

Brides for Sale—Reasonable (?)

"Auction" Matrimony Enjoying Unprecedented Boom at Wide Price Range. Groom Also on the Block.



The epidemic of would-be brides who are placing themselves upon the auction block with neat price tags around their necks is growing to alarming proportions. For prices ranging from \$1,000 to \$15,000 it is possible to secure almost any type of wife one can desire—blonde, brunette, svelte or stylish stout. The auction block matrimony wave now sweeping the country was started when Mary Clowes, of New Eagle, Pa., recently offered to marry any respectable white man who would give her \$10,000 to take care of her parents. In less than a week after Mary had climbed upon the block, her example had been followed by three other Pennsylvania girls. Virginia Mae Parker, of Pittsburgh, undercut Mary's offer by 50 per cent, pricing herself at \$5,000, and giving a sick father as the reason for her presence in the marriage market. Soon the fad began to spread and "brides for sale" are now almost as common as apartments for rent, all over the country. That the idea is also taking root in the male mind is evident from the offer of William Roberts, 28-year-old Chicagoan, who tells the world that he'll make a good husband for some lonely she-male who can put up \$10,000 purchase price.

Christmas Visitors In Kings Mountain

(Special to The Star.) Kings Mountain, Dec. 21.—Mrs. H. E. Grant left Saturday morning for Paisley, Florida, where she will spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brown. Miss Maude Williams, of the Taylorsville High school faculty is spending the holidays here with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hudspeth and children, Geneva and Juanita, and Mr. Max Whitesides are spending a few days at Milledgeville, Georgia, with relatives. Marvin Cranford, a student at Clemson college is home for the holidays. Mrs. C. E. Neisler spent Saturday in Charlotte. The following students are home for the holidays: Sarah Hambricht, of Brenau college. Sue Hord of Meredith, Pauline Neisler of Ward-Belmont, Mary Francis Hord of Due West, Dorothy Patterson of Boone and William Lawrence Mauney of Fishburn. Mrs. Joe Thompson underwent an operation at the Eye, Ear and Nose hospital in Charlotte Friday. Reports are that she is doing fine. Mrs. J. M. Patterson, Mrs. Harrell and Marion Patterson spent Friday in Charlotte. Miss Florene McDaniel spent Saturday in Charlotte.

Higher Pay For Wage Earners Hope Of Progressive Plan

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE.) far as practicable, but not a price system begged at certain points only. The report proposed a national economic board, appointed by the president, to represent special types of expert knowledge in all major fields, including labor, finance and industry. Councils in each major branch of production would be set up under this board, one of them charged with developing a more unified control of credit and finance than now obtains. A general system of unemployment reserves or insurance was urged to act as a stabilizing force in industry by supporting purchasing power of the workers. Sales taxes were flatly opposed, especially in depressed times, as a burden on productive activity.

Cotton Market

Cotton was quoted on New York exchange at noon today: Dec. 6.13, Jan. 6.14. Saturday's close: Dec. 6.24, Jan. 6.26. New York, Dec. 21.—Forecast rain or showers for belt except Oklahoma. Tailers cables that a labor deadlock exists and may continue through January. He finds a tendency of mills to lose ground with sales of cloth and yarn below output. Change due to uncertainty of world conditions. Trade with India disappointing. Worth street comment in Journal of Commerce says curtailment situation somewhat hazy but trade convinced that shutting down of mills this week will take not less than 15,000,000 yards of print cloths out of stocks. With continued curtailment assured merchants believe mills and traders can work into a basis of profit. Business Saturday due mostly to liquidation of a line bought in November. Ginning to December 13 this morning compares with 13,259,413 last year. CLEVELAND, N. C.

Life Behind Bars



Convicted of murdering his son, Radford Grady Williams, a seaman in the United States Navy, the Rev. J. M. Williams, of Augusta, Ga., will spend the remainder of his life in prison. The State contention was that the minister had slain his son to collect the insurance on his life in order to recoup speculation losses. Jury's recommendation of mercy saved Williams from the death penalty. IT 21P

Paper In Tribute To Late Joe Wray

The following editorial tribute in The Charlotte Observer to the late Joe S. Wray, a native of this county, will be of interest here: "A distinctly important factor in the past civic, educational and religious life of Gastonia and Gaston county is removed in the death of Mr. Joe S. Wray, for, during the past 30 years he had been of conspicuous activity in all these items of community life. His educational endeavors are represented by 20 years a superintendent of Gastonia schools, a fact which largely accounts for the reputation the Gastonia public schools enjoy as being among the best in the State. Later, Mr. Wray was active as secretary of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce and his last service was rendered in the profession that was dear to his heart—that of educating the youth, officiating for a year and a half as superintendent of the Bessemer City schools. Mr. Wray was a native of Cleveland County and the education he secured at Wake Forest was finished at the University of North Carolina. He enjoyed a wide acquaintance in Charlotte and this city is in position to sympathize with Gastonia in the loss that community has sustained."

"Daddy" Is Back



Once more in the news spotlight, where he was a familiar figure a few years ago, Edward W. Browning, better known as "Daddy" is shown leaving the New York Supreme court where his wife, Frances "Peaches" Browning, is suing for divorce. Browning's hired chauffeur is one of the principal witnesses for "Peaches," telling of the romance "Daddy" conducted in a specially constructed Rolls-Royce.

Gardner Writes Of State In Magazine

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE.) State Clean House." The article is expected to be extensively read, not only in this state, but over the nation. "Bricks" Illegal. California "wine bricks" manufacturers could not have purchased at any price the valuable advertising given their product in North Carolina. This came as a result of the opinion Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt's office, written by Assistant A. A. F. Seawell, that the bricks, now on sale at many drug and other stores, have, when nature is allowed to take its course with them, as per instructions on the package how "not" to do, a kick that puts it in a class prohibited by the N. C. Turlington act. The same Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt, who, as assistant attorney general, had charge of prohibition law enforcement and was often called to speak to church and women's organizations against the liquor evil, particularly in the 1926 campaign days, got this product by the Volstead act, for the grape growers and wine producers of California, for whom she is now attorney. She also got them a big loan to produce grapes from the Federal farm board. Mr. Seawell holds it is illegal to have these bricks for sale or use. Bank Tax. National banks, because they have certain immunities from state regulation coming from functions connected with the national currency, are not by such immunity permitted to escape the \$200 annual privilege tax for doing a fiduciary or trust business imposed by the 1932 general assembly. Assistant Attorney General Seawell has held in another opinion. The powers and duties thus exercised are derived wholly from the state, which can control, examine or forbid their exercise of the functions which the state itself creates corporations to perform. Mr. Seawell holds, adding that such a corporation cannot "crash the gates of the probate courts, deal in the administration of estates, and do so on the basis of unfair competition with the state banks, and pay no reasonable tax for the privilege."

On Board. Leland Kitchin, Scotland Neck, has been named by Governor Gardner as a member of the state highway commission, succeeding N. L. Stedman-Hallifax, who resigned because he expects to spend about six months of each year in Florida and thus cannot attend to the duties involved satisfactorily. Regret at the resignation of Mr. Stedman was expressed by Governor Gardner who is sure, Mr. Kitchin, brother of three noted North Carolinians, the late Governor W. W. and Congressman Claude Kitchin, and Pres. T. D. Kitchin, of Wake Forest college "will prove a worthy successor to Mr. Stedman."

Property Valuation Etc. Constitutionality of that part of the 1931 machinery act which provides that the value of real estate for taxation may not be changed more than a total of 10 per cent in any county is questioned in a case argued before the N. C. Supreme court last week. This provision, S. provision, S. T. Hooker and other taxpayers of Pitt county contend, is contrary to Art. 5, Sec. 3 of the constitution, which requires that property be valued for taxation at its true value in money; also that it would be all in taking property without due process of law. This

one teaspoonful of red pepper, mix this thoroughly before using. Then rub each piece of meat thoroughly with the above preparation, rub it will into other meat, and all around the joints. Wrap in clean brown paper and put in clean sacks, tie them tightly and hang up with the joints down. Mrs. Rhyne said she saw no use for any one to spoil the meat by smoking it. She further says this process can be followed on the same day the hogs are killed without letting the meat cool off over night. She says they prepare and sack their hams this way and hang them up late in the evening of the day they are killed.

How Real Country Ham Is To Be Cured

Gastonia Gazette. "Here's our recipe for curing hams," phones in Mrs. O. J. Rhyne of Dallas, "and we have been using it for years. Had some of last year's ham for dinner today and it was just as sweet and tender as it could be." Those who have seen Mr. and Mrs. Rhyne's exhibits in the live-at-home booths at the Gaston county fairs in recent years, know what sort of ham they raise and cure. "For a 200-pound hog," says Mrs. Rhyne, "for each ham, shoulder midding, take one pint of salt, two tablespoonful of brown sugar, one teaspoonful of black pepper and

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