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TWINKLES

The Cannon may be booming in Manchuria, but the revolt will never equal that in Virginia.

"So far," observes the Lincoln County News, "prohibition hasn't taken the 'lit' out of politics." Supposedly then the "ics" are still there, too.

The Democrats of this district, says a Charlotte report, want a man to take Charlie Jonas' congressional berth away from him, and our guess is that some of the fellows who would like to have the berth were the first ones to start wanting.

The city manager form of government is being advocated by business men of Shelby, and we suppose the advocates thereof are forewarned that strict business methods injected into the city government will be criticised in certain political circles just as is the county manager form. When you plug some of the leaks, the howls begin.

The national government begins to resemble our county government in that it is approaching the commission form. Mr. Hoover appointed a commission to take up the farm relief matter, then he sent out another commission to look into the prohibition troubles. In the old days the plain term for such was "buck passing."

County commissioners of North Carolina in their recent convention, we read, went on record as favoring state-wide eight month schools. Congratulations are in order, but we're wondering if all the commissioners will stand their ground once they get away from the convention banquet table and get back among the folks at home?

HERE'S A NEWS ITEM

SPEAKING of politics (who'n the heck brought up the subject?), The Star has received a letter from Lenoir in which is enclosed a clipping from The Clearwater (Fla.) Sun. The clipping shows a photograph of Cameron Morrison, former North Carolina governor, broadcast by the NEA photo service, and the caption underneath the photo reads: "Cameron Morrison, above, who supported Gov. Alfred Smith in the last election, has his eyes on a seat in the United States senate. He will run against Senator Lee Slater Overman in the next election. Both are Democrats."

Down in Florida, we presume, that is news. We can only venture a guess as to why the unknown Lenoir friend sent the clipping to us: Perhaps he is of the opinion that a certain well-known Shelby attorney and statesman might be interested in the item.

IN EDISON'S SHOES

WILBUR HUSTON, son of a Seattle bishop, has been selected as "the successor to Edison," and will receive a college education and other aid from Edison the genius whose shoes he has been picked to fill. With all luck to the youth—and he must be an intelligent, worthy youngster to emerge winner from the contest—he hasn't an easy road ahead of him in life. Acclaimed as the brightest boy in America he will now have his every move watched, and the public will be eager to plunge critically upon every mistake and misstep. In his life there will be none of the privacy known to the average boy. Great honor has come to him at an early age and he may attain a certain degree of success in filling the shoes of the famous inventor.

But he will never be another Edison; as the Christian Advocate says, "genius has no successor." Edisons are not created by questionnaires.

WHERE'S THE PESSIMISM?

BUSINESS of making hurrah and whoopee. Bass Suttle, John Campbell, and Dr. Royster, along with numerous others, are predicting a record breaking cotton crop for Cleveland county—anywhere from 65 to 75 thousand bales, which should cause considerable whoopee in a farming county that led the state in cotton production last year and was about of the mind that no more cotton could be made upon the acres within the metes and bounds of the county.

But, optimistic ordinarily, we're inclined to be pessimistic now. Seems most too good to be true. In other words, such a remarkable agricultural achievement has never been so heralded hereabouts before. Usually this paper decides that it is going to be a big farm year when every farmer and every person in close touch with the farm—and that's near everybody in Cleveland—it a bit down-in-the-mouth because of an enveloping fear that "something's bound to happen." Last year, just about this time, came the heavy rains and the flood. On every side one could hear the prediction that "we would have made a whopper crop had it not been for the flood." And right up until the last boll was picked everyone seemed to be afraid that some other calamity would swoop down and devour the remaining crop. Yet when the season's ginning figures were totalled it was found that Cleveland county led the state in cotton and had reached the remarkable production total of 53,000 bales. Now they're saying we'll make 15 to 20 thousand bales more this year than

last. Admittedly the cotton crop looks so good now that such predictions seem in order. And, as we say, we're making all manner of whoopee over the recent forecasts, and will make more when the eggs are hatched, or rather when the ginning figures are in, but we are inclined to be pessimistic about all this optimism. It's so blooming unusual it gives this paper, which usually predicts at the moon, the creeps.

A PROBLEM FOR CITIZENS

GOVERNMENT is getting to be more simplified and more systematic each year. More and more are our people making of our governments real governments of the people. For that reason, because the average citizen at last is showing an interest in public affairs, the people of Cleveland county should study the recommendations for governmental changes in Shelby and Cleveland county as made to the Kiwanis club here recently by Messrs. O. M. Mull and J. D. Lineberger.

Mr. Mull, in referring to county government, said that "we have too many tax spending organizations." His point was that several divided groups of the county government should be centralized.

Mr. Lineberger declared that Shelby, a city which now is a big business in itself, should have "a business manager," and should abolish the city school board, centralizing the school activities with the other city departments.

Both, with the proper modifications, are good suggestions, and should be studied, approved and criticised by citizens of the county and town.

Mr. Mull in his suggestions for changes in the county government had no criticism to make of present conditions. His only argument was that several departments should be modernized. No one, if you care to go to the bottom of it, can offer much criticism to the present Cleveland county government. It is too businesslike, too efficient, and too systematic. A governing group which can cut taxes each year in a growing, building county is doing a good honest job of it. Mr. Mull merely pointed out other methods by which added economy may be exercised.

One of Mr. Mull's leading points was that the road system of Cleveland county is to be decentralized. Therein he is correct. Centralization of Cleveland county's road system will save both time and money. Such a double saying means much to taxpayers. A department store may have 30 different departments but they are operated under one centralized head, or the store is not successful. Some of the changes in the city government as suggested by Mr. Lineberger are at least worthy of consideration. Instead of cutting off some of our departments altogether in county and city government, it is possible for us to centralize more of the governmental workings in a business-like manner.

The Star will have more to say of the several suggestions, and meantime, for the interest of all concerned, it will be well for all citizens interested in their personal finances and in their local government to debate these suggestions with each other.

NOBODY'S BUSINESS

GEE MCGEE—

(Exclusive in The Star in this Section.)



flat rock, s. c., aug. the 15, 1929.

dear mr. editor: I have made a few world's records myself and them long flyers and ocean crossers aint got nothing on me. I have wore the same set of mushtash for 4 yr. this coming next fall and I have peddled beef in the same beef waggin ever since I started out during the growth of 18 and 88 and browns mule is still o. k. with me. I have wen with out a nake shave for 14 yr. that is a record onner count of warts and moles. If you don't think these statements is true, please rite or foam me and I will run and have you examined, ansforth yores trulle, mike Clark, rfd.

My wife's kinfolks came to see us not long ago, and after staying 8 days, 14 hours, 54 minutes, and 25 second, they loaded up and drove off. As we have only 7 extra beds, some doubling-up was necessary in the sleeping line. I was bedded 2 nights with little Archie and Sudie. Archies seemed to sleep best with his heel in my mouth, and Sudie laid cross-wise all the time and kicked me in the ribs with vim up till after midnight. And then I bought a cot. They were all very fond of steak (which is fetching 55 cents a pound bone and all), and we have 14 fewer chickens now than we had once upon a time. (Doctor, do you think my nerves are improving any?)

Cotton Letter. New York, Aug 17.—The Weather map was bullish on the opening and rain was predicted in Texas and Oklahoma, but as it cleared off without showering any, December declined to 1964, a new high for the week. A soda water clerk in Tennessee puts the acreage under cultivation this year at 48,776,868, which is five acres more than the government's guess, and in consequence of this boost, spots will possibly break to around 14 cents as soon as the farmer gets a bale or two ginned. We advise curtailing the use of wash rags and

gasoline. If there were not so many "bear" legs the bare-leg fad would become more common. The rayon and silk producers ought to feel mighty thankful for warts, freckles very-coarse veins, superfluous hair and off colors of the nude. These afflictions alone will save them from bankruptcy.

We understand that the highway department will have 300 good jobs open in a few weeks. Only the kin folks of the commissioner's and men with strong political pull need apply. The jobs in question will pay \$275.00 per month, and the duties of the job-holders will be to keep the English sparrows from pecking holes in the cement pavement, 1 man to every 2 miles. Squirt guns and fly swatters will be furnished by the department.

Rockingham, N. C., Aug. 12, 1929. Dear Mr. McGee: I am in love and it also looks like I am in trouble. I have been going to see a girl for 6 weeks and she promised to marry me, but she has now commenced to let other boys call on her at night and she don't pay much attention to me as she useter and she has got my ring. I have been nice to her and I think she loves me and I don't understand why she is treating me so cold. What do you think took place betwixt us and how can I win her back? Your friend, Elbert Twist.

Anderson, S. C., Aug 18, 1929. Dear Elbert: I feel sorry for you. I was in love once myself, but I got over it. I got married. I am surprised at the girl. Looks like after she promised to marry you that she'd live up to it, considering the fact that you have been nice to her for nearly 6 weeks and gave her a ring, to boot.

Taking up the financial end of your case first, I would suggest, that you work some scheme to get hold of your ring and take it back to Woolworths and make them

PREVENTION OF SUICIDE NEXT

Detroit Specialist Declares That The Death Impulse Can Be Cured.

Detroit.—The suicide impulse is a curable disease, according to Dr. J. Clark Moloney of the division of neuropsychiatry, department of medicine of the Henry Ford hospital.

Dr. Moloney has conducted a research for several years on the causes and the cure of suicidal tendencies. He presented his views and the results of his studies after seven persons had taken their lives in 10 days here, three of them by jumping from skyscrapers. During the same period 10 others were near death from attempted suicides.

Dr. Moloney points out that despite the growing prevalence of suicide little is done to try to prevent it, though in his opinion suicide is curable, the same as tuberculosis, cancer, diphtheria and other diseases which have brought about huge preventative campaigns.

Death Rate Statistics. United States census bureau death rate statistics show that in 1926 suicides outnumbered smallpox deaths 32 to 1 and scarlet fever 5 to 1. From 1912 to 1926 the death rate for typhoid fever was reduced from 16.5 per 100,000 to 6.5. In the same period suicide dropped only from 16 deaths per 100,000 to 12.8. Deaths due to diphtheria were cut from 18.2 to 7.5, and meningitis from 11.5 to 3.1.

Each day in the Ford hospital division of neuro-psychiatry five or more cases of potential suicide are examined and preventive measures begun.

"The real suicide," said Dr. Moloney, "like the real poet or musician, is born and not made. The born suicide may never actually take his life, just as a person born with an alcoholic personality may never take a drink. Yet he has a definite type of psychiatric makeup.

"A suicide makeup is an outgrowth of two different influences, one the hereditary and the other the environment. If a person has the suicide personality and does not kill himself it is because the environment factor is lacking.

Inferiority Complex. "He will in most cases, however, possess a marked inferiority complex. In order to balance that he will attempt to excel in some particular line of endeavor which he hopes will place him above the plane of his fellowmen.

"The direct cause of suicide is refund your dime. If the glass stone is still in the ring and there aint too much dough stuck in the crevasses of the mounting, they will protect you.

There are several reasons why this girl is planning to dump you, and perhaps she feels justified in looking further for a life-time associate. If you will answer the following questions, I will then possibly diagnose your case: 1—Have you got Halitosis? 2—How often do you shave? 3—What is a bath-tub and why? 4—What did you pay for the box of candy you gave her? 5—Do you sit in her lap over 20 minutes at a time? 6—What kind of snuff does she dip? 7—Has she ever walked home? 8—Is there any money in boot-legging? 9—What do you want to get married for?

I suggest that you hunt up another girl. Of course you have lost 6 weeks of valuable time, but don't cry over spilt milk: feed the cow and wait awhile. Since short dresses arrived, it is mighty easy to love most any girl until you know more about how she does ansforth.

Your advisory friend, Gee McGee.

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the awareness of the frustration of ideals or ambition. This may be either real or imagined. The loss of hope that he ever will be any different is by far the most important symptom, and it is the hope which must be built up at the beginning of the cure.

"Those apt to commit suicide usually are persons of ability with emotional capacity. Suicide is not an act of the intelligence, but of the emotions. The types include such persons as bank presidents, high pressure salesmen, brilliant musicians, writers or otherwise talented persons. Their ages generally are between 40 and 60."

LOBSTERS USE SUEZ CANAL AS HIGHWAY TO NEW SEAS

Paris—Lobsters have learned to make use of the Suez Canal.

An investigation of the fish and shellfish of the Mediterranean by the Academy of Sciences here shows that a number of specimens hitherto peculiar to the Red Sea and Indian Ocean are now to be found in the Mediterranean.

A species of lobster which never before was known to exist outside of the Red Sea is now abundant along the coasts of Syria and Egypt, the report says. It is estimated it took the lobsters thirty years to go through the canal.

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