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

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 1929.

## TWINKLES

Seems to us as if the Australian ballot is moving along just about as fast as Chicago's clean-up of the gangsters.

An act typical of George Smyrniotis lingers on after him. In the recent probate of his will it is noted that he left all he had to his aged parents and to the man who lent him a helping hand after he met reverses.

You know, the marriage business must be almost at the end of its ropes hereabouts when a total of only seven marriages in one month is considered page one news because of the unusual quantity.

This is the final month for payment of 1928 county taxes. Those who are inclined to put it off as long as is possible should recall that there will be a new sheriff after this month and Sheriff Logan may not relish the idea of a last minute rush.

It isn't a particularly good boost for quality circulation but it is pretty good proof that The Star really does "Cover Cleveland" completely. Which is to say that in the city's drive to rid Shelby of disreputable women officers say that one entire household "cleaned out" of their own accord when they read in the paper that a clean-up was to be made. Perhaps the boost would be better classed as one for advertising merits.

## DESERVED PROMOTION

THE PROMOTION of Policeman McBride Poston to the position of acting chief of the Shelby department is a deserved one generally speaking in the opinion of local citizens. Chief Poston is not only a veteran police officer with years of capable service to his record, but he is also one of the home boys who fought overseas during the big brawl, and although 10 years have passed since the war the boys are just as deserving of an equal chance now as they were then—and without singling out any person or firm particularly we would say that none too many has been handed that chance. Of course, it is beyond human power to know in advance what kind of executive officer the new chief will make. That's up to him now that he has the opportunity to show it.

## KEEPING IT UP

CLEVELAND county farmers became the leading cotton farmers in North Carolina by using systematic methods, pure seed and good fertilizers, and judging by a recent contract signed here the farmers are not going to be content with things as they are. For which they are to be congratulated.

Last week a number of enterprising county farmers signed a contract to plant 1,000 acres in a special type of pure seed and at the end of the season this cotton will be ginned at a special gin and the pure and unmixed seed will gradually spread over the county.

Governor Gardner perhaps was not so enthusiastic as some thought when he stated that he hoped to see Cleveland county farmers making 75,000 bales of cotton annually in 1933 when he comes home from Raleigh.

## TO THE WOMEN AND SERVICE CLUBS

NOT LONG since The Star noticed where a service club in an adjoining town had decided to see that every Confederate veteran in that county gets to the Confederate reunion in Charlotte in June. Whereupon an idea comes to this paper which we now present to the members of the Shelby U. D. C., the Woman's club, the American Legion, and the Kiwanis and Rotary club would appoint committees for a joint meeting at which time the names of every living Confederate veteran and even Confederate's widow in the county could be checked over with plans laid for getting every one of them, physically able to attend, to the reunion?

Most of them, since the big gathering of the fast-departing "boys in gray" is to be held less than 50 miles away, will attend whether or not any organization sees to their attendance. But some of them may not have a way of getting there or the proper finance to secure transportation.

Those old fellows, walking about in their memories with little left for them except one or two more reunions and then the last big reunion with their comrades gone ahead, deserve at least one more tribute from their descendants and those whose people the now prosperous Southland they fought and bled for.

Who will call the meeting? The Star believes that every organization named and the majority of the private citizens of Shelby and the county will cooperate.

## AN ADMIRABLE SPIRIT

ONE OF THE most admirable traits of mankind is the determination and grit to come back after reverses, handicaps, grief and sorrow.

Within the last year, or say year and one-half, the town of Shelby, just getting on its feet to climb into the little, hustling city class, met with a series of disasters few towns and cities have ever known. Hardly would the town and its citizenship recover from one blow, shake off their grief

and get going again, until along came another blow.

For a time it seemed as if the hand of fate had placed a series of barriers in Shelby's path that would take years to overcome before the town would regain its former forward stride. But once the pangs of unexpected grief were lessened by time, and when heads, shaken by personal and financial losses, cleared to an extent, the stricken section of Shelby started building again amid the ashes and ruins—building with a dogged determination unknown theretofore.

Last Friday The Star published one of the largest editions in its history—an edition devoted to the recital of details about the construction and opening of a modern hotel and business block, a fine, handsomely-built and modernly equipped block that arose from a blackened, twisted pit that tore at the heart of Shelby.

The citizenship of Shelby has been often praised, but we know of nothing that better indicates the make-up of the people who make up the town than the chapter of the 1928-29 come-back which has resulted in an up-to-date, reconstructed business section.

A contemporary opines "that one-half the world doesn't know how the other half keeps its legs from freezing." And from what we've observed the other half may want to know whose business it is.

## "Nobody's Business"

— BY GEE MCGEE —

(Exclusive In The Star In This Section.)

### A Needed Reform.

There is a good deal of talk, comment, bull, and miscellaneous gossip nowadays about what colleges should teach and what they should not teach, and I have been asked (by a brick-layer) to express myself in the premises, and after seeing so many college men out of a job, I have concluded to give the low down and the high up on this vital question.

1. I think selling 10-cent-a-week insurance is a gainful occupation, judging from the number of good men employed in that capacity, and I recommend that a course covering this field be substituted for Shakespeare.

2. Instead of French, German and Portuguese, I believe it would prove profitable to all parties concerned for our colleges to institute a course in instalment collecting, the same to be given in the regular semesters as now obtains, and not at night as some politicians might think. Very little collecting is ever done at night, therefore that's the wrong time of day to learn it.

3. Now in the place of Chemistry, Astronomy, Biology, and Hygiene, I strongly recommend a complete course in "Passing the Buck." This would be of a great help to politicians and would-be politicians, and according to my way of thinking, "Buck Passing" is one of the most lucrative positions extant, especially as concerns legislators, members of all kinds of commissions and committees, highway organizations, and agricultural banks.

4. Where certain colleges are teaching reading, writing, math, and physics, I insist that a course in golf and football be given to all students, as the same would be more highly appreciated by the present generation than the useless, abominable studies recited. Fame and fortune await the coming of men who can out-golf and out-pitch the other fellow, and they are parked just around the corner, meaning Fame and Fortune.

5. Debt dodging and check kiting should be taught in the place of textiles, (a man can learn how to spin and weave in a cotton mill), electrical engineering, and animal husbandry, and the cost of such a course would not be out of the reach of the most poverty stricken of the masses, as nearly everybody is already partly trained in this profession, or born with a tendency in that direction, such a spirit being heritable and descendable. So, dear people, I urge you to write your senator and congressman and turnip-green furnisher at once to vote and fight for the needed changes (mentioned herein) in connection with our state-supported colleges ansoforth. (Selah.)

It was so cold and disagreeable last Wednesday night, Mr. and Mrs. R. U. Shore could not go to prayer meeting, so they drove down to the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Smoak and played bridge. Mrs. Shore won 3 dollars and 15 cents and Mr. Shore lost 6 dollars.

My office telephone rang with a jerk the other morning and I answered it. The lady at the other end of the line belched forth: "Have you any brains," and I said, "I hope so," and she said, "How many sets," and I said, "One small set," and she said, "Well, I wanted at least 3 sets, but if that's all you've got, send them up at once," and I told the dear lady that I could not spare the only set of brains I had, even if they had never been worth much to me, and she flew back: "Ain't this the Short-Wait beef market," and I told her no, that it was our wholesale grocery warehouse. Then she said, "Wrong number."

Flat rock, s. c., march 4, 1929. Mr. Interstate commerce com.

dear sir:— please send a good lawyer down here at once and make sam jones quit blding a beef market right next to my beef market, for i can sell all the beef that these here folks can pay for, and we don't need no other beef market, so kindly handle this like you did the p. & n. railroad when you wouldn't let them bid no more road to their line as it would hurt the other roads already bid, and that's the way i want you to do sam jones like you did them. I suspose you can keep him back o. k. rite or foam him quick, as he has done hauled some skatings ansoforth, and he will be selling beef against me if you don't hurry! yores trulle, mike Clark, rfd.

The newspapers raised more whoopee when Hoover caught a little minnow down in Miami Bay the other day than they did when the Boulder dam bill was smoothed thru the senate. Why, if he had caught a shark, his feat would have been head-lined for 30 days. I caught a 2-pound mudcat last summer, and my name didn't even get in the paper, and my wife wouldn't believe the story last because I forgot to fetch the fish home with me. Ain't women funny though?

I tried out one of those celebrated Station-to-Station telephone calls the other morning so's I could talk to a business friend for \$3.50 instead of \$3.75 on a Person-to-Person call. I asked for the president, and was told that he was out playing golf, and the manager was at home with the flu, and the assistant manager was upstairs, and the stenographer was outside talking to a cake eater. At least, this is the report the janitor made to me. From now on, I calls my man in pusson.

## Grist Thinks That Gardner Hit Him While He Was Down

Labor Commissioner, Ill In Hospital, Makes Sensational Statement.

(Greensboro News Bureau.) Washington, March 1.—Relative to the proposal of Governor Gardner to have appointed a purchasing agent for the state and to transfer the work of the public printer to this newly created department, Frank D. Grist, commissioner of labor and printing, who is ill in this city, today gave to the press a rather sensational statement. The statement was delivered to a Daily News representa-

tive at the senate press gallery by a messenger from the naval hospital, where Mr. Grist has been confined for the past two weeks.

Mr. Grist, virtually accuses the governor of striking him when he is down, in the proposal to take from him the duties hitherto performed by the public printer and the suggestion is made that Governor Gardner and the legislature have embarked upon a punitive measure, directed against him because he opposed Governor Smith. The statement is highly suggestive of the division in the Democratic ranks in the state and there

are indications that those who stood with Senator Simmons will take a rather sympathetic view of the Grist complaint. This is what Mr. Grist says, perhaps in reply to an explanatory statement which Governor Gardner has given to the press:

### Grist's Statement.

"I was deeply shocked to see in the state press of yesterday that Governor Gardner has in my absence while I am ill here in the naval hospital recommended to the legislature what is tantamount to the abolishment of my department. Why the governor wishes the legislature to take the state printing out from under the supervision of my department, which was created to handle it, I am unable to understand. Particularly it seems most ungracious of the governor to make this attack on my department while I am ill here and unable to go to Raleigh to defend my office. I cannot understand either what special qualifications a state purchasing agent would have for the business of handling the state's printing.

"I appeal to my friends in the legislature and to the people of the state who elected me to the office which I now hold to look into this matter fully and to talk with the governor in my behalf. It seems strange to me, too, that this effort practically to abolish my office should be made not only in my absence and during my illness and confinement in a hospital but also during the last days of the legislature, when it is manifest that the adequate consideration which a matter of this importance deserves cannot be given to the proposition that the governor has now submitted to the legislature.

"I have, I think, saved the state large sums of money on its state printing and I have refused to let the printers' ring of Raleigh continue to hold the state up and charge excessive prices. Whether the Raleigh printing ring think they can get favors from a state purchasing agent that they cannot get from me, I do not know, but I am loathe to believe—indeed, cannot believe, that the governor could be influenced by any such consideration. I am also loathe to believe that this attack is made upon me and my department because I was against Al Smith for the Democratic presidential nomination or because of the interview I gave out at Winston-Salem 10 days before the general election in which I called down one of the ungrateful pompous politicians of the state for a vicious speech that he made at Tarboro, attacking a great leader of the Democratic party.

### Thinks Harmony Threatened.

"This is a time when every true Democrat ought to do everything he can to promote harmony in the party and to help heal the stores of the 1928 campaign. Such tactics as are now employed against me are not in the interest of Democracy or future Democratic success.

"The Democrats of North Carolina nominated me for the office of commissioner of labor and printing and elected me to that office for another four year term. They knew what the duties and responsibilities of my office were and are and the attempt that is now being made at Raleigh in my absence is directed toward the nullification of the will of the people as expressed in my election last November.

"Of course if the governor and the legislature are determined to penalize me for opposing Smith for the nomination or for opposing the hold-up of the state by the Raleigh printers' ring, I cannot help it, for I am not physically able at this time to fight; but I do not believe that the Democrats of North Carolina generally will approve the war that they are springing on me by surprise in the closing days of the legislature and while I am absent from Raleigh."

### Morbid Curiosity Backs Up Poteat's Idea Of Ignorance

Gastonia Gazette.

Curiosity of the morbid kind has reached its climax at Sharon, S. C., just a few miles from Gastonia, where crowds are paying 25 cents each to see the interior of the house where Faye Wilson King, the pretty young school teacher, met her death.

Recently when the five members of the Venderburg family were burned to death in their home in Gaston county, under circumstances indicative of murder, the morbidly curious crowd carried away almost every brick, stone and loose object of every kind on the farm.

What any one wants with such mementoes or what satisfaction they get from viewing the interior of a house where murder may have been committed is hard to understand.

Does it indicate that the world is full of morons?

In an address at Chattanooga a few weeks ago Dr. William Louis Poteat, one of the country's brainiest men (himself a victim of ignorant bigotry to a considerable extent) said that ignorance is on the increase and that we are a nation of seventh-graders.

We are beginning to believe that Dr. Poteat has the situation pretty well sized up.

A boost is good for everything but taxes.—Virginian-Pilot.

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