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TWINKLES

Maybe this economy program of cutting the corners will finally get to that corner around which prosperity is said to be turning.

Mark Sullivan, the political prognosticator, thinks there will be a third party in the 1932 campaign. Leaders of both parties have a number of followers in their parties they would not mind, we suspect, of giving up to a third party.

Can't understand why the movie directors took Clara Bow out of her next film just because court evidence revealed that she had stepped about a bit. Do they think that the thousands who pack movie houses to see the "It" girl in action have believed all these years that she was all nice and not a teeny tiny bit naughty?

The proposed salary slash for public workers in North Carolina seems to be more popular in the eastern section of the State than anywhere else. One Eastern Carolina paper discussing the proposed slash says: "We do not see what all those public workers in Raleigh are hollering about; if they do not want their pay cut, they'll have plenty of time between now and March, or July, when the slash goes into effect, to get out; and they'll find plenty of folks looking for their jobs."

NO BREAKING THIS WILL

OVER IN ENGLAND some of these days a man will read his own will after his death. A retired manufacturer there has had a talking motion picture of himself made while reading his last will and testament. Not only has he had the talkie made, but he has planned the seating of his hearers so that he may face each listener as he addresses him or her.

In addition to naming his bequest, says The New York Times, "he will quite frankly point out the faults and virtues of each individual, getting off his chest post-mortem compliments and condemnation which life, perhaps, never gave him the courage or the opportunity to deliver. And there will be no talking back."

BISHOP MOUZON, HOOVER AND BOOZE

BACK IN 1928 when Al Smith was a candidate for president Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon, of Charlotte, opposed him because of Smith's views on prohibition. Speaking at a meeting last week in Charlotte Bishop Mouzon said: "Herbert Hoover has been in office for two years and not yet does the public know whether he is wet or dry." The bishop likewise took issue with Hoover's pre-election assertion that prohibition was "a noble experiment."

Viewpoints have certainly changed in two years time. It was just a couple of years ago that Clyde R. Hoey was advocating the cause of the Democratic candidate, declaring that Smith was frank and open about his views on prohibition while Hoover would say or do nothing that would class him as either a dry or a wet. But at that time there were many good churchmen who could not understand why Hoey, a church leader himself, could think such horrid things about Mr. Hoover. Now, it seems, as if many of the Hoey critics of two years ago are getting around to his method of thinking.

Read these other remarks by Bishop Mouzon:

"Not since the passing of the 18th amendment has there been a president who has done anything to see that it was enforced.

"The great war President (Wilson), was not in favor of enforcement, not because he favored liquor, but because he did not approve of the form of the law.

"Harding, of course, did nothing for he was interested in no moral question. Coolidge said nothing and did nothing.

"And Hoover's Wickersham commission only sits behind closed doors, occasionally cracking them open to whisper a little and watch how the public will take that."

TIGHTEN YOUR BELTS, FARMERS

THE FOLLOWING BIT of satire—which should draw a dry grin, if nothing else, from farmers—by R. H. L. in The Chicago Tribune does a pretty good job of explaining why there is always much talk about farm relief but very little actual relief:

"And why, starving farmers in Arkansas and Kentucky and points west, likewise south and north and probably east, should the w. k. house of representatives at Washington give you fifteen million bucks for hot dogs, ham sandwiches, blankets, and oats and hay for your horses, cows, and mules when there's so many other things to attend to?"

"Lookit, farmers! The house has got to pass an appropriation of \$750,000 for the George Rogers Clark memorial down at Vincennes, Ind., and \$1,750,000 for our big World's Fair up here in Chicago. Tighten your belts and think of that. Also reflect that the house of representatives has got to let loose of \$11,000,000 to enforce prohibition this coming year. Tighten your belt some more and reflect on the fact that congress is called on to cough up a million bucks to build an American embassy in Rome and \$250,000 for pur-

chasink likker for prohibition officers, and that likewise congress is busy debating whether or not the two middies who were fired for taking a couple of dames into the mess hall at the Naval Academy shall be given a pat on the back and a sweet kiss and taken back. And also there is a protracted debate going on in congress as to who won the war—the regular army, the national guard, or the national divisions. It's going to take quite a while to settle that.

"So tighten your belts some more, farmers! Your house of representatives down in Washington has got a lot to think about and a lot of things to give money to before it gets around to your case."

LEE STICKS TO VIRGINIA

MONDAY WAS THE BIRTH anniversary of Gen. Robert E. Lee, the "Marse Robert" of the Confederacy, and nothing better illustrates the real Lee than an article in the current issue of a church paper telling of what happened when he was offered the command of the Northern army. Lee was at that time a colonel in the United States Army. When a conflict between the States seemed unavoidable he was offered the command of the Federal troops.

He remained silent for some minutes after the offer was made. The man who made the offer said:

"Colonel Lee, it cannot be possible that you are contemplating espousing the cause of the seceded states?"

Lee replied that he had come to no decision.

Then the official, Mr. Blair, said:

"But you could never take a step that would prove so calamitous to you and those dear to you. The South is headed for disaster. She can never succeed."

"It is not a matter of success, Mr. Blair, but one of right and duty. Virginia has withdrawn from the Union. She is in peril. I am a Virginian. Can I stand by you and see my state invaded and not lift an arm to defend her? There is a sacred cause dearer than life itself, that of defending the honor and integrity of the state."

"Virginia is a traitor to the Union, and as such—"

"Stop, Mr. Blair. Virginia is no traitor. President Lincoln has called on Virginia to furnish troops to invade her sister states of the South. The constitution gives him no such authority, and Virginia in refusing is but upholding the law, Mr. Blair," then suddenly, "what would be your course had your own state, Maryland, seceded?"

Mr. Blair looked confused for a minute, then replied: "Fortunately for me I have not been put to the test nor will I be. Maryland will never leave the Union." Then, as he leaned nearer to Lee, he spoke with marked earnestness.

"Colonel Lee, you surely realize what would befall you in the event that you ally yourself with the cause of the South? Your property will be confiscated, your wife and children made homeless, and you yourself regarded as a traitor. The South is doomed to failure. The border states will never follow her into secession. Kentucky, Missouri, and Maryland will remain in the Union. Without their alliance the South is headed for quick disaster."

"No, not quick disaster," corrected Lee. "You underestimate the spirit of the South when you so prophesy. It will be a long-drawn-out struggle."

"The South has been rash, precipitate," continued Mr. Blair. "She has rushed prematurely into war, and without cause."

"That is a too hasty conclusion, Mr. Blair. In my opinion, the South has been aggrieved by the acts of the North. I feel deeply the aggression, and regard it as my duty to take every proper step for redress." He paused, then continued with emotion. "But I can anticipate no greater calamity than a dissolution of the Union. I ardently desire to see the Union preserved, and I am willing to sacrifice everything but honor for its preservation."

Lee spent the hours of the night, following the visit of Mr. Blair, alternately upon his knees in prayer and in pacing his room. When the dawn came he had decided. He would give his allegiance to the cause of the South.

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