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TWINKLES

"Senator Simmons is the logical candidate for the presidency in 1932," writes Albert Monroe Snider in the Charlotte Observer. The statement puzzles us—logical candidate of what party? Mayhops Mr. Snider will inform.

HAS THE SENATOR TRAPPED HIMSELF, FORD-LIKE?

HAS SENATOR SIMMONS pulled a flivver boner, or a Ford mistake? It seems so to us. As has been mentioned heretofore in these columns, Henry Ford wrote some years back that a man successful in one profession or business should not dabble with another profession or business because he usually loses the rewards for the success attained in the business he knew something about. Then Mr. Ford, more adept at making autos than statements, came along and wrote philosophically of prohibition—something Mr. Ford seemingly knew very little about, and the inconsistency between his declarations and his actions made him appear somewhat foolish.

But to get back to the original topic—Senator Simmons was quoted last week, in a summary of famous current quotations, as saying: "My observation has been that most every Senator speaks more briefly and more concretely when he is thoroughly familiar with a subject than he does when he is not thoroughly familiar with it."

Righto, Senator! But can it be that you are not "thoroughly familiar" with this tariff measure you are fighting so valiantly? "Every Senator speaks more briefly and more concretely when he is familiar with his subject," yet how many typewritten pages were you forced to read to inform the august Senate just what you thought about the terrible administration tariff?

HOW DO YOU KNOW A WITNESS IS AN ATHEIST?

JUDGE THOMAS SHAW in refusing to hear the evidence of an atheist in the Charlotte hearing connected with the textile strike, a court move which has started a real legal controversy, may have been absolutely right in interpreting the law, yet after thinking over all the peculiar twists and turns used by lawyers in the courtroom in applying the law, we are inclined to wonder just how Judge Shaw knew Ben Wells to be an atheist.

Wells admitted his unbelief some may say and, therefore, why shouldn't Judge Shaw know that he was an unbeliever and his testimony of no value? But in the roundabout, and often useless technicalities of the court room Wells' admission would not necessarily excuse him as a witness. There are many times in the court room when the judge, the court attendants and the spectators know of their own mind that the defendant is guilty, but, unless actual testimony can be introduced to prove the guilt, the general knowledge of the guilt is worthless in bringing conviction. The law of North Carolina and of Maryland has it that an unbeliever may not testify in one of our courts because, since he does not believe in a Supreme Deity, his evidence cannot be believed. Suppose then that an atheist takes the stand and admits his unbelief, how does the court know for a positive fact that he is an atheist? Being an atheist his testimony, by our laws, cannot be believed, and if his statement regarding some case cannot be believed, why and in what manner may his statement that he is an atheist be taken for the truth?

If Judge Shaw did not have other witnesses to bring in and show that Wells was an atheist, since his own statements cannot be believed by the interpretation of the law, by what right did the jurist bar his testimony—if his word is not to be taken in one instance why accept it in another? If an atheist is to be feared as a liar, isn't he just as likely to lie in admitting his unbelief? Not that we question the veteran jurist's knowledge and interpretation of the law—we'll stack him up against any other in the State—but doesn't the move bring forth another legal puzzle for the lawyers, always looking for loop-holes, to debate?

ANOTHER SCHOOL PROBLEM FOR SHELBY PEOPLE

THE STAR does not know how the Shelby city schools should be operated and would not dare tell school officials or patrons how the schools should be run, because if things were reversed we would resent their telling us how to run The Star, although many people seem to know more about it than we do. However, since the opening of school here this year a controversy has developed which should be given some consideration. Just which side of the controversy is the right side we do not know, and it may be, as usually happens in such cases, that neither side is exactly right.

The reference is to one-session school days during inclement weather, or, rather, to the abandoning this year of the one-session plan. In years gone by, many parents became critical of too many one-session days, contending that the school day was often cut short at noon when the weather did not justify it. This year there have been several bad weather days, particularly Thursday of last week, and the fact that the city schools held two sessions that day with the children going home to lunch and returning has caused quite a commotion upon the part of scores of parents. Quite a

number of parents kept their younger children at home during the afternoon rather than permit them to return to school to be soaked en route and to sit throughout the remainder of the day in wet, cold clothing. On such days, according to repeated calls upon The Star to say something about it, many parents believe there should be only one session. For children fortunate enough to have a ride home and back in closed cars, it is argued, the two-session day when there is a steady rain may be all right, but of the 2,500 children attending school in Shelby there are hundreds not fortunate enough to have a ride. Their health, those opposed to two sessions on bad weather days argue, is endangered because they return to school thoroughly soaked and must sit through the remainder of the day in their wet clothing without enough exercise to prevent their taking cold.

It is an admitted fact that no great amount of school work can be done on one-session days, and school officials are not to be blamed for cutting one-session days to a minimum because these short sessions take all order out of the school schedule and slow up the years work, yet, The Star agrees, some consideration should be given the health and comfort of the children. Parents, judging by recent reports, will demand it.

Indubitably, there are two sides to the problem, but it would, we believe, be better for school officials and patrons to get together and settle the problem amicably before sentiment on both sides is overly aroused. It might be that an arrangement could be made for one-session days when the weather is extremely bitter with the line drawn so that one session would not be expected every day that a few drops of rain fell. The one-session school day can be carried to the extreme either way. The solution is not for this paper to offer; we merely call attention to the fact that the matter is being widely discussed about Shelby.

Nobody's Business

GEE McGEE—



It is not my duty or my purpose to suggest just how the farm relief board should run its business. I am a farmer all right, but I ain't no executive; if I were such an animal, I would not have to be a farmer, as the old woman said when she trimmed her last corn.

I know that there are many many things that might be done for the farmer. He needs something he hasn't got, but I am not sure that the farm board can supply his lack. He has a hard time working and worrying, and the only time he's able to keep his old car running is immediately after harvest and during the Christmas holidays.

The Federal Land Bank began to relieve the farmer ten or 15 years ago. So far, it has relieved him of about 356,786,999 acres, more or less, and it is not altogether the fault of either that this land has changed hands. Business is business. When a fellow borrows more than he can pay back, and it won't rain, he simply has to "let go" his collateral.

Now it would be mighty nice for this brand new farm relief board to buy the land now owned by the Federal Land bank and turn it back over to the farmers so's they would have something to mortgage to get money to farm on and pay taxes with. Of course it should be sold back to the farmers at today's prices. Well improved farm lands which were mortgaged for say, 75 dollars per acre ought to fetch at least 12 dollars an acre at present, including bolt weevils, fruit flies, corn borers, and bonded indebtedness.

If all of the farmers have moved to town, and they have moved to town according to a recent statement from the department of agriculture, I would like to know who in the thunder is raising the big surplus crops of cotton, corn, wheat, and 4-wheel brakes. Maybe the stuff is growing wild—like women and mush-rooms and poke salad. When I was a boy we had to plow and hoe or we wouldn't reap and blow. If the farm relief board starts that "back to the farm movement," we will be ruint for life.

Congress will possibly pass a protective tariff bill that will be a boon to everybody. If the import duty is raised on steel it will make a 25-cent plow point sell for 35 cents. The plow point in question won't cost the manufacturer any more than it is costing at present, but you see, it is this way: It will put more money in circulation so's folks will be "heeled" properly to buy the produce of the farmer, and a loaf of bread that now sells at 10 cents will cost only a dime after the system begins to co-ordinate and reciprocate with its political petticoat on. But seriously, farm relief will be a reality only after the farmers themselves learn to cooperate.

A parisian manufacturer has produced a cloth that is so thin that 83 yards of it are required to weigh a pound. Don't you

know the flappers are looking forward to the time when they can wear a dress made of that stuff. It will be so terribly diaphanous a fellow won't even be able to tell that she's got anything on at all except, possibly, a vaccination scar.

flat rock, a C. deer mr. editor: The pasture of my church has asked me to rite up the obituary of jim lemon smith who died seized and possessed at his home a few days ago and i will do so as follows:

gone on before to rest on the beautiful shore where he will suffer never more is the remains of jim lemon smith who passed to the sweet land beyond where there is no return with roomytism and lung trouble which he ketchted 2 yr. hence while running a saw mill anasorth down on the creek as he slept on the cold damp ground.

Jim will be missed a great deal by all concerned, he was "closely afflicted with st. paul methodist church since childhood and always took up the collection and rung the bell and he never failed to drop something in the hat hisself when he set it down on the little mahogany table which set near the organ where his hat was always left. his regular pasture preached the last sad writes.

his first wife succeeded him to the grave in 18 and 95 during the long drouth which worried her; mighty bad and his second wife passed on by being run over in the lot by a cow in 18 and 98 and his third wife survived him till last yr. when she laid down with newmony which she taken after she had the flu and dr. smith treated her to the last for gall bladder.

somewhere about 14 hairs are left behind to mourn his loss and all of them are boys except 9 girls whose names is jim and joe and sallie and rubin and bob and sam and 5 others which i have forgot, and in fact—i have never saw them since they moved off with different peddlers and agents which they married from time to time. he was buried on tuesday with 6 pole bearers present.

Jim was kind and gentle to everybody, but he never quite got over that installment collector who repossessed his ford last yr. but when anybody needed help in the community, he would generally pass around the prescription list for them to sign on and would turn in nearly all of the money he took in after taking out his expenses, mr. editor, before you print this, please rite or foam me and let me no if it is o. k., and if it ain, i will add something to it.

Displeased Him

Wife—"Before you were married you said mother could stay with us whenever she pleased."
Husband—"Yes, certainly—but she doesn't please."

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FRIDAY

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