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TWINKLES

As far as the split South is concerned Mr. Hoover is still doing out brown bread and sugarless coffee.

Since President Hoover by reason of experience is an expert food director he shouldn't be overly troubled serving at the pie-counter.

The biggest encyclopedia in the world is in China, a feature article informs, and we know of no place where the information it contains could be used to a better advantage.

And so far, despite the appropriations bill stampede and other happenings, no one has referred to Representative Mull as Governor Gardner's Raskob.

Johnston Avery, who made life hard for the white-robed kluckers about Hickory, now owns a paper of his own at Lenoir, and we're wondering if a K. K. K. delegation will be numbered among the reception committee which welcomes him to his new home.

Over at Mooresville the city electric plant has been sold to the Duke Power company, and The Charlotte Observer commenting thereon says, "Mooresville thus enters into the class of towns dependably provided for." Could that be taken to mean that a town is not "dependably provided for" unless served by Duke?

The late night fire which gutted a local grocery house last week was not what is termed generally a major catastrophe, but the owners of the place, Roland E. and Ernest Johnson, are both young men and within a short period the flames consumed what came near being their start in life. To them it was a big blow, and their determination, as announced, to stage a come-back deserves commendation.

THE MERCHANTS' PROBLEM.

BUSINESS MEN of Shelby, who have been complaining of the light and water bills since the city has changed to other methods of figuring power, will hold an open meeting Tuesday to discuss the proposition with the hope of reaching a solution favorable both to the city and themselves. That is the proper method of going about it, or, for that matter, of going about anything. It does little good to become angered and storm about wildly, for such methods do not bring results. A cool, unhurried discussion unhampered by anger is the best route to the solution of all problems.

SUCH IS FAME.

A 72-YEAR-OLD inventor and dreamer died in a Detroit hospital the other day, and died, according to press dispatches, "a forlorn, penniless, disillusioned old man." Just as a matter of information it is stated that the "disillusioned old man" was David D. Buick, the founder of the Buick automobile company when the automobile industry was in its infancy.

Think of the many thousands and millions of dollars Buick automobiles have made, count the many autos of that make you see on the streets and highways, recall that the man whose name is seen on the front of thousands of fine motor died penniless, and then draw your own conclusion as to fame and fortune.

BULWINKLE FOR MAYOR.

ABOUT THE TIME Major Lee Bulwinkle got back to Gastonia from Washington, where he served this district eight years as Congressman, and hung out his shingle to practice law, The Gastonia Gazette began booming the Major for mayor of the textile city, a boom without the knowledge of the candidate boosted.

"It would be," says The Gazette, "a slight token of Gastonia's appreciation of his past services, both as a World War veteran and as a former congressman, to make him mayor of the city of Gastonia for the next two years."

At long range, and feeling very much as does Governor Gardner about the next president of Davidson college that it is absolutely none of our business, we are inclined to agree with The Gazette.

WHO SLEW GOLIATH?

WAS GOLIATH, the giant, killed by David or by Elhanan? To the majority of us, who confine our reading on Biblical history to the Bible itself, when we read at all, it had never occurred that any one other than David, the boy with his sling, could have slain the giant leader of an opposing army. There is, however, some controversy about the matter.

According to the original Hebrew, the credit for the slaying of the giant is given to both, informs the Literary Digest, but a number of English Biblical critics, in a book entitled "A New Commentary on Ho's Scripture," edited by Dr. Charles Gore, former Bishop of Oxford, and other well-known religious students, assert that "according to II Samuel, 21, verse 19, Goliath of Gath was slain by Elhanan the son of Jair, in the reign of David. Critics are agreed that the later statement is the more historical." Similarly, in his author's note to "Giant Killer," a historical novel (John Day Company), Elmer Davis writes: "All but Fundamentalists agree that the truth about Goliath is to be found in II Sam-

uel, 21:19, as correctly rendered in the Revised Version (King James's translators altered the record in the interest of harmony); I Samuel, 17, is later legend." The Revised Version and the American standard version follow the Hebrew literally.

The statement from the English book, quoted in The Digest of December 29, under the heading "Who Killed Goliath?" has perturbed many readers, and the editor of The Digest, he writes, has been fairly inundated with letters calling his attention to the account in I Samuel, in which David is named as slayer of the giant, and to II Samuel, in which Elhanan is named as the slayer of Goliath's brother. It should be stated at the outset that the article was purposely headed with an interrogation, thus leaving to the readers the choice of following either the English critics or the account giving the glory to David. The Literary Digest, true to its policy, did not voice an opinion.

As a matter of fact, noted above, there is a discrepancy in the Hebrew accounts of the slaying of Goliath, The Digest continues. In the King James version I Samuel, 17, verses 49 and 50, we read: "And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth. So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine and slew him; but there was no sword in the hand of David." The Revised Version gives a similar rendering. In II Samuel, 21, verse 19, King James Version, we read: "And there was again a battle in Gath with the Philistines, where Elhanan, the son of Jaare-oregim, a Bethlehemite, slew the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam." The words, "the brother of," do not appear in the Hebrew, but were inserted by the translators of the King James version, and italicized to show that they were inserted. And the Revised Version gives this rendering: "And there was again war with the Philistines at Gath; and Elhanan, the son of Jaare-oregim, the Bethlehemite, slew Goliath, the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam." In I Chronicles, 20, verse 5, King James version, the chronicler gives Goliath's brother a name, thus: "And there was war again with the Philistines; and Elhanan the son of Jair slew Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, whose spear staff was like a weaver's beam." The Revised Version gives a similar rendering. But we read in the "New Standard Bible Dictionary" (Funk and Wagnalls), that the change in Chronicles was made probably to avoid the contradiction between I Samuel and II Samuel in the original Hebrew text. As quoted in The Digest December 23, The Churchman (Episcopal) observes that every theological seminary of any standing in this country has been teaching for a quarter of a century almost everything contained in the new commentary.

"Nobody's Business"

— BY GEE MCGEE —

(Exclusive In The Star In This Section.)

What Are You, Now?

There are only two ways to judge a man, namely: by what he says and what he does. Nothing else matters much when his character and reputation are at the bat.

If a man buys something from you on Tuesday and promises to pay you on Saturday, and fails to do so, he is adjudged a liar, and 9 times out of 10, that's just what he is.

If a guy shoots around the corner at 45 miles an hour, everybody knows he's a fool, and if Billie Nutt strikes a match to see how much gas he's got in his tank, (on the way from the funeral), the mourners all say—"Billie wasn't anything but an idiot."

When a man promises to meet you at a certain time, and carelessly forgets his appointment, he's just that much harder to depend

on the next time. If a man habitually lets his notes run past due at the bank, he soon loses his credit. A banker doesn't always wait the notes paid, but he does expect borrowers to at least "pay" some attention to them.

I had a girl once that promised frequently and most cordially to let me walk home with her from the candy breaking or the tater roasting or the corn shucking, and nearly every time, she let Johnny Silek go with her, and I didn't marry her either, just for that—now look what she missed. Johnny is on the chaingang and she's got 9 younguns.

If a man says he's got religion, and you catch him shooting craps in an alley, his religion is not the kind that you first thought he had, but he gets by by saying that he ain't no hypocrite, as he rolled those bones in broad daylight. The most money I ever lost was



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on a good old brother that sat so close to the pulpit that the preacher slobbered in his face and he "Amended" everything from Jonah swallowing the whale to the Isle of Patmos. He simply was not in favor of paying his honest debts; yet, evidently, he had an occasional idea that he was inflated with piety.

A man should promise but little so's he can make good, and he should be so careful about what he does that he will not be accused (by the public) of being drunk when he inadvertently slips on a banana peel and lands in the gutter. His character and reputation are needed badly on such an occasion and they also come up for consideration when he smiles too broadly and consistently at his neighbor's wife. So friends, don't let what you say and do trip you up.

A hypocrite is a man who prays in public, but won't pay the preacher; or a woman who is a leader in the ladies aid, but plays cards for money or silverware; or any church member who rides all over the country on pretty Sabbath days, but goes to preaching when it is not convenient to go anywhere else.

Fish are going to be mighty scarce in and around Florida for some time to come, 'cause Hoover and Firestone and Ford and Edison have just about caught 'em all. We understand Hoover caught 2 mullets and Firestone and Edison each got a nibble, while Ford strung a mud turtle, but his motor choked down before he could land him. There a'to be a law against the extinction of the speshees.

A committee composed of 3 women from the Cruelty to Animals association, and 2 men from a service club, and 5 persons at large, have just reported the result of their investigation of the matter—"Why men leave home," and they have rendered the following decisions:

- 1 Short dresses
- 2 Short dresses
- 3 Short dresses
- 4 Short dresses
- 5 Ansoforth

Accident Insurance
A man sent me some "dope" on a special accident insurance policy he was selling. It was a very attractive contract. It provided many, many things, but the principal features were these: If you get run over by a Ford while standing in the middle of the street with your left leg wrapped around your neck, your wife would get \$5,000.

And if you happen to fall out of an air-plane and get your big toe broke, your widow would receive an annuity of \$5,000 for 30 days, and if you get hurt while riding on top of a passenger coach and it can be proven that you were not making over 20 miles an hour, you, yourself, would receive a weekly indemnity of 6 dollars for 2 weeks.

And in case you are riding on a

steamboat and she runs against a tree or telephone post and upsets your stummick, or busts your gail ansoforth, you would receive full compensation during the time required for the said steamboat to be put back into repair so's she could resume her journey. I guess I will let the fellow write me up.

BIGGEST ENCYCLOPAEDIA

IN EXISTENCE

Few persons would be able to guess where the world's biggest encyclopaedia of the world was compiled and published. It is China again that walks away with the credit. The Chinese Encyclopaedia, published 200 years ago, consists

of 800 large volumes containing 800,000 pages. It was compiled and edited by the noted Chen Ma-wei under the patronage of Emperor Kang Shih. The subject matter is divided under six heads—Heaven, earth, man, science, literature and government. A copy presented to the British Museum occupies nine large book-cases.

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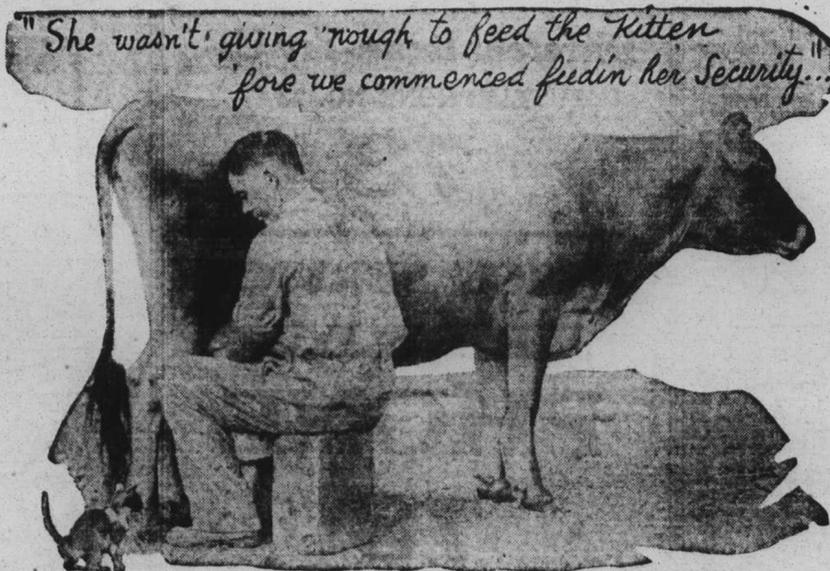
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