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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, eulogies of thanks and obituary notices after one death notice has been published. This will be strictly adhered to.

FRIDAY, DEC. 28, 1928.

TWINKLES

Our idea of a good news story would be the discovery of a man, or woman—or even a child—who did not receive a Christmas card.

Ye Twinkler is of the frank opinion that this professor who thinks the major need of the country is new cuss words has never loitered about a print shop at press hour with the odds five-to-three that the mail will be missed.

The opinion of The Star staff man who edited all the Santa Claus letters prior to Christmas is that the folks who voted against the local school measure would not have done so had they been forced to read the letters before they were corrected.

A good thing about having New Year's trail right along on the heels of Christmas is that those overlooked in your Christmas greeting card list, but who did not overlook you, may be sent a card wishing them the best of everything during the New Year.

Washington dispatches state that Mr. Hoover is already being boomed for a second term. A little premature, perhaps, but our first thought upon glancing at the headline was one born of curiosity, namely: Will Senator Simmons think in 1932, as he did in 1928, that the future of America depends upon the election of Mr. Hoover?

When, if ever, the Charlotte Observer and the Winston-Salem Journal conclude their debate as to population figures the next entertainment under the journalistic debating head may be provided by the Observer and the Greensboro News with the subject being: Resolved that paved highways are more important to the progress and future of North Carolina than adequate educational facilities for the children of the state. Choosing of sides, it seems, will not be necessary.

HARD ON SKEPTICS.

TWENTY-FIVE years ago, when word came to Dayton, O., that the Wright brothers had made a successful airplane flight, one Daytonian scoffed at it loudly. He didn't believe, he said that man ever would fly; and if a flight should be made, it would not be made by anyone from Dayton.

It is interesting to wonder if that man is still alive, so that he could see the great celebration at Dayton the other day of the 25th anniversary of the Wright's flight. All kinds of airplanes were present—some of them big passenger planes carrying a dozen or more people at once.

This age is a tough one for the skeptics. What looks today like an insane dream may be a sober reality tomorrow. We are rapidly learning that mankind can make just about anything that it can imagine.

STICKING ON TOP.

UNLESS SEVERAL thousand bales of cotton are stored about in the out-houses of Johnston county it seems assured now that Cleveland county will this year, for the first time, lead North Carolina in cotton production. Up to December 18th Cleveland county with 48,503 bales ginned was 9,105 bales ahead of Johnston county with 39,398 bales ginned, and 10,453 bales ahead of Robeson with 38,050 bales ginned.

The next ginning report will cover the ginning up to January 15, and it is practically certain that the county will have reached the 50,000-bale mark—a new record—by that time. After the January report there will not be another ginning report until March when the final figures are issued. Local cotton men now estimate that the total ginning for the county will be between 51 and 52 thousand bales. Those who took part in The Star's cotton estimate contest will hear the best estimate announced after the final report, and incidentally those who guessed less than 50,000 bales may consider themselves out of the race.

HOW TO DRY IT UP.

THE \$25,000 DURANT prize for the best and most practicable plan of enforcing the prohibition amendment was won by Major Chester P. Mills, former New York prohibition administrator, as has been noted no doubt in news dispatches. Perhaps the first feature of the Mills' plan to catch the eye of those deciding which plan should get the prize was his suggestion that the enforcement of the dry laws be taken out of politics.

To our way of thinking that one suggestion, if followed, would do more to curb the wide violation of the dry laws than any other thing. So long as prohibition agents are appointed because of their political loyalty and not because of ability the enforcement of the 18th amendment in this area will be just as big a joke as it is now. And in saying this we will go a little stronger and declare that, in our opinion, we are quite a number of prominent politicians in this area who have supported the prohibition amendment not for the good effects they hoped it would bring them, but because the attempt to enforce the amendment would take thousands of federal jobs to be tendered on the pick of the hungry horde that must be rewarded for its

work by the politicians, or else new politicians will be found at the reins.

However, to get back to the Mill's plan, the prize-winning suggestion, summarized and divided into four divisions follows:

1. Permissive—Closer scrutiny of those to whom permits to manufacture alcohol are granted and closer government supervision of its making, issuance of only temporary permits, of not longer than six months duration; make each local administrator responsible for the issuance of the permits.
2. Enforcement—(A) imports, (B) domestic supply; for smuggling only unceasing vigilance is needed; for domestic enforcement, strike at the source; manufacture in private stills and illegal diversion under permits.
3. Political—Take the enforcement agencies out of politics. Political interference is one of the serious handicaps to effective control, he said.
4. Detailed method of controlling diversion of industrial alcohol; strict supervision of distilleries which denature their own alcohol; abolition, by legislation, of the independent denaturing plant which Major Mills said "has no economic place in (legitimate) business;" adopt legislation if the courts will not sustain such procedure, requiring manufacturers who use industrial alcohol to show such disposition as will allow the government to trace the alcohol to a legitimate dealer.

Something To Think About

Here and There

By Bruno Lessing

Some school teachers have taken up a new fad which they call "Progressive Education." It is a sad phrase to use. Real education is progressive in itself. Unprogressive education, which is the kind that most people receive, is no education at all. Due to the fact that the profession of teaching does not attract the highest type of intellect.

"We offer our youngest children, from 3 to 7 years of age," said one of these female "Progressive Educationalists," "raw materials like blocks and drawing materials which they can use according to their heart's desire. As they show the need for further information to keep the play going, we take them on trips about the neighborhood, to docks, wholesale markets, railroad stations, etc."

What a hopeless muddle! With such a system, a child might acquire the necessary foundation for becoming a good longshoreman, grocer or railroad conductor. But what on earth has it to do with education?

Building blocks and toy and alphabetical blocks and drawing material are part of every child's equipment for play. To utilize them for the improvement of the child's mind has been the work of kindergarten teachers since Froebel's day. The modern tendency, particularly in public schools, is to over-emphasize the value of play in education. There are too many fads and not enough serious drill and mental discipline. Education cannot be acquired easily or playfully. It is hard, serious and fatiguing business. Those who attempt to make it pleasant usually do more harm than good.

A man and his wife were arraigned before a magistrate in New York city, recently, for disorderly conduct and intoxication. The wo-

AUTO FOR EACH CHILD OF SCHOOL AGE IN U. S.

Washington.—There are as many automobiles in the United States as there are children of school age. Dr. Frank M. Phillips of the United States bureau of education points out.

In 1895 there were four registered automobiles in the country. This year there are 20,000. There year there are 20,000,000. There age in 1895, and today there are 20,000,000.

The cost of educating a child in the public schools, Dr. Phillips' figures show, has jumped from \$40 in 1913 to \$102 in 1928.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having this day qualified as administrator of the estate of Damon Jenkins, deceased, this is to notify all parties having claims against the said deceased to present them to me properly proven on or before the 19th day of December, 1928, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery thereof. All persons owing the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This December 19, 1928.

WILLIE AGER, Administrator of Damon Jenkins, deceased.
A. R. Bennett, Atty.

PUBLICATION OF SUMMONS.

North Carolina, Cleveland County in the Superior Court, Before the Clerk.

Liter Shannon, Plaintiff
vs.
Ed Samuel Shannon Defendant.

You are hereby notified that an action, as above entitled, has been instituted in the superior court of Cleveland county N. C., against you by the plaintiff, in which she is

man had been driving an automobile and her husband had assaulted the policeman who arrested them. During the hearing the magistrate called the husband "the worst liar I have ever heard." And he called the wife "a potential murderer."

The millions of pedestrians and automobilists in this country who are aware of the danger and the horror of intoxicated drivers will readily understand the magistrate's feelings and will sympathize with his action in inflicting the heaviest penalty within his power.

There is really nothing so atrocious as an intoxicated person drunkenly controlling the death dealing possibilities of an automobile. The simplest mind can grasp this situation and demands severe punishment for the offender.

What is not so simple, however, is the outrageous conduct of the magistrate. It has a significance that reaches even beyond the serious offence of these two culprits. Because it concerns every human being who, at some time or other, either innocently or guiltily, stands before a court.

It is not a magistrate's business to express his opinion. No community, no city, no state, no country pays its judges to deliver their personal opinions. It is an abuse of power, exercised, as a rule, to obtain favorable newspaper comment. It is a magistrate's duty to listen to evidence, weigh it carefully, interpret the law and inflict the proper punishment, according to his lights. To make scathing or sarcastic speeches from the bench cheapens the administration of justice. If the law is not severe enough, the law can be changed. To listen to the personal views of a magistrate might be too cruel and inhumane a punishment for any constitution to tolerate.

asking for an absolute divorce upon the ground of adultery, and you are further notified that a verified complaint has been filed in my office and that you are hereby required to appear and answer same on or before December 17, 1928, at my office in Shelby, N. C., or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint. Hereof fall not and of this summons make due return. Witness my hand and seal, this November 12, 1928.

A. M. HAMRICK, Clerk Superior Court, Cleveland County.

TRUSTEE'S SALE.
By virtue of the power of sale contained in a deed of trust executed by J. S. Wilson and wife, Mary Wilson, on December 1, 1922, to me as trustee of the Shelby Building and Loan association, and default having been made in payment of the indebtedness secured thereby and having been called upon to execute the trust, I, as trustee, will sell for cash at public auction to the highest bidder at the court house door in the town of Shelby, N. C., on

Saturday, January 12, 1929 at noon, the following described real estate:
Situated on the south side of Pinkney street in the town of Shelby, N. C., and being known as lot No. 19, plat D on map filed in special proceeding No. 1283, in the office of the clerk of the superior court of Cleveland county, and being the lot decided to J. S. Wilson by R. L. Ryburn, commissioner, by deed dated December 1, 1922. Reference is hereby had to said deed and plat for full description by metes and bounds. Purchaser will buy subject to any taxes due or assessed.

This December 10, 1928.
CLYDE R. HOEY, Trustee.

sale of Sales

McNEELY'S ANNUAL JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE OPENS TOMORROW--SATURDAY DECEMBER 29th.

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- Those that were \$16.50 Now \$8.25
- Those that were \$19.50 Now \$9.75
- Those that were \$24.50 Now .. \$12.25
- Those that were \$29.50 Now \$14.75
- Those that were \$39.50 Now ... \$19.75
- Those that were \$49.50 Now \$24.75



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