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FRIDAY, JAN. 4, 1929.

TWINKLES

Al Smith is not through with politics he announces but to our way of observing he caused a lot of others, pro and con, to be through.

Among others who failed to shop early were the auto tag buyers, it seems to Ye Twinkler as he dashes in two days late and finds himself at the end of a line one block long.

Star headline: "Only 200 People Pay Income Tax in Cleveland County." Wonder how a couple of hundred others get by, or are we better boosters than payers?

By the way of refreshing the memory of those planning to go down: Today week Shelby's first governor will have been inaugurated.

Leap Year is just an odd-fitting year on the calendars nowadays. It means nothing to the girls. Marriages in Cleveland county last year fell off instead of gaining.

F. P. A. in the New York World informs in the language of the telephone operator that this is the good year of "One Nyun Two Nyun."

If every auto owner in North Carolina who had not purchased a new license plate by Tuesday noon had been jailed, then the big need of North Carolina for 1929 would of necessity have been bigger, and perhaps better, jails.

They seem to make a habit of staging a dry raid every New Year's in New York and it appears to us that some day there must come along a January second in New York with all the liquor gone—what with the dry officers getting a part and the thirsty guzzling up that remaining.

NOW, HOW'S THIS?

IT IS THE SAME Charlotte Observer that feared high taxes were running industry away from North Carolina which made the following observation: "The advance of North Carolina as a manufacturing State is demonstrated in the fact that the value placed on its manufactured products during 1928 is more than three times the value of its agricultural products. The factories contributed \$1,154,617,000 to the wealth of the State, against \$361,605,000 by the farms."

WASTING OF WORDS

"GIRLS, you may not believe this," writes Eugene Ashcraft in the Monroe Enquirer, "but it's a fact that you can get a beautiful complexion by steaming your face over a wash tub."

Continuing he advised: "Wringing out clothes makes the spring pleasantly plump; hanging them out on the line increases the bust measurement, and carrying them to and from the yard makes the waist line smaller and the limbs more shapely. Try it girls!"

Now, what we would like to know: does Mr. Ashcraft really believe that there are girls who will even lend an ear to such beauty hints?

GARDNER AND SALES TAX

GOVERNOR-ELECT GARDNER as yet has not expressed himself on the state-wide long school term measure, but unless he has changed his opinion about a sales tax on commodities in the state within the last year he certainly will oppose the long term school measure if it can be maintained only by a sales tax.

Those who recall it will remember that about one year ago Mr. Gardner addressed North Carolina druggists at Greensboro, and in the address he took pains—was so particular about it, in fact, that the topic was the subject of his talk—to express his dislike to a sales tax in plain terms. In that talk to the druggists he painted the picture of the sales tax nuisance in South Carolina and described the day when conditions might exist in North Carolina. Frankly, our idea is that men's of the sales tax plan in connection with the long term schools is the best way to make the next governor an enemy of the school measure, rather than a supporter of it.

WE'RE RIDING TOO FAST

IT'S QUITE an old expression about the countryside that "one cannot eat his cake and have it, too." Likewise it should be evident that a farmer cannot ride in his farm, in the form of an automobile, and have it, too, free of mortgages and encumbrances brought about by the riding.

Gee McGee writing recently in the Progressive Farmer, under the head of "Whither Are We Drifting," offers some very sound thinking, though it is presented in his semi-humorous fashion. Read it:

"I have at last learned why folks no longer want any land. It's all because a fellow can't ride in a farm, and folks have got to ride, you know. What this country needs today is some nice little farms on wheels with gasoline tanks and steering wheels and so forth attached.

"The average automobile costs just about what 40 acres of good farm land would cost on the present market. Land will last a lifetime without very much depreciation or wear and tear, but an automobile depreciates at the rate of at least \$2 a day, and it costs about \$3 a day to keep it running all the time so it will depreciate faster. It becomes junk in two years, or at the first real wreck that overtakes it. There is a great deal of complaint about the high taxes of a li-

cense plate alone, usable for twelve months, will pay all state and county taxes on 50 acres of first-class farm land, and the property tax on same automobile is at least twice the tax on the farm used for comparison purposes. The road tax on the gasoline the average man buys in a year will pay all the taxes assessed on a 90-acre tract of land.

"Now, my dear deluded bankrupts: don't get me wrong. I think every man ought to own an automobile if he can possibly do so and remain honest. But the day is coming when we shall all see the need of owning something besides automobiles. When a country spends more for non-essentials than it produces, something is bound to happen—just as surely as something happens to the family that spends more than it earns.

"About 95 per cent of everything we buy, with the exception of cotton goods—which are practically taboo, thanks to the advent of silk and rayon—is manufactured up North. We have to send our money out of the South to get our luxuries and other requirements. We even buy New York state eggs, and Iowa butter, and California peaches, and Maryland tomatoes, and Nebraska wheat, and Kansas oats, and Missouri beef. I simply don't see how we can do it on and on, and keep new automobiles and plenty gasoline within the environs of our families.

"We are riding so fast we don't take time to think."

BLOODY CLOTHES IN VANDERBURG'S WELL IS REPORT

Gastonia, Jan. 2.—Bloody clothing which may be part of the scant wardrobe of Jacob Vanderburg, youthful suspected slayer of five members of his family, was found in the well near the ashes of the family's burned home according to a report which attained circulation today in official circles here. Confir-

Coroner Wallace next Saturday morning of this report was not available, however.

Investigators attached to the office of Sheriff Lanberger and members of the imprisoned boy's staff of counsel would make no announcement concerning the progress of their independent investigations except to say that "some progress is being made."

In connection with the report that bloody clothing was found in the Vanderburg well was being considered today by officials here a statement, attributed to Jacob, that he now is wearing the same underclothing he has worn for three weeks. He would not change his underclothing, it was reported he said, because he was told that by so doing he might be enabled to avoid taking influenza, which dis-

ease is epidemic in this locality. There are no bloodstains on the underclothing he now is wearing, it was learned.

J. M. Hoyle, of Gastonia, said today that he and George Wilson, also of this city and Marvin L. Ritch of Charlotte, the attorneys for the prisoner, are "speeding up" their independent investigation today as the result of their first long conference. That conference was held last night, but neither Mr. Hoyle nor Mr. Wilson, who were here today, would disclose the trends of their discussion. "Naturally, we hope we can prove our client to be guilty, but we have much yet to do," said Mr. Hoyle. He added that he hopes to have the defense side of this case "in better shape" before the inquest is resumed by

morning in the superior courtroom here.

Mr. Ritch spent most of yesterday in Iredell, Catawba and Lincoln counties, it was learned today in the course of a telephone conversation with him in Charlotte. He would not say what he expected to accomplish by going into those counties. He indicated that possibly some action might be taken within a few days relative to the appointment of an administrator for the estate of J. W. Vanderburg, who with his wife, two daughters and young son, apparently was slain before their home at the edge of Gastonia was destroyed by fire last Thursday night. A guardian for Jacob Vanderburg, minor, also heir to this estate, also will be appointed soon, Mr. Ritch forecast.

Something To Think About

Here And There

By BRUNO LESSING

The Rev. Dr. Minot Simons of a Unitarian church in New York is reported as saying, "Always look into your own life before you complacently point the moral of a great teaching at someone else."

A clergyman who is a scholar, should know better than to make such a statement. The world is better off today through the morals pointed out by men who either were in jail or should have been there, than through the stainless lives of millions who had nothing to contribute to the minds or souls of others.

The proverb, "example is better than precept," does not apply to the field of learning. A great physician can do more good by leading a dissolute life and, at the same time, imparting his wisdom to the world than he can by devoting his days to leading an exemplary moral life, and refraining from teaching.

Shakespeare pointed the moral of many a great truth. And the most enthusiastic Shakespearian scholar never bragged of his idol's moral pulchritude.

Washington and Jefferson pointed the morals of their teachings at the whole world. And the whole world admires those men. Yet their private lives, under present penal codes, would have landed them in jail.

If you have an interesting thought, a great idea or a moral truth to give the world, for heaven's sake do so, even if the police are after you for your misdeeds. Perhaps, some day, your contribution to mankind may enlighten yourself. But, even if it doesn't it will do good to others.

Dr. William J. Mayo of Rochester, Minn., said, recently, "Many small towns that formerly had trained physicians, now have only one or more untrained practitioners, wedded to cults or dependent on appeal to the emotions."

He ascribed this condition to the increasing cost of medical education and more stringent regulations by state boards of medical examiners, two factors which had eliminated a large number of inferior medical schools that used to flourish.

This statement depicts a bad situation. An untrained practitioner can do much damage. On the other hand, the regulations of examiners who have the responsibility of admitting physicians to practice cannot be too strict. We have more people of inferior intellect, wedded to queer cults who temper with the human body, than any other country in the world.

If we ever reach an intelligent place of civilization, medical education will be free. Applicants for admission to a medical college will be subjected to the same close scrutiny of mind, morals and purpose which the Catholic church gives to every applicant for the priesthood.

And when, after the most rigorous training, they enter upon their vocation as doctors of medicine they will do so in the same spirit in which the high-minded priest undertakes his life's work, not for gain but for the glory of the God he believes in, and for helpfulness to his fellow man.

But we have some traveling to do before we reach that plane.

CONSTRUCTION IN DURHAM REACHES NEW HIGH LEVEL

Durham.—Construction in Durham reached a new high level during the year now ending when permits involving \$9,896,838 were issued by the city for new buildings. One project, Duke university, involved \$7,000,000. The permit for the university project now under construction, was the largest single permit issued in the history of the city.

Assimilating so many straw vote doubtless accounts for the extraordinary horse sense of The Literary Digest.—Charlotte Observer.

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Women's advance spring dresses . . . astonishing values, every one of them; and amazing price cuts on beautiful Winter coats . . . millinery that are truly bargains . . . everything in ready-to-wear offer some of the most attractive savings of this great sale!

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