

Local Citizens May Organize And Bid On Hotel Property Here

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the hope that the corporation would be able to meet its other financial obligations and the property be thus saved to the stockholders.

\$60,000 Is Still Due.

"The hotel did not operate at a profit and the interest on the indebtedness accumulated until on October 15, 1929, the debts outstanding aggregated approximately \$135,000. On that day the building and equipment were destroyed by fire. Fire insurance in the sum of \$75,000 was carried. This has been collected and applied on the indebtedness thus leaving approximately \$60,000 still due. The premium rate was so high we could not pay for more. This indebtedness is due The First National Bank of Philadelphia and is secured by a mortgage. Default has been made in the payment and all of the property is now being advertised for sale, which sale is to be held in Shelby, January 18, 1930, at 12 o'clock."

STRANGE NEGRO DIES ON BASS SUTTLE FARM

A strange negro came to the home of Fred Grier on the Bass Suttle farm west of Shelby a few days ago and after a short stay he went off and returned. Soon thereafter he took sick and died. Coroner T. C. Eskridge and County Auditor A. E. Cline went to the Grier home this morning and found the negro to be from Bishopville, S. C.

What A Billion Means.

(From The Rocky Mountain News.) It is just as easy to say billion as million. The word has been spoken frequently and familiarly during the recent affairs in Wall street. And a public grown used to large figures hasn't been so much impressed. For many days recently the stock market fluctuated by billions one way or the other.

Charles Ransom, lumber man of Memphis, Tenn., turns the microscope of practical imagination on a billion dollars and dramatizes it. Here is how it figures out:

If a billion had been accumulated 500 years before Christ, had not been allowed to draw interest and had been paid out at the rate of \$1,000 a day every day since, up to and including November 21, 1929, there would still be \$112,868,000 left.

Cleveland Cloth Mill Personals

(Special to The Star.)

Mr. Rip Smith visited his parents in Newton last Sunday. Miss Esoline Wilson has left for Greenville, S. C. to spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss Lorie Walker will arrive the last of the week to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents. Miss Walker is a student of the G. W. C. of Greenville, S. C. Mrs. Lawrence Pettigrew and Mrs. Teech Beamon motored to Fallston Monday afternoon.

Mrs. B. Teale visited Mrs. L. Miller Wednesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. W. Cashion and family will leave Sunday morning for McAdenville to visit their parents for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Finney and their daughter, Mozelle, will leave Saturday to spend Christmas holidays in Virginia.

Miss Sally Allison will leave Saturday to spend the holidays in Gastonia.

Eleven pieces of silverware were found in the stomach of a Florida boy, says an item. That would be if those were percolators.

Nagging Wives, Judges Declare Drive Many Husbands To Evil

Atlanta.—Nagging wives were reminded by the Georgia supreme court that "it is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop than with a brawling woman and in a wide house," in affirming the judgment of the Fulton superior court, granting a complete divorce to Edward F. Ross from Mrs. Cora M. Ross. Ross had complained that his wife's nagging caused him to live in a rear room of his home, doing his own cooking and making his own bed for two years.

In addition to citing the Proverbs, the high judiciary quoted the following from a decision written by Justice Hill several years ago:

"From the days of Socrates and

Antippe men and women have known what is meant by nagging, although philology cannot define it or legal chemistry resolve it into its elements. Humor cannot soften it or wit divert it. Prayers avail nothing and threats are idle. Soft words but increase its velocity and harsh ones its violence. Darkness has for it no terrors and long hours of night draw no drapery of the couch around it. The chamber where love and peace should dwell becomes an inferno driving the poor man to the saloon, the rich man to his club, and both into the arms of the harlot. It takes the sparkle out of the wine of life and turns at night into ashes the fruits of the labor of the day."

Hospital Charges For Middle Class People

Chapel Hill Weekly.

The high cost of hospital treatment is a matter of constantly increasing concern. One is always seeing allusions to it in the newspapers, and no half dozen people can gather together that one of them does not have a melancholy tale to tell, out of his own experience, of a curpus wiped out, or of forced borrowings, to meet hospital bills.

"Will Hospitalization Become Monopoly of Rich and Poor?" is the headline over an editorial in the Raleigh Times. The text for the subsequent comments is a recent case reported from Newark, New Jersey.

A child in a poor negro family swallowed a pin. At the hospital seven X-ray photographs were taken before the pin was located in the bronchial tubes near the lungs. The doctors, deciding that an operation was not possible, sought to get the pin out with pincers. A long silver tube was inserted in the throat with an electric light bulb less than an eighth of an inch in diameter near the end. Through the inside of this was run a second tube bearing the pincers. A fluoroscope had to be used to enable the doctors to watch the movement of the pincers through the chest wall, and it could be operated only 17 seconds without burning the child. Four times the 17 seconds were not enough. The fifth attempt was successful.

The child stayed in the hospital five months. For all this expensive service—for the X-ray photographs, for the nursing, for the medical attention, for the maintenance—the hospital received nothing because the patient's family had nothing.

"Had this been a child of the middle class," says the Times, "the costs would have included doctor's fees, special nurses, and so on, sufficient to mortgage the family income for years. Had she been a daughter of the rich a fortune would have been involved. The idea of general hospitalization is, of course, a fine ideal toward which to work. But, as in many other phases of our civilization, one of its great problems is how to avoid grinding as between millstones that portion of the population which will not consent to be considered the objects of charity and yet is not able to pay the high fees necessary to be demanded if charity is to be served—as it must be."

A few weeks ago we told in these columns of an inquiry being made by the committee on the cost of medical care. This body was formed at the instance of the American Medical association and it is composed of some of the most eminent physicians and laymen in the country. They have set about collecting all the available data on the subject under the investigation, and, when this has been done, they hope to make suggestions for relieving the burden upon persons of

moderate means who must have hospital service.

As it is now the cost of serving charity patients has to be borne by pay patients, and that is why the pay patients have to pay so much. John Smith, merchant or teacher or lawyer, goes to the hospital to have his appendix or his gallstones removed, and when he settles what purports to be his own bill he is also settling the bill of Thomas Jones who was operated on free of charge. But why should this additional levy be laid upon John Smith any more than upon other citizens who have not had to go to the hospital at all? Why shouldn't they, as well as he, pay for the operation of the poverty-stricken Jones? The obvious solution of the problem, then, would seem to be for the community as a whole, not merely those who go to the hospital, to bear the cost of the service to charity patients. The trouble is that legislature and boards of commissioners and the town councils will not appropriate enough money, or anything like enough, to meet this cost.

We await curiously the suggestions of the committee on the cost of medical care. It is difficult to see how they can recommend anything else than greater outlays from public funds (which means higher taxation) and greater benefaction from the rich. We think it doubtful, however, if the committee's proposals will have any considerable effect upon the action of appropriating bodies. After all, people know now, just as they will know after some committee tells them, that, if enough public money is expended upon the construction and maintenance of hospitals, this will take care of the charity cases.

For the individual, probably the only answer lies in health insurance. Some have adopted this precaution, but many more have not. Paying insurance premiums is unpleasant. It involves the sacrifice of luxuries and comforts upon which every normal man sets a high value. But anybody is apt to have to go to the hospital some day—and when that day comes it will be very agreeable to pass on the bill to some bloated insurance company in Philadelphia or New York or Hartford.

At Lutheran Church.

Marion street school building, Rev. N. D. Young, pastor. Sunday school at 10 o'clock. A Christmas pageant at the Sunday school hour. Morning worship 11 o'clock. Subject "Announcing the King." Luther league 8 o'clock. Subject "How Christmas Sets the Whole World Singing." Evening worship 7 o'clock, subject "Can People do as they please?"

The new Soviet postmark slogan is "Think before you kiss." Considering the popularity of whiskers over there, that not only seems advisable but necessary. The stock market sometimes is bitter to the last drop.

Holiday Trade Near Peak; Open Nights

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people from far and near have found out that practically everything they want can be supplied from these stores at a reasonable price.

Saturday, Monday, then comes Christmas eve and on the eve of Christmas the stores will be open until midnight. Then on Christmas day, the stores will be closed as usual, but they will re-open the day after Christmas and begin making preparations for stock taking and the new year.

Cotton Market

Cotton was quoted at noon today on New York exchange:

Jan. 16.80, March 17.11, May 17.34, July 17.55, Dec. 16.80. Yesterday's close: Jan. 16.91, March 17.21, May 17.44, July 17.65, Dec. 16.90.

Print cloths in Worth street yesterday about 100,000 pieces late deliveries, hard to get. Sheetings quiet to be thirteen four to thirteen five. Look for trading market awaiting some new incentive.

CLEVELAND, O.

The bee really is a lazy fellow, according to a science bulletin. One of these days someone will tell us that a congressman is busy.

Forty Two Mile Chase, Liquor Car

Elmer Robbins and Vernon Corbin of Spindale were chased 42 miles early this morning and apprehended by Officers Frank Stamey, Tom Sweazy and Marshall Moore near Forest City. They started their chase at 4 o'clock this morning near Peeler's store on No. 18 north and followed it through Shelby. Robbins, the owner and driver, was at the wheel and Corbin was in the rumble seat with ten gallons of whiskey for the holidays. Both were fined in recorder's court this morning and fined \$400 each with a suspended sentence of six months.

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