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### TWINKLES

What, oh! what is so rare as a fair Saturday?

If it had been King George instead of King Alfonso, maybe Ex-Mayor Big Bill Thompson of Chicago would feel happier over the latest fall of a monarch.

North Carolina's general assembly can hand out several million dollars to the larger colleges and universities without a grunt, but the same group shudders with fear when it comes to finding a way of keeping the six-months public schools going. Something wrong somewhere.

The Shelby Rotary club is to be congratulated upon its choice for the new president of the club. Rev. L. B. Hayes, the Central Methodist pastor, has during his residence here clearly demonstrated the fact he is the type of citizen, able and willing to lend a hand in community problems, who means most to such worthy service clubs as Rotary.

Newton D. Baker, secretary of war under Woodrow Wilson, says he isn't seeking the Democratic presidential nomination, but would not be adverse to taking it. That's being perfectly frank with them, Newt old boy. A lot of the others who are attempting to be modest about it are feeling the same way.

### IF NOT "DICTATING," WHAT?

THE RALEIGH NEWS AND OBSERVER denies the charge, made by another North Carolina newspaper, that it has been attempting to "dictate" to the legislature. Perhaps the Daniels' paper has not been dictating, but in the same issue, on the same editorial page, there was something closely resembling dictation. Discussing, under the head "The Governor Is Right," Governor Gardner's refusal to mix further in the revenue bill squabble, The News and Observer quotes the Governor in one paragraph and in the next says "The Governor should say . . ."

Since when does the Raleigh paper attain the privilege of telling the Governor what he should say? And if that is not attempted dictation, what is it? Would it not have been better, and far more polite, if the paper had said "If the editor of the paper were governor, he would say . . .?"

The Star has always admired Mr. Daniels' sincere support of his views and opinions, and still admires his pluck in standing for what he thinks right. But has not a Governor or anyone else the same privilege of free speech as has the Raleigh paper or any other paper or individual? No one, in our opinion, would rebel quicker at being told what he should say than Editor Daniels, and we would not blame him. Why, then, should he take it upon himself to tell someone else what they should say? If it is to be free speech—say what you will and allow the other fellow the same privilege.

### WHAT A CORNER!

"BUSINESS," OPINES ROGER BABSON, the expert and statistician on such matters, "has turned the corner, but will improve slowly."

Mr. Babson made that statement on a visit to the White House last week, and perhaps it made Mr. Hoover along with the remainder of us feel a little more cheerful about things in general. If business doesn't hurry up around that corner and get back in high gear coming down our street, it will be just too bad for Mr. Hoover as it has already been for many of us.

Mr. Babson is without question one of the most capable business observers in the country and it is admitted that he predicted the period of depression, but for 18 months now we've been told on the average of once a month, or oftener, by this and that expert, that business has rounded the corner. Maybe it has turned the corner, and perchance it made the corner some weeks ago as the experts said, but if it did, undoubtedly it has pulled up to the curb and stopped or had a collision.

What the majority of us desire to know, if the experts will give us an ear, is when business intends to crank up and get away from that corner it has been engaged in turning month after month.

If business, however is going to keep hanging around that corner, there will be many of us who will attempt to give away our present locations and move to that corner. It must be an active business corner.

### ONLY THE PEOPLE MAY SAY

OVER IN GASTONIA, apparently, they have rumors running up and down the street just as we have here in Shelby.

Off and on for a half decade rumors have bobbed up of some movement to sell the city light and water plant to the Duke interests. It seems as if Gastonia has been hearing similar rumors. In an issue of The Gastonia Gazette last week the rumors were referred to and then hog-tied with the information that the municipal plant could not be sold without being put to a vote of the people.

The same situation prevails in Shelby. The city light plant or any other city property CANNOT BE SOLD or leased

unless the owners say so—and the owners are the citizens and taxpayers of Shelby.

Such rumors have a habit of bobbing up at campaign time. Gastonia has a campaign on now and presumably the light plant sale was injected as campaign propaganda. Live rumors to that effect have not been heard in Shelby so far in this campaign by The Star, but if citizens do hear such, they should remember that the plants cannot be sold until they themselves say so. And, as a matter of record, it might be added that regardless of what man or men may be in power at the time, The Star must be shown the benefits of any such change before it will endorse or support a movement that would remove a source of revenue such as the city now has in the light and water plants.

Incidentally, the average rumor of the light-plant type can be dispelled by the use of a little horse-sense reasoning that will show the propaganda aims thereof.

### JIM LOWERY BOBS UP AGAIN

ODDS ARE BETTER than ten to one that the negro, Jim Lowery, who killed Police Chief Shelt Jones here almost 31 years ago, will never be returned here and identified. Yet every year or two, and it has been that way for three decades, information comes along to renew the hope that Lowery may be captured, tried and convicted.

Only last Sunday two Shelby officers and two citizens who knew Lowery in the days when Shelby was only a tank town and Lowery was a young negro made a trip to Georgia to investigate a negro convict there suspected as being the police slayer here in 1900. And as has been the case many other times, they found the suspect was not Lowery.

Chances are that Jim Lowery is dead. A negro of his type would naturally encounter various difficulties with the passing years, and as a fugitive from justice those difficulties would be greater.

To a younger generation that has come along and grown to manhood since Police Chief Jones was killed there is no great amount of interest in a Lowery news story. But to the old-timers, those who now have grown children of their own and grandchildren, a Jim Lowery news story is still a big news story. To that group there was much interest in the Georgia investigation. In their day murders were not as numerous as they are now, not particularly because crime has increased but, instead, because the population of Shelby in those days was nothing like that of today. The Jim Lowery man-hunt was an outstanding event for a decade. To those who were living here then it remains a man-hunt they would like to see brought to a successful end, but it isn't likely that the desire will ever be realized.

Even if some aged negro could be located somewhere and partially identified as Lowery, would it be possible to return him to Shelby and convict him? Who would swear to the positive identity of a man not seen in 30 years? What jury could be convinced "beyond a reasonable doubt" of the guilt of a man who would steadfastly deny that he was Lowery? Look at the photograph of someone made 30 years ago, then look at the same person today and the realization will readily come that it would be hard to make positive identification knowing that the one identified would face punishment for murder.

The Jim Lowery case is Shelby's own Charlie Ross affair, and will in all likelihood end as will the Ross kidnapping—swallowed up in the forgetfulness of the passing years.

### Bathing In Nude Now Lawful There

Santa Barbara Permits Nude Bathing After 8 O'clock At Night.

Santa Barbara, Calif.—It is lawful to take a dip in the Pacific ocean from Santa Barbara's broad sands sans clothing, providing the plunge is taken between the hours of 8 p. m. and 6 a. m.

Chief of Police George Sloan today said a 50-year-old ordinance permitted it.

But, the chief added, he planned to go before the city council and demand a revision of the ordinance of 1881. He said sentiment about town was pretty thoroughly crystallized behind him.

The chief said reports had been current some time that bathers minus bathing suits had been seen flitting about the sands late at night or in the grey of dawn. Each time such a report was received a squad car dashed out but arrived too late to capture the next-to-nature swimmers.

It was after a report had been received that young women were playing in the water at night without any bathing suits in evidence that the ordinance was called to Chief Sloan's attention. The squad car nearly arrived on time on that occasion.

The next morning the dog-eared ordinance, reading, "It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to bathe on a public beach without first properly attiring himself or herself, in such a manner that none shall be embarrassed, except that it shall be lawful between the hours of 8 p. m. and 6 a. m. to bathe in the nude," was placed on Chief Sloan's desk.

Eph Willet's little girl was combing her hair. It "cracked" and she asked her mother why it did.

"Why, dear, you have electricity in your hair," explained her mother. "We're a funny family, ain't we, mother?" the youngster said. "We're all lit up. I have electricity in my hair and grandpa has gas on her stomach."—James Barn Magazine.

For Years Early. "Are you going to my sister's birthday party?" "Which is it?" "Twentieth." "I was there four years ago."

## Still New Bills Are Introduced

Number of New Pieces of Legislation Being Proposed at Raleigh

(By M. R. DUNNAGAN)

Raleigh, April 20.—About 25 Senate bills and 30-odd house bills last week brought the totals to 563 in the senate and 1265 in the house, a grand total of 1830 so far. Thirteen public bills were ratified during the week and about three times as many local bills.

The session has passed its 102nd day. Prognosticators have stopped trying to predict the end. It may be next week—and then it may not be.

The omnibus bill naming the boards of education for the counties finally passed, but echoes of local trouble are being heard. The bill to establish a rating and inspection bureau for compensation insurance, under the direction of the insurance commissioner is a law. Another new law limits the hours of work of women in industry to 55 hours a week. Court clerks are now required to report annually names of all practicing attorneys in their counties to the commissioner of revenue. Bids on contracts for building or repairing buildings at state institutions must be competitive. A method has been provided for filling a vacancy in the advisory budget commission membership.

A resolution relating to the death of Samuel M. Gattis, sr., Orange county who was speaker of the house in 1903, was unanimously adopted.

Some of the new bills introduced last week follow:

To promote standardization of transportation of school children; to leave optional with county commission.

NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND WARRANT OF ATTACHMENT.

State of North Carolina, County of Cleveland. In the Superior Court, Before the Clerk Peoples National Bank of Leesbur, Va., a Banking Corporation, Plaintiff.

vs. William Crighton, Defendant.

The defendant above-named will take notice that a summons in the above entitled action was issued against said defendant on the 7th day of April, 1931, by the clerk of the superior court of said county and state for the sum of \$34,880.88 with interest on \$33,348.52 from March 1, 1931 until paid together with accrued cost of \$52.89 with 10 percent attorney fee, due on consolidated and confessed judgments in the circuit court of Loudoun county, Virginia, as shown by six transcripts of said judgment from the clerk of said court which are attached to and made a part of the papers in this action, said judgments being on notes given for borrowed money. Said summons is returnable before the clerk of the superior court of Cleveland county, N. C., at his office in the court house of said county on May 7th, 1931, at 2 o'clock p. m. The defendant will also take notice that a warrant of attachment was issued by said clerk on the 10th day of April, 1931 against the property of said defendant, which warrant is returnable before the said clerk at the time and place above named for the return of the summons when and where the defendant is required to appear and answer or demur to the complaint or the relief demanded will be granted.

This the 10th day of April, 1931. A. M. HAMRICK, Clerk of Superior Court. Quinn, Hamrick and Harris and Byrum E. Weathers, Attorneys for Plaintiff. 4t April 1931

missioners reevaluation of property for taxation; to take from the commissioner of agriculture and place in hands of commissioners of revenue inspection and collection of fees for gasoline and illuminating oils; transfer the theft bureau to the state highway patrol; to provide for additional jurors from another county instead of removal of a case to another county; to provide for the incorporation of co-operative organizations; to refund tax on gasoline used for mining purposes; to prevent the Highway commission from ruling animal-drawn vehicles off shoulders of roads; to authorize county commissioners to abolish county recorder's courts.

## To Remove Tonsils Of Train Wrecker

6-Year-Old Train Wrecker Must Have His Adenoids And Tonsils Removed.

Morganton, April 20.—On account of the age and apparent sub-normal mental and physical condition of Charles Whitemer, jr., six-year-old Drexel boy who is believed by railroad investigators to have placed rocks on the track and caused the derailment of passenger train No.

21 at Drexel Friday afternoon, the hearing before Juvenile Court Judge J. F. Bowers here this morning turned out to be more of an investigation of the boy's home surroundings and of ways and means of helping the child.

The railroad company did not press the case and none of the evidence which might have been given to place the responsibility on the child was introduced. Upon the suggestion of County Welfare Superintendent H. L. Miller that the boy needs an immediate operation for adenoids and tonsils the grandfather, Felix Whitemer, a farmer living about a mile from Drexel, agreed to see that the operation was performed and also to take the child in his custody for at least six months.

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