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FRIDAY, OCT. 9, 1931

TWINKLES

More cheering news: postal receipts at the Shelby office continue to show a gain over corresponding months last year.

Unusual summer heat extending into the fall has decreased the Cleveland county cotton crop. And those who seek the silver lining in the cloud may offer the optimistic view that as a result there will be less cotton to pick and sell for a price hardly above picking cost.

Judge Walter Moore, the Superior court calendar informs, will return to Shelby to preside over the session of court next month. Far from cheering news for defendants at this term who remember Judge Moore from sentences imposed at the summer term. Wonder how many cases will be continued, or, rather, how many attempts will be made to have cases continued?

SCHOOLS AND FIRES

NORTH CAROLINA could operate her schools on what the State loses annually by fire. Speaking to Shelby school children here this week, the State fire marshal said:

"Our State legislature wrangled for months last winter and spring to work out some plan to assure \$20,000,000 revenue for operation of the schools, and it seems a shame and a tragedy that North Carolina wastes more than that amount each year through fires."

Think of that. To a certain extent because of carelessness and a lack of precaution against fire, we waste enough to educate our children. "Fire Prevention Week" to many people may mean just another of those weeks that should be observed but which are ignored. The week should be more. Prevention of fire is of vital importance to everyone, property owners and others. Just what percentage of the fires each year in Shelby, Cleveland county, and North Carolina could be prevented we cannot say, but certainly, the annual loss could be cut down. It is a matter in which every citizen should cooperate. Do your part to eliminate likely firetraps about your home or place of business.

AN UNUSUAL LEADER

THE DEATH of Dwight W. Morrow was a blow to the Republican party, because he was one of its outstanding prospects for president in 1936 and one of the party's clearest thinking leaders now, but it was more than that; it was a blow to the entire nation. Able, broad-minded leaders of the Morrow type are none too numerous in both major political parties. Appraising his real worth to the nation is difficult. His past record, one of successful accomplishment, speaks for itself. First a financier, and a success in the business world, he then turned to public interests and attracted attention to his sound ability during his ambassadorship to Mexico. In his later role he was far from being a characteristic politician. He was not a talker, not one to butt in with his opinions on all occasions, but at perplexing periods his advice was always sought. He had the basic qualities which the people are beginning to demand more than ever nowadays in their leaders. As The Greensboro News says, "Fate was in an ironical mood when it claimed Dwight W. Morrow and left behind the vast army of political neomancers whose demagoguery was the bane of his brief senatorial career." Particularly does it seem so at a time such as the present when one leader, protected by sane ideas against hysteria, is worth a carload of self-inflated posers with an assortment of nitwit remedies to offer all who will listen. The emptiness of fame is displayed in a regrettable manner by a catch-the-eye headline writer who placed the following headline over the item recording the passing of an outstanding American: "Father-In-Law Of Lindbergh Dies." So brief was the Morrow career in public life that history will not record him as might have been had his period of service been extended, but, certainly, he meant more to his nation than a mere father-in-law to a colorful aviator.

THE NEWS FROM RALEIGH

"I DO NOT KNOW how you folks feel about it," stated a Raleigh visitor to Shelby this week, "but east of Raleigh Ehringhaus is by far the most popular candidate for governor. He may not be as well known in the Piedmont and West as in the East, but down there he is their man."

Informed that sentiment in this section is pretty well divided between Maxwell and Ehringhaus as to the candidates now in the race, the visitor seemed surprised to learn that hereabouts it was believed that Ehringhaus was not overly popular in the East because of his opposition to a sales tax. "If he is as popular, then, up in this section as I've been hearing, put this down for a fact—if he is licked, a lot of money will have to be spent to do it."

Maxwell, the visitor stated when questioned, has a good following, but is none too popular with office-holders and others who think the revenue commissioner is too much of an extremist about economy and taxation, particularly when they recall that he has for years held public office himself.

Fountain's strength, it was stated, is a problem to appraise due to his ability to "mix" and get surprising results. The prospective entry of Daniels brought on more talk. Would Daniels make the sledding hard for Ehringhaus in the east? "No," was the reply. "He might have done so a few months ago by stirring the MacLean faction and the group advocating the sales tax against Ehringhaus, but not now. Down East they've learned a lot about that MacLean school tax reduction—a lot more than they knew before it was put into operation. The MacLean law provided for a good tax reduction. That met with popular approval, of course, but there was a loophole whereby local authorities could boost the tax rate back up after the MacLean law machinery slashed it down. In some instances it has been boosted. As a result, there has been a considerable switch in opinion. Ehringhaus' views, apparently based upon the idea of helping all sections of the State and all classes, have gained in favor. And, too, he is getting much support because of his avowed interest in first of all helping the small landowner and home owner."

Those views, as is readily understood, are merely the views of one man. The next visitor may see the prospects from an entirely different angle. But the views are those of one in close touch with the talk about Raleigh and one who travels quite a bit about the State, and come from a man who, it should be added, is, by birth and residence, more closely allied to what is termed the Eastern faction than to any other group. Estimate the value of the opinions expressed for what you will, they are interesting, nevertheless, because it is news—what some term inside news—from Raleigh, coming at a time when there is intermittent speculation about the next governor.

A HENRY GRADY SERMON

"THE QUOTATION BELOW," says The Gastonia Gazette, "from the famous speech of Henry W. Grady, peerless son of the South, was never truer than it is today:

"When every farmer in the South shall eat bread from his own fields and meat from his own pastures and, disturbed by no creditors and enslaved by no debt, shall sit down among his teeming gardens and orchards and vineyards and his dairies and barnyards, pitching his crop in his own wisdom and growing them in independence, making cotton his clean surplus, and selling it in his own time in his chosen market and not at a master's bidding; getting his pay in cash and not in a receipted mortgage that discharges the debt but does not restore his freedom—then shall be breaking the fullness of our day."

The Grady view was delivered many years ago, but the utterances of the Georgia statesman, as The Gazette remarks, apply with equal force in 1931, more so, perhaps, than they did then.

Continuing The Gazette says:

"Cotton is at its lowest price since the days of the 90's when he had another nation-wide depression.

"In a resume of cotton prices during the last 75 years, J. Jos. O'Donnell Company states that an era of very low cotton prices came in the six-year period from 1893 to 1899, during which the price ranged from 5 3-8 cents—the lowest ever recorded—to 9 3-8 cents. The all-time low of five and three-eighths cents a pound—presumably the New York spot quotation—is only slightly, if any, below, the present price of the staple.

"The fact that cotton has now reached approximately its all-time low provides ground for the view that purchases of it at such prices should certainly prove an excellent investment, for with improving conditions, cotton is bound to 'come back' as it has come back heretofore.

"That prospect, however, should not have the effect of leading farmers to plant large crops again next year in the expectation of early price improvement, for that would undoubtedly delay the recovery, says The Greenville News. And further, none can predict how long the existing period of abnormally low cotton prices will last. That is the important fact to be borne in mind by the average American cotton farmer, and in view of the uncertainties of the immediate future as to cotton, he has the very best of reasons to formulate a farming program for next year that will make him as independent as possible of the cash income from cotton.

"The words of the immortal Grady again come to mind most vividly and with almost prophetic uncanniness. How many cotton farmers today are exchanging their cotton crop for a receipted mortgage or bill of feedstuffs from some supply merchant!

"Read the above quotation again and again and ponder on some of its fitting phrases—'among teeming orchards and vineyards, 'dairies and barnyards,' 'bread from his own fields and meat from his own pastures,' 'making cotton his clean surplus'—then shall be the breaking of the fullness of our day'."

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Nobody's Business

By GEE MCGEE

It's Their Time To Move.

The wholesale firm with which I am connected operates a 20 horsepower electric motor. A few days ago we discovered that the cost of power was just about twice as much as we are able to pay, due to the big decline in the product we are manufacturing, so we wrote the "head man" a letter and begged for relief.

There's one thing you can say for the power trust: they don't keep a fellow waiting for service, nor will they let him wait when his bill is due. It's the easiest thing in the world to get cut off. They sent 3 men down Tuesday morning, 4 more came Wednesday, and 5 came Thursday. They had 84 different kinds of testing, proving and verifying instruments.

The following Saturday morning, we received a report covering our complaint, and here it is: "Polyphase Watt Hour Meter Test; Volt, 220, Amp, 50, Ratio, 83, Type, D-6, Constants, 4, Test, 12, Disk, 12, P, Trans. Ratio, 0, No. 2159. Loads amps, 50, Element, 5, Test Const, 6, Rev. Test, 27, Rev. Service, 15, Top, 30, Comb. Elements, top and bottom, 50 and 5, Found, 100 percent. Left, 100 percent."—Remarks, O. K."

Now, folks, you really don't know just how much we appreciated that report. The first time we read it, our head turned around on our neck like a bed roller, but the second time we read it, we only fainted. No one in the office had ever heard of "Polyphase" before. We wanted to know "Watt Hour" bill ought to have been and not how fast the jigger in the Amp. box was being propelled by the Element, or why the top Element was 50 and the Rev. Test was 5.

They explained that it was simply ridiculous for anybody to think that anybody else could reduce a power rate. Why, the idea-r! Who ever heard of such a preposterous gesture? They wanted to know if we didn't know that power rates are made by the railroad commission, and validated by the I. C. Commission, O. K'd, by Congress, ratified by the senate, countersigned by the president, and mortified by the public. We told them no, that we were only consumers, and were not supposed to know about such things.

There are some things we can't understand, and that is why some things stay so high and other things go so low. We have war-time gas rates, war time power rates, war-time-plus telephone rates, war-time corn-flakes, war-time hospital rates, war-time railroad rates, and war-time politicians. Guess it's government control or something. Coal is cheap and so is wood, and oil ain't very high, so we boys have a right to change our methods—if the powers that be won't permit changes. But we can't change much: there ain't but one of these to a town.

An Important News Item.

flat rock, s. c., oct. 8, 1931. as secker terry of our lodge, I have been requested to rite up the minutes of our last meeting and have same printed in the paper, as the meeting was held mostly as a community affair and for the good of the public, on account of it dealt with things of a charity nature.

m-j-n-e-t-s-

the president called the meeting to order and give the pass word for next month which was "c-o-t-t-o-n." then everybody repeated the oath behind him and hell his right hand against his chest while doing so in reverence to the lodge rules thereof, and then they all set down.

bro. cape smith moved that a resser lution of sympathy be prepared by the secker terry and sent to mrs. ue nixon onner count of her husband who dide a few weeks ago and tell her that the lodge will soon fix up a nice tombstone to rest on his head in the semmitery at rehober and it was carried (p. s.

I will send the resser lution in to be published as soon as I can find time to rite up same.)

bro. bill smith was reported on the sick list and he sent in a petition for hepp, but it was moved and carried that he did not need anny hepp if he was able to keep his old ford running night and day with his family, and he was requested to let it stay under the shed a few days and he could save enuff monneys to buy medison with.

one of the brothers said he thought bill needed a little extry cash for tobacker and cigaretes.

the lodge voted to go on record as being in favor of outlawing cotton for 2 years hints, and recommended that all legislators be governed accordingly and stay at home till they can learn something to tell somebody, they also voted against the highway patrol and it was decided that the said patrol was a waste of monney and

useless in its entirety, except it did give a bunch of plow-hands a mighty good job, and the secker terry was requested to have the lay repealed and turn that monney to some useful channel.

there being no further bizness before the lodge, on motion of the secker terry, it was adjourned till next third friday night as usual, respectively submitted, mike Clark, rfd, secker terry.

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