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TWINKLES

If the editorial pages in North Carolina papers are not overburdened with food for thought today, readers should recall that it should be blamed upon Governor Gardner's North Carolina food banquet at Raleigh last night at which many of the editors were guests. Of which much, undoubtedly, will be heard later.

The two major controversies in North Carolina today seem to be: Should Senator Simmons be renominated, and should Duke University employ a football coach who knows his onions, or, rather, one who knows his football? Both important queries have certain connections with the power interests.

Applause is in order from those of us who learned our geography in the old days for those instrumental in governmental surveys. A recent survey discloses, so Washington dispatches say, that Mt. Mitchell is the highest peak in the East. Good that it is so, for many of us would not have given in secretly to Clingman's Dome, or other peaks, had we been confronted with the actual measurements.

ENGLAND NOW HAS HER HARRIET BEECHER STOWE.

JUST HOW MUCH Harriet Beecher Stowe and her "Uncle Tom's Cabin," of which you may think just what you please, had to do with bringing on the bloody Civil War is a matter for your own mind. But from London comes the story of the development in England of a Harriet Beecher Stowe for that continent. Lady Simon, wife of a famous English lawyer and politician, has written a book entitled "Slavery," a book that tells the inside, supposedly, of four to six million people still in slavery. This paper has not been fortunate enough to make a personal acquaintance with Lady Simon's book, but by the reviews we learn that her slavery charges are not directed at anything immediately about the central island of the British empire; most of the details centering about China, Abyssinia, Liberia, and Arabia. Without doubt, Lady Simon's book should be interesting reading, but prior to the writing we are inclined to wonder if she ever read what G. D. Eaton, an Easterner, known in years gone by as "a Yankee," had to say about the aftermath of Harriet Beecher Stowe's writing? If such was the case, she, indubitably, got her fact straight before taking a chance on stirring up as much trouble as did an American woman who pretended to know much about slavery conditions, and knew just enough to send this country into a bloody whirlpool, the eddies of which are still in evidence long years thereafter.

SANTA'S TIME DRAWS NEAR; WHAT OF SHELBY'S POOR?

FOUR MORE days until Christmas! Just three more days in which those charitably inclined, their hearts flooded with the spirit of the season, may give to The Star's Empty Stocking Fund. And much more should be given.

In Gastonia and in Charlotte the Empty Stocking Funds are hitting for the \$1,500 mark. In Shelby it will be a battle to reach \$500—just five hundred dollars from the county-seat of the state's greatest farming county, just five hundred dollars from the town considered, in this year of so-called hard times, the most prosperous in the state—and, perhaps, not that much! We may well feel proud of our prosperous banks and business firms, our industrial plants which continue to operate full time, our progress in all lines, but what of the humble homes scattered here and there, homes visited by misfortune and sickness, homes where working men and women have done their best only to be buffeted about by the strokes of fate? What of them? Will we pass them up, will Santa Claus, the popular spirit of the world's greatest season, pass them up because we are generally "pretty well off"?

Deserted mothers, are they to blame? Children hardly old enough to realize why, is it their fault that they do not have shoes, clothing and food, not to mention playthings for Christmas? Sick fathers and mothers, shedding silent tears under the cover of night's darkness because their children may not have any Santa Claus, is it their fault? Have we all had such a rosy path through life that we cannot comprehend to a certain extent their feelings?

In less than a week Shelby will be sitting by Yuletide hearths, watching the play of happy children, exulting in our own gifts and those given our friends. Are not those who will have no Christmas unless we give our friends, our brothers? What would He, whose birth anniversary we celebrate, think should we declare them to be none of ours? Why was He? What Meant He to us? Just another day or two in which to prove ourselves worthy. Will we?

FLORIDA, INTERESTING TO ALL, NOW BUILDS UPON SOUND BASIS

IT WAS just a few years ago that Florida was the talk of the entire nation as well as the talk of the South. Then a series of mishaps struck the sunshine state and since the nation has talked of Florida in tones of sadness. Many people in this section, interested in Florida financially and otherwise, realize that Florida will not forever be in the doldrums. Florida even now is staging a come-back, and has been. No state boasting such a remarkable climate and atmosphere can ever be down and out altogether. Florida, with

all of her natural resources, has been strengthening for a come-back which will not depend upon a shoestring and a question mark.

It was just a few days ago that the conservative Wall Street Journal devoted several columns to show that Florida—there's something of magic in the name—is going ahead steadily and healthily in getting herself in order for the future. Of this future The Asheville Citizen, very observant in its opinions, says:

"Florida has been unfortunate the past year or two in that its misfortunes have had a far wider publicity than its constructive achievements. But Floridians have not allowed this to disturb them unduly. Their faith in Florida has never been shaken and their courage has been proof against every form of adversity. That is why Florida is steadily and surely coming back.

"Two things especially are benefiting Florida at the present time, the spirit with which its people have settled down to work and their readiness to face facts. They did not try to dodge the problem with which they were presented governmentally, as a result of many of the counties having gotten themselves into an unsound position financially during the period of over-production. Florida as a state has no bonded indebtedness but the counties had so overloaded themselves with debt as to endanger the state. Under the leadership of Governor Carlton, a plan was worked out for using a portion of the gasoline tax to take care of this situation.

"Florida overhauled her tax system, discovered certain new sources of income, strengthened the laws relating to land taxes and created a delinquent tax board for each county whose business it was to adjust values and endeavor to bring land back on the tax books. Governor Carlton tells the Wall Street Journal that excellent results have been secured and that now, "financially, Florida should have new revenues and is established on a basis which insures good business and good credit for each county."

Nobody's Business

GEE McGEE—



Then.

Back yonder in 19 and 20, the man said: "Yes, I am looking for a nice farm with a little house thereon painted white with green blinds and a well of good water on the back porch, and it must have a pasture and plenty wood. I am willing to pay a fair price for something like that. It is getting time for me to buy myself a home."

Now.

Today the man said: "Sure, I am in the market for a nice automobile. I want something to get about in, and naturally prefer a long wheel base and 4-wheel brakes, and my favorite color is light blue trimmed in grey, but of course the car I buy must be equipped with everything useful. I am willing to pay all the money I have in the bank now, and will bind myself and my wife and my youngsters for the balance and will pay it if we live. It is getting about time for us to trade in our old lizard that we swapped our farm for a year or so ago."

Cotton Letter.

New York, Dec. 10.—Liverpool came in 22 points lower than due in sympathy with Suez Canal 6s, but as Crude oil snowed a slight gain in New York, March contracts were hedged in Bombay at 17.88, but southern selling soon offset the weather that prevailed in Texas last night and immediately thereafter, some realizing took place; that is—the bulls realized that they were busted. The Federal Reserve and other reserves have been used to scotch the stock market, and Solomon and all his glory are now trying to figure out who lost the \$47,000,000,000.00 that the suckers got loose from recently in order that the coffers of the wealthy might be swollen to excess. Anyway and anyhow, we still think limberger cheese will continue strong.

Chicken Dressing.

The new evening dresses for the fair sex are made in the following manner: First, Tie a string around her waist. Second, Hang about 1 yard of something flimsy in front thereof and let the same swing loose to the knees. Third, Hang about 2 yards of something also flimsy at the back and let it drag the ground. Fourth, Spread something more flimsy than ever slightly over the chest. Fifth, Dust her back with talcum powders, paint her cheeks, marshallow her nose, and there she is: ready for anything or anybody. If a good model of one of these "evening gowns" is desired just grab the first scare-crow you see.

What Be Long Now

Bishop Cannon must be about through bishop-plaz by now. He did not have enough of his kind of religion to appreciate the fact that Al Smith's religion was good enough for him. I have never seen any of our presidents use much of their religion in the management of affairs governmental. Some men can have just any kind of faith and be reasonable and sensible at the same time. Bro. Cannon would do well to stick to his knittin' from now on, and it is possible that old Virginia

can make out her ballots without his advice. We respectfully advise him to read the 44th chapter of Melchisedek.

A Santa Claus Letter.

flat rock, s. c., dec the 19, 1929.
mr. sandy claws,
north pole, n. y.
deer old sandy claws:
I am a little man only 62 yr. old and finished the first grade, then I had to go to work, so I thought I would rite you a few lines to tell you what to fetch me and my little friends. I have been a good feller ever since last yr. when you come and I still have some of the segars left yet.

sandy claws ples bring me a pr. of beef scales what wont way so heavy and a beef knife and a sign to hang on my beef waggin which reads as follows: "mike Clark, rfd. —his beef waggin." It costs nearly 38¢ to get this sign painted here since the war, so you can help me a right smart by getting this stuff up for me.

deer old sandy, my little wife has done fairly well enduring the present yr. considering of her roomy-tism andsoforth which has kept me up a good many nights with linnymint, so fetch her a big black shawl to wear over her shoulders so's I can get my overcoat when I want to go anny wheres and also bring along a coffee pot and a box of face powder and a pr. of hoses, silk, if possible.

oh, yes, sandy: ples be sure to fetch me a big mushtash cup for buttermilk andsoforth, and how about a box of tobacker (browns mule) with a package of snuff for both of us? and remember a beef knife with a long blade is the kind I want, so if you fetch along a knife with a short blade, you might as well throw it back into yore sled and drive on. I have 2 of them kind.

I want you to fetch gee mcgee a book which will teach him how to rite the truth insted of lies andsoforth, and also a nice nake tie would make him look better, as the 1 I give him about 5 yr. hence has wore out, but he don't seem to know it. If it aint too much trubbull, bring him a pr. of sox without green in them, the pr. he has been using for several months have lost they shape and fricks will no he is green without the sox being that color.
and fetch gee neges's uncle joe a big feather bed and a feather piller to match and some good whittlin sticks and also a sofy piller would come in handy for him to use on the coarhouse benches where he loaf's andsoforth, and if his aunt m-nervy knowed how to use a good shotgun in the modern female way, I would ask you to fetch her 1 of them, but —ll leave that to you, as she is a good woman, but married before she shot, come in my house by the back way as the house in front of min' is not where I live, so lookout for my beef waggin. if in dout, rite or foam befor you get there so's we can be a sleep.
Yeres trulie,
mike, Clark, rfd.

Tribute To Stamey By A Shelby Friend

(By J. A. Wilson.)

To his many friends who knew him well his memory is now enshrined in our hearts as Tom. He always met us with a smile and we remember many hours of pleasant conversation together. And of late years to see him always made us think of Henry Ford and Mr. Rockefeller, and they had some traits in common.

His life answers the question that comes to so many young people of this very strenuous age, "Is life worth living?" Yes, a good name is more to be desired than all the wealth of the earth, and to have the good-will and esteem of our neighbors.

To die like the righteous, we must live like the righteous.
Be patient and endure till the end and we too may make our lives sublime. Just doing every day with good-will and cheerfulness what our hands find to do, we reach the goal at last. May we, too, like our friend, see the beauty around us and help to interpret it to others that all may be made the happier, and that our last end may be like his.

DR. W. L. POTEAT DESCRIBES ILL EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL

Wake Forest.—"There is no such thing as good whisky," Dr. William Louis Poteat told Wake Forest boys on the eve of the Christmas holidays in an address at the assembly period upon the physiological effects of alcohol. "Some whisky may be better than others, depending upon its constituents, but all of it is poisonous.

"Many people have delusions in regarding whisky as a beneficial stimulus, that it sharpens one's wit. In reality booze takes off the brakes giving boldness and recklessness full sway, untempered with the finer graces which have marked the recent progress of our civilization.

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