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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.

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TWINKLES

As we get the situation down in Louisiana, if the legislators get what they want Governor Long will not be governor long now.

The Literary Digest might render a valuable service by securing the correct figures whereby it might be determined if more people haven't been killed by firing squads in Mexico than in all the revolutions staged there.

If there is no other way out, perhaps Shelby, county seat of the state's largest cotton county and apparently one of the most prosperous towns in the state, may take the pauper's oath and have some outside source educate our children for us.

Governor Gardner may be a citizen of Raleigh but it is apparent that he retains his interest in Shelby. On his first trip back home since taking office he organized and announced Shelby's first new industry for 1929. And that was about as good a thing as he could do for the town, especially until the time comes for him to move back again.

HOWE A NERVOUS CUSS

THE PHILOSOPHICAL old people, who learned by experience, years back tendered the advice that when you could say nothing good of a person or event, you should say nothing at all. The average newspaper editor sticks closely to that advice, but occasionally there springs up an editor who steps out and says just what he thinks, permitting the jab to sting as it may.

Just such a person it seems is the Amarillo, Texas, editor, Gene E. Howe, who "took a crack" at the idolized Lindbergh, admittedly a very dangerous thing to do in view of the certain reaction with the hero-worshipping public. And hardly had the Lindbergh storm blown over Howe's head until the editor took a fling at Mary Garden, the singer. Now he is in hot water again, and since it is likely that Howe could have avoided both flings there must be many of us, who weekly pass up such opportunities, wondering why he keeps at it. Perhaps the best guess is that he enjoys it. Most of us would, if we had the nerve to face the reaction.

Newspaper readers will recall the storm of criticism hurled at Howe when he, after Lindbergh had visited Amarillo, wrote an editorial opinion that the lone eagle had "swell head." Perhaps Lindy did, but to us it seemed almost suicide to say so back in the days immediately after the young aviator's record flight. Here and there over the country there must have been hundreds of people who thought to themselves that the fresh Texas editor would curb his tongue, pen, or typewriter, after that heated lesson from the public. But not so. Recently the Chicago Grand Opera gave a performance in Amarillo and Howe wrote in his personal column that "... all the stars who had voices saved them and that Mary Garden is so old she actually tottered." The music clubs thereabouts immediately declared war upon Howe's paper, wondering what right a small-town editor had to criticize famous opera stars. Then Editor Howe let them know that he knew music perhaps better than they, having studied music in Paris and Berlin and having been at one time music critic on a large daily paper. So, the war goes merrily on about the person of this unusual editor who refuses not to write when there is nothing good, but, instead, writes what he thinks. One reason for his being that type of a writer may be that he is a son of Ed Howe, the former Kansas editor whose cracks entertained newspaper readers all over the country for many years.

A BELOVED JURIST.

CLEVELAND county had the genuine pleasure of having her distinguished and well-beloved jurist, Hon. James L. Webb, preside over a term of our Superior court for the trial of criminal cases last week, and this week he is holding a term of court for the trial of civil cases. Judge Webb is deservedly popular with all the people of Cleveland county and he presides over a criminal or civil court with that fine discriminating sense of justice and fairness which has characterized his long and honorable judicial career.

It is a source of gratification to all of Judge Webb's friends in this county to recall the golden opinions of bar and people which he has won throughout the state. Everywhere Judge Webb has held court—and that means practically in all the counties in the state, for he served for many years before the state was divided—the public has been most favorably impressed with his judicial bearing, his ability to dispatch business and clear the docket, his conscientious enforcement of the law and his evident desire to administer justice with an even hand, as well as his knowledge of the law and his ripe experience in dealing with the human problem.

Judge Webb possesses the judicial poise. He looks like a judge and acts like a judge. He conducts his court with becoming dignity and decorum. He is patient, kindly, humane and just. His administration of justice is always tempered with mercy, and there is an atmosphere of sympathetic understanding of the unfortunate and an honest effort to reclaim the wayward and redeem the derelicts of society to good citizenship. There is an utter lack of cruelty

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and harshness in the administration of law in Judge Webb's court, and yet his sentences are so manifestly fair and just that the public must be impressed with his desire for law enforcement and law observance.

It has been demonstrated only too often that severity of punishment is not a cure for crime. Sentences that border on the cruel tend to create a rebellious spirit against the law and to leave the offender with a feeling that he has just cause for a grievance against society. It is much more effective to administer punishment as a corrective measure, rather than a crushing force, and some people who are always applauding severe and heavy sentences on offenders are the very first to ask for the lightening of punishment when any of their people are affected. The question of dealing with crime and criminals is most difficult of solution, and we can well trust the seasoned judgment of administrators of the law who have had long experience, and if we could be present in court and hear all the facts, we wouldn't be so ready to criticize courts and officials in the administration of the law.

Judge James L. Webb is an able and just judge, an honest and conscientious public servant—and above all a real man with a great human heart.

Nobody's Business

GEE McGEE—

(Exclusive in The Star in this section.)

My wife went down town the other day and brought a can of varnish and a 10-cent brush to apply it with. She varnished her sewing table, and so much hair came out of the paint brush, she had to call in a barber to shave the table before she could use it. Moral: Always pay at least 15 cents for a paint brush, unless, of course, your husband is a barber.

Uncle Joe says that he has a third cousin who has been living in Chicago nearly 6 months, and he's never been shot at but twice.

Speaking of lobbyists, I have been reliably informed that very few of the legislators over the southland can be influenced or bought for less than 75 dollars apiece. They may be cheaper up north, but our boys stand pat where the sunshines over 200 days every year. Ultra-violet rays seem to keep our politicians mostly honest.

Cotton Letter.

New York, April 2.—A jay-bird pecked a red spider and chased a boil weevil in Alabama, and May sold off 19 points. Spinners taking were in excess of the guess of the department of agriculture, therefore a stronger basis developed around the close. The weather map for next weeks is bullish, that's why we advise buying on all declines. The farmers are busy patching inner tubes, cleaning spark plugs, grinding valves, and adjusting their carburetors and otherwise getting ready to begin active farming operations. We predict a bumper crop of grass and rag weeds before June.

Based upon statements of a superintendent of a penitentiary and the head physician of an insane asylum, a statistician has reached the conclusion that nearly 10 per cent of the people who drive cars know how to drive cars, 20 per cent of the remainder lack a little having enough sense to drive a carpet tack, and all of the balance of the bone-heads ought, by rights, be lynched. Gentlemen, walk up and take your places.

There's a town in Norway by the name of Hell. If Chicago would use a little bit of diplomacy, I believe she could swap names with Hell, and then she'd enjoy a natural appellation.

Mr. Hoover is going to call an extra session of congress to con-

Around Our TOWN
Shelby SIDELIGHTS

By RENN DRUM

When a baseball discussion arises in Cleveland county one is soon informed that any person by the name of Cline is a "natural born" baseball player. In fact baseball talent seems to run in families. In the major leagues there are the Waners, Meusels, the Collins, the Ferrers, and the Williams. Over at Shelby high the records bear it out the more with the Lee boys, two of whom have the Cline baseball fever in their veins.

Four or five years ago, when Dick Gurley coached at Shelby high, there was a lanky youngster, Glenn Cline Lee, performing at shortstop for Coach Gurley, and as long as he remained in baseball he could hit any type of pitching and his fielding ability has never been excelled hereabouts by Buck Redfern or anyone else. In his final high school year he was named captain of the All-State high school baseball team and by this time would no doubt have been performing in the major leagues had it not been for a breakdown in health.

Since that time two other Lees,

year he is back in the game and bids fair to stack up a baseball season rivalling that of the older who will be termed many years to come as the best baseball player amateur or professional, who ever cavorted on the diamond anywhere near Shelby. This youngster may not hit five hundred this year—few diamond artists ever do—but in Tuesday's game at Cherryville the box score shows that he cracked out a homer, two doubles and a single in five trips to the plate.

A little bit more of that and baseball crowds at the city park will be what they used to be.

WHILE ON THE BASEBALL topic it might be recorded that local fans are of the opinion that George (Buck) Redfern will stick this year with the Chicago White Sox. Last year Buck, a shortstop by trade, had very little chance against Cissell, the high-priced buy of Chicago, and the few games Buck broke into the limelight were at second base. Then this year the Chicago magnates took the string from the company purse and purchased Kerr, a supposedly heavy-hitting second-sacker. When the purchase was announced the local supporters of Redfern visioned the former State college star headed back to the bush leagues. But Buck has a way of sticking on. Down in the training camps Cissell and a couple of the others broke training, and for several days now Redfern has been playing at the shortfield berth. In the exhibition game Monday between the White Sox and Giants, Redfern in four trips to the plate banged out two doubles. That isn't bad hitting when a player faces a team such as the Giants are heralded to be this Spring. And Redfern, thanks to circumstances, may become a regular in the Chicago line-up, for a fellow who can slap out a brace of doubles per day lacks quite a bit of being ready for a ticket to the bush leagues.

SHELBY, A TOWN BOASTING more unique characters perhaps than any other on the map, seems to have some attraction for athletes of many lines. Among the newcomers at the Cleveland cloth mill, which has added quite a bit to the varied makeup of the town, is a youngster, Walker by name, who played professional hockey last winter with the Boston team. Hereabouts even the oddest native cannot recall when it was considered cold enough for the game to be popular. Fact is, the local hardware stores seldom keep sleds in stock any more, and ice skates are as unheard of as ear muffs.

ACCORDING TO RECENT news story in the Star an expert authority was quoted as saying there is very little difference between the two major political parties in America. Now we'd like for him to prove that to some fellow who bet on Al Smith and found out that there were several million votes difference.

IT'S ALL ACCORDING TO HOW you look at it—Over in an anteroom adjoining the Superior court grind this week two lawyers were chatting the time away until cases they were interested were called. Finally they agreed upon one thing: Juries should be abolished. At the same time in the court room lobby two jurors, who had served during the criminal docket last week, had agreed upon the fact that the country would be better off if there were no lawyers.

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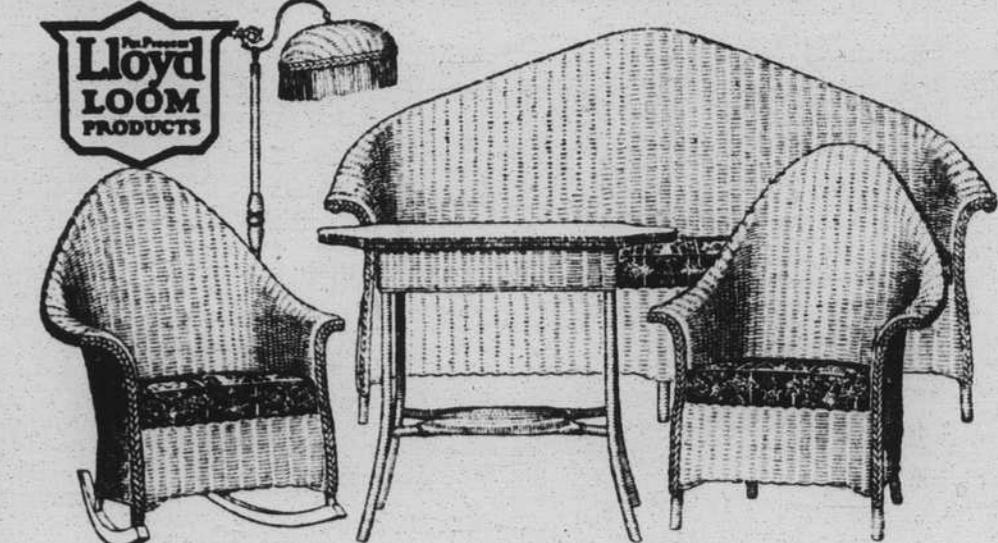
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