to give the school children of the county and city proper information on social hygiene and sex education was begun here last week by school authorities in cooperation with the Parent-Teacher associations. Many independent thinkers among parents and teachers have for some time believed that such a move was sane and inevitable but no concerted effort had been taken, largely because the parents themselves were not prepared to recognize that type of education as wise and wholesome.

Occasional lectures on the subject can be of little value, for sporadic effort is likely to sow misinformation. The move, however, will be of value in changing the mind-set of the parents, first of all, so that consistent education on the subject may be given in the schools. Many teachers, fine in their own attitudes, have run afoul of parental anger when they attempted to wipe out curious superstitions in regard

to life processes. They were immediately accused of destroying the innocence and stifling of curiosity by those best able to give the information a splendid choking off of interest in dangerous subjects. As a result, the parents too often prided themselves on the fact that their children seemed to have no interest in life processes at all, when, as a matter of fact, the children were simply getting their information from backyard talk and the gully-wise overgrown boys and girls among their acquaintance.

This concerted effort of the Parent-Teacher associations has far-reaching implications of value. It will result in first bringing the parent to realize that pollution occurs in the mind of the child, as it does in a pond, only when sunshine is lacking, when there is no fresh supply of water, and no outlet. The associations are letting the fresh air blow, and allowing the sunshine play. We predict a wholesome same attitude will grow up in the minds of the young towards that which has too long been wrongly labelled obscene.

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Bennett Skow, a clothier in Solder, Iowa, who has been robbed 12 times since 1924, is quitting business.

NOTICE

North Carolina, Cleveland County.

The undersigned, having been appointed and duly qualified as executor of the will of Henry Wheeler Bumgardner, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are notified to exhibit the same before him on or before October 1, 1929, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

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