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TWINKLES

Andy Gump, like Jiggs, often gets himself into predicaments familiar to the average married man. Just the other day when Min had some doubts about Andy's behavior he haughtily asked: "Now are you going to believe me or what you saw?" and the average wife, no doubt, is of the opinion that most husbands are just that way.

WHERE THE MONEY GOES

THERE USED to be a little ditty, back when the sight of a pair of trim ankles gave a fellow more kick than dimpled knees do these days, running something like this: "That's Where My Money Goes—To Buy My Baby Clothes." But this observation on the part of Eugene Ashcraft in The Monroe Enquirer tells in better style where the money of the average farmer goes:

"I saw a Union county farmer's truck one day last week piled high with hay. While sharpening my pencil to give him a good write-up, lo, and also behold, the truck headed for home—instead of hay for sale—it had come from the Northwest. Instead of receiving \$30 a ton for a product that could with the greatest ease and profit have been produced on the Union county farm, \$30 a ton had been paid out. According to my arithmetic \$30 and \$30 equals \$60. The hay-buyer is riding for a fall!

HOOT-OWL TOMBSTONE

SOME WEEKS back Editor Josephus Daniels' son, Jonathan, began to exhibit to the readers of The News and Observer that "the old man" was not the only entertaining writer in the family (and we've always had the hunch Mrs. Daniels could beat 'em all at the writing game). Young Daniels started a very unusual column on the editorial page, a column which delves back into the history of North Carolina, as written by the newspapers of bygone years, and gives that which he finds a twang by applying it to a present day setting along with frequent injections of the well-known Daniels' humor. Just to prove that young Daniels is finding that extraordinary things happened in grandpap's day as well as in our own we reproduce the following obituary which he found in The News and Observer of 1905:

"Died, aged 57 years, 6 months and 12 days. Deceased was a mild-mannered private with a mouth for whiskey and an eye for boodle. He came here in the night with another man's wife and joined the church at the first chance. He owed us \$7 on the paper, a large meat bill, and you could hear him pray six blocks. He died singing 'Jesus Paid It All,' and we think he was right, as he never paid anything himself. He was buried in an asbestos-lined casket and his many friends threw palm leaf fans in the grave, as he may need them. His tombstone will be a resting place for hoot-owls."

SIMMONS AND REELECTION?

WILL SENATOR F. M. SIMMONS be reelected two years from now, or will his attitude in the Hoover-Smith campaign so handicap him that another Democrat will land his office, or perhaps a Republican beat one or both?

North Carolina people always fond of political speculation and even more fond of political scraps have begun to pop that question at each other although the state, politically speaking, is still a bit "in the fog" as a result of the last election and the unusual events that transpired.

It is possible for either of the three angles in the query above to emerge from the next election. Senator Simmons may secure the nomination of his party and be reelected. Then he may be defeated for his party's nomination and run on an independent ticket and win from both the Democratic and Republican nominees. On the other hand a Democrat whose party loyalty has never been questioned, even before 1928, may defeat Simmons for the nomination and be elected. Then there are two methods whereby a Republican may represent North Carolina in the United States Senate. Should Simmons be defeated for the Democratic nomination and run as an independent Democrat the ranks of the party might be so split that the Republican candidate would win. While, it should also be remembered, that if Senator Simmons does get the nomination there may be a 100,000 or more Democrats who will not care to support him and by voting for his Republican rival—very few of them will do that—and by remaining away from the polls on the day of election will cause his Republican rival to win.

Such is the basis of the speculation being passed out of Raleigh these days by Tom Bost, Greensboro News writer. The Union Republican, just as much Republican as the name implies, has dubbed Tom as the "Raleigh Rumor Factory," and we must admit that when Tom fails to find something about Raleigh upon which to give the political speculators a juicy morsel to work upon, then things are really dull in Raleigh. For that reason we are very much interested in Bost's stories of the probabilities about Simmons' reelection. This week, however, he gave us a new angle.

Last fall, as Bost reasons, and he offers several incidents as material upon which to base his conjecture, Senator Simon gave scores of regular Democrats in North Carolina a good licking and a bitter dose of humiliation, and now he figures it out that these Democrats have a good method by which to return the humiliation. The Bost idea is not

that of the average dopester who believes that the Democratic regulars will try to beat Simmons by sending another Democrat after the nomination. The plan is shrewder. Instead of contesting Simmons for the nomination, as Bost views it, the regulars may let him have the nomination and not take part in the primary, there being one. Thus, he points out, the 150,000 or so regular Democrats, will not bind themselves to vote for the Democratic nominee in the election. When that election comes along Bost is of the opinion that very few of the Democrats will vote out-and-out for the Republican candidate, although many did last fall under Simmon's leadership, but may find it convenient not to go to the polls. With thousands of Democrats not voting and with the Republican party strengthened by the results of last fall and also by a strong and respected candidate, Bost sees where it is possible for the regular Democrats to hand back their humiliation two-fold to Simmons by permitting a Republican to defeat him for aiding a Republican to defeat another Democrat last year. This plan, as he innuendoes it along, would be much more of a humiliation than defeating him with a Democrat and thus it would remove the likelihood of a permanent split by taking the chance of having Simmons run as an independent candidate. To support the conjectures the Raleigh writer notes that Federal Judge Isaac Meekins, spoken of as the Republican candidate, is not a bit offended at the talk of his candidacy, and it is further reasoned that Judge Meekins would be a strong candidate, about the strongest the Republicans could get out in view of his enthusiastic endorsement of prohibition.

Thus run the views of Mr. Bost and they are interesting enough to make conversation, despite the fact that some of the political boys say the situation is so delicate that it should not be talked although, if you keep it to yourself, they are fond of talking it themselves. And anything interesting enough to talk about is interesting enough to write and read about—y'know.

Nobody's Business

GEE McGEE—

(Exclusive in The Star in this section.)

The Debenture Appendix.

By the time this article appears in the papers, congress will have passed some kind of farm relief measure, or still be in the throes of trying to do something, or perhaps will have adjourned after passing the buck to a board or a committee of some kind that will look favorably upon the unsatisfactory situation of the agricultural interests of the United States.

But what I started out to do was to explain the debenture feature of the Farm Relief bill. This debenture thing is something to wonder and worry about. It was thought up by a sincere proponent of the measure now a-borning. I don't know what the fellow had eaten for supper the night he brought this great idea through, but I would say off-handed that it was liver pudding and doughnuts.

This debenture scheme will work in this wise: if a farmer makes 4 bales of cotton and loads them on his truck and hauls them to New York or some other port, and exports them to England, Turkey, Iraq, or Zululand, he will be given a debenture certificate good in trade and of such value as the import duty is on a bale of cotton shipped in from Egypt, divided by half; for instance, the duty on such a bale now amounts to \$0.00 so the farmer's debenture would be worth \$0.00, but if he got that much for it, he would have to sell it to an importer for what he could get, which would not be more than \$0.00 and the importer could trade it into the government on a bill covering the duty on something that he had received from beyond the briny keep and thus get credit for \$0.00 thereon.

We don't know how it would affect corn and wheat and bacon exports, though it would possibly operate on the same basis, but as farmers do no exporting to speak of they would have to depend on a legitimate exporter to handle their stuff for them, and he would charge a fee for his services; so, in my opinion, on every hundred dollars worth of goods that might be shipped abroad, the grower or producer would receive in addition to half what his stuff was really worth the sum of \$0.00, or a handful of debentures of a like value.

I am interested in Farm Relief, and I am hoping for it, but the fee system didn't take with Coolidge and you'll see the debenture feature turn itself into "the fly in the ointment" with Hoover. The average congressman knows about as much about what the farmer needs and deserves as a jaybird goes about Christmas eve. Farm Relief will reach us when it becomes possible for the farmers to make a decent living on the farm, and supply and demand will figure in all plans and methods now being considered, or that may be considered hereafter.

Please Pass Me The Chicken. As our own chickens won't be big enough to eat, (that is, for us to eat), for several months, we had to send down town the other day and buy a broiler. This was necessary because company was going to be with us for dinner, and he was used to good things, so we

heard and he was likewise a hearty eater.

Maybe some of you city folks don't know what a broiler is, so I will try to tell you. A broiler is a little chicken that is old enough to sprout pin feathers, and large enough to stand flat-footed on the ground and pack a biscuit right in the top, and prominent enough to fetch \$1.25.

Anyway, we bought the broiler. The cook removed his feathers with a pair of tweezers, but in doing so, she dropped him (?) into the drain in the kitchen sink, and we had to have the plumber come up and get it (?) out. After he was dressed, or rather undressed, he looked very much like a spider. His legs were about 4 inches long, and would have made fine crochet hooks.

And his craw and gizzard were never found. This cook didn't have her magnifying specks along that day, so she could not go into the minutia of the "cleaning" ordeal. She finally got him ready to be broiled. As he was a broiler, the only thing we could do with him was broil him.

Well, that fowl was put into the hot oven. Some butter was spread on him with a tooth-pick. (You will observe that the sex of this

SEX OF AMERICAN EAGLE IS ASKED

Washington—Soldiers and civilians alike look to Arthur E. Du Bois, in charge of heraldic work in the office of the quartermaster-general for authoritative information and suggestions on flags, whether the national colors or regimental coats of arms.

Du Bois, who was a mechanical engineer before he was put in charge of flag work for the government, has approved and designed more than 800 regimental coats of arms which are now flying over United States troops in all parts of the world.

Inquiries come to him every day concerning flag usage and history. An unusual one sought to know the sex of the eagle appearing on the seal of the United States which in turn is copied on most flags. Promptly, Du Bois unearthed the information that congress June 20, 1782, adopted as part of the United States seal "an American eagle." He further found that "eagle" denotes a male bird and "eagless" female.

Familiarity with each of the army regiments as well as a mechanical and artistic sense is necessary in making final decisions on regimental

bird has been found out. The cook knew he was a rooster by his big comb. When the oven door was first opened for the examination of this precious delectable viand, the cook screamed. The broiler had shrunk up so in going through the cooking process, she thought he had disappeared, but she found him and turned him over.

The time came for the broiler to be removed to the table. He had virtually become a nonentity by this time. He resembled a gnat lying there in his own gravy. I began to feel sorry for our company and us too. That broiler was practically all we had for dinner.

But we got things ready and the bell was rung. We all sat down to the table. The company asked the blessing. I passed him the biscuit, and then some one else passed him the broiler and he raked it off in his plate with a fork, and he seemed to enjoy him or it, as the case might have been. I don't know whether this man will ever visit us again or not, but I do know I'm not going to pluck any more fowls until they get frying-size.

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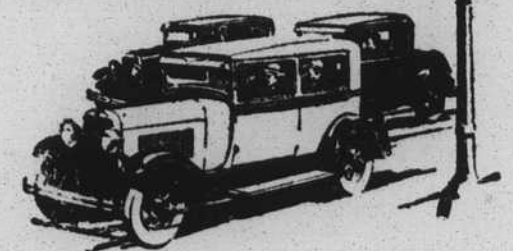
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