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TWINKLES

Thanksgiving is gone. Less than a month now until Christmas.

A colored parson was in county court here last week on three charges, one being that of embezzlement. Hard times must be showing up in the collection plate.

All the reporters have for several days now been trying to excel each other in writing gripping stories about the cold grip of King Winter and the first snow storm.

A critic says movie stars are not as popular now as they were before the advent of the talkies. That's easy to solve. The actresses of the old cinema never talked, and became, therefore, rare girls to the males in the audience.

Just a few years ago Mabel Willebrandt was making it hard on violators of the prohibition law in her role as one of the chiefs in the prohibition department. Now she's aiding California grape growers in their fight to sell potential wine. "What a chance in sentiment," as The Rocky Mount Telegram says, "a little encouragement can make."

Young Abernethy, the Catawba college student at State college who wrote the newspaper article about college cheating and came very near being shipped, was given a licking on the campus the other day by another student. Bystanders all college boys, cheered on Abernethy's assailant. The daring youngster who believes in saying what he thinks, must be rated under two classifications—an exponent of free speech and a "tattle-tale."

NO TIME FOR A CHANGE

Reports from Raleigh have it that Dr. A. T. Allen, superintendent of public instruction for the State, is considering a proposal to change several of the textbooks now being used in the elementary schools of the State. Dr. Allen favors the change, the reports say because "it is believed that a considerable reduction in prices may be obtained by adopting books at this time". In other words, Dr. Allen's position is that a change will work for economy because the proposed new books will cost less than the books now being used. The matter of making a change, however, must be endorsed by the Board of Public Education, and meantime there is considerable controversy over the State about the changes.

Dr. Allen is perhaps right in that it will be economy in the long run to make the change. But he should remember that the original outlay at this time is what will meet with the general objections of parents. It may be within a few years, when times are better, that the changes now talked should be made. It is certainly no time for a change. Parents are having enough trouble now in getting together enough money to foot the family bills. New books may cost less than the present books, but when we have books that will serve the purpose, why make a change when money is none too plentiful? And, as The Greensboro News says, if due to business conditions Dr. Allen can get new books at a lower price than the books now being used, why is it that the books now in use have not decreased in price?

The book situation is somewhat on the basis of the family automobile—many men now have automobiles of a make that can be purchased at a lower price than the cars they now own, but with times as they are, and the old car in running condition, it is foolish economy to make the change merely to receive the benefit of the reduction in price.

OPPORTUNITY STILL THERE

WITH THE RAPID advancement of the machine age many young men are inclined to the viewpoint that opportunities to make good are not what they once were. Stories of poor boys who have risen high in the world are sneered at by numerous young men today, the claim being that those old days are gone forever.

Such, as The New York Times points out, is not the case. Poor young men are still rolling up vast fortunes; the opportunities are still there.

The Times view based upon the final accounting of the estate of the late Thomas Fortune Ryan, revealing a fortune of \$121,028,992, the estate having increased in value over four million dollars since his death. Twenty two million dollars go to the State of New York for inheritance tax.

The Ryan career is a romantic one, of the Horatio Alger type, and such careers are yet possible.

People of the Shelby section who have motored up through the Valley of Virginia have noticed perhaps the mammoth Ryan country estate. It is near the place where young Ryan left as a poor farm boy for the big city. After viewing the big estate the writer once made inquiries about the boyhood of the street railway king. An old citizen pointed out a fine little church in the small crossroads town. "That church," he said, "stands on the spot where Thomas Fortune Ryan was born. He built the church in memory of his nar-

ents. When he left here he carried his worldly belongings in a large handkerchief. Today—well, you've seen his place over there. That's just one of them; he is one of the richest men in New York."

Young Ryan began his career as a clerk. Gradually he rose and at the height of his career he owned the street railways of New York and was a rubber magnate.

It may be that a present day poor boy has little chance of being a street railway magnate as was Ryan, but there are other opportunities. Just because the world has progressed is no reason why opportunity has been eliminated. Instead, the more progress the more avenues to success. Street railways of the day when the poor Virginia boy trudged away from home could not be compared with modern street railways, but some of the other industries and opportunities of today are not what they will be 50 years from now. A new generation of Thomas Fortune Ryans will transform them.

THE WAR ON RACKETEERING

FOR SEVERAL YEARS now the larger cities of America have been controlled, or more or less subjugated, to the control of gangsters and racketeers. Wealthy and well organized gangs in Chicago and New York have for some time had things pretty much their own way. City governments have made fights upon the growth of racketeering, but have failed to dislodge the octopus of crime entwining its slimy grip about not only the underworld but integral parts of the cities. The small-town observer has been wondering for some time if gang rule would ever be shaken off in the metropolitan centers, or if the gangsters would eventually increase their power. Recently the national government declared war on the gangster. The declaration was received with varying opinions, some declaring that it was just a move to catch attention and would soon die, while others expressed the belief that a fight by the federal government upon gang rule would ultimately end the reign of crime. The latter viewpoint is accepted by The New York World, to an extent at least. The World, in the following comment, says racketeering can be halted, but only by a long-drawn out, relentless battle:

"Not in many months has a new movement appeared with more apparent vigor than the present effort to put an end to racketeering in the larger cities. The creation of a committee of public safety in New York is matched by the

creation of similar agencies in other cities. The federal government has offered the services of a half dozen of its bureaus, equipped to deal with problems of this sort. Grand juries have begun investigations. The National Crime Commission has offered its co-operation.

"This appearance of a concerted effort to stamp out a particularly vicious type of extortion is altogether timely. Racketeering has made far more progress than the average person realizes. It is threatening many industries. It has become a major problem in many populous communities. Evidence of public interest in this problem is immensely reassuring.

"The important question is whether this interest will turn out to be merely momentary or whether it will remain alert and vigorous until the problem has been solved. It is easy enough to start movements of this sort. It is difficult to keep them going. It is particularly difficult to keep them going when they necessitate a long and patient search for facts, a constant watchfulness against the resumption of practices temporarily discontinued under pressure, the purging of the courts of judges and magistrates who are on terms of intimacy with gangsters, and the reorganization.

"It is possible to put an end to racketeering. But it is possible to put an end to it only by realizing that the effort which has now begun is a real war and not a skirmish."

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF BANKING

THE MAN who sits behind a banker's desk and passes on loans, is to be sympathized with, rather than envied. He has a great responsibility in handling the money of other people and making sure on his own good judgment that it is safe. A bank does not keep idle the money of its depositors. Money, to fill its mission, must move through the various trade channels.

In the Asheville district recently, there were 14 bank failures. Most of these can be traced to land speculation, inflated prices and the consequent collapse in values which came with the period of depression. Too often there is a shortage of funds which is inexcusable. Punishment should be meted out in such cases when and where the blame is properly attached. Some bankers whose judgment is wrong in the matter of making loans, find their institutions weakened in a crises like these and they stoop to irregularities and violations which are also inexcusable and should be pun-

ished. A good, honest banker is a community servant and contributes to the stability and growth of the section he serves. When you hear a banker being criticised for being "tight" with loans, put it down that he is a safe banker and you may rest assured your funds are secure in his custody. On the other hand when you see a banker making too liberal loans without ample security, you had better keep your surplus change at home.

Shelby is fortunate in having strong, conservative banks that can weather any gale or storm. They do not lead to wild-cat speculators, real estate boomers and plungers. Safety and conservatism have always marked their history and they have a financial rating with the big financial institutions of the money centers that few banks in the country can boast of. Their interest has always been to finance and encourage farming, merchandising, manufacturing and other legitimate enterprises that make for the growth and progress of the community. With their strength, safety and security known and recognized beyond the bounds of this county, money is coming here for deposit from those unfortunate people in the areas of Western Carolina where banks have closed.

It is a community pride to know our banks are not built on the sands of speculation, but are founded on the rocks of reliable, legitimate service.

LATTIMORE NEWS OF STAR ROUTE

(Special to The Star.)
Lattimore, Star Route, Nov. 26.—Mrs. Hannah Pruett, who fell some time ago and got hurt is improving rapidly.
Hog killing is in great progress in this section since the cold wave. Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Davis Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Dec. Byars and Mr. and Mrs. Thurman. Byars and Mr. Rome Davis and Mr. Clarence Holden all of No. 1 township and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Price and Mrs. J. E. Price of Gaffney S. C.
Mrs. Landrum Pruett of Cliffside spent Tuesday with Mrs. Cleveland Pruett.
Mr. and Mrs. June Lovelace of Boiling Springs visited at the home of Mr. C. C. Pruett Sunday afternoon.
Miss Inez Davis is spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Davis.
Mrs. C. C. Pruett visited her sister Mrs. John Kren who is on the sick list Sunday afternoon.
Mrs. Carmas Hamrick who has been on the sick list continues about the same.
Our idea of a simple minded citizen is waiting for congress to convene, expecting immediate relief from all ills.
The way to prosperity, according to some boosters, is in a large public pep meeting, with everybody chanting "good times are here; it ain't going to rain no more."

THE STAR WANTS YOU

Reichstag Storm Center As Fascisti Wreck City



The opening of the fifth Reichstag of the German Republic marked scenes of disorder and rioting in the streets of Berlin. The mention of Chancellor Henrich Bruening (above) at the first session was the signal for a chorus of cries of "hunger dictator" by the Communists.

Polkville News Of Current Week

Polkville, Nov. 26.—We are all glad to see the sunshine after several days of rain.

The Ladies club met with Mrs. C. C. Whisman Monday night and elect the following officers for the coming year: Mrs. Orange Lattimore, president; Mrs. Foster Elliott, vice president; Miss Hattie Whisman, secretary; Mrs. R. L. Elliott, and Mrs. C. C. Whisman, county council leaders; Community leader, Mrs. Tom Stacey.

The Polkville high school gave a womanless wedding and a husband convention Saturday night. It was well attended. The proceeds will go for the benefit of the Athletic association.

Mrs. Henry Elliott is spending the week with her father, Mr. Jim Rucker of Ruth.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Palmer and daughter, Mary D. spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Ramsey.

Miss Josephine Ramsey spent the week-end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Ramsey.

Miss Martha Sue Royster of Fallston spent the week-end with Miss Eula Withrow.

Mrs. John McEntire and daughter, Inez, of Waco, was the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sip Withrow.

Miss Charline Gold of the Boiling Springs junior college is spending the week-end with her respective parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gold.

Miss Earele Dellinger of the Polkville school faculty spent the week-end with Miss Hattie Whisman.

Mr. Milton Gold has accepted a position with Joe Elliott as salesman.

Miss Lucille Packard had as her week-end guest Miss Mattie Whisman.

Mr. and Mrs. Paxton Elliott of Shelby spent Sunday with their parents Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Ellen and family motored to their home in Avery county for the week-end.

Miss Sarah Bell Elliott spent the week-end with her home folks.

ONE WILL ALWAYS STAND OUT

What it takes to "get there"!

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