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TWINKLES

The next war may result from the argument as to who should pay for the last one.

Sure, a dollar goes farther these days. That's one reason why it takes it so long to get back.

An effort is now being made, a Washington dispatch says, to have both parties agree on prohibition. But will Bishop Cannon agree?

America: a place where everyone yells for a congressman to take a stand and when he does, he is immediately sent back home to sit down.

Garner's relief bill has been termed a pork barrel by President Hoover. Garner's mistake was in not labelling his program as a building commission.

With all the campaigning, no candidate has promised and assured 10-cent cotton, or better, for this fall. Several of them might as well promise that too, for they are promising other things almost as impossible.

The newspaper reports giving the list of campaign expenditures of the various candidates suffices to remind that there is some money left in circulation. The various candidates for major offices in the State have spent from one to nine thousand dollars each to win and then some of them cannot win.

HATS AND COATS OFF

SOLICITOR SPURGEON SPURLING in his memorial day address at Poplar Springs used as his subject a striking challenge. It was "Hats off to the past, coats off to the future." That, to our way of thinking, comes nearer offering a solution to present-day problems than all the rosy theories outlined by the business prophets. "Hats off to the past, coats off to the future."

SHELBY'S POST OFFICE

THE GARNER RELIEF PROGRAM, calling for around two billion dollars to be spent in public construction and other work, has an appeal to this immediate section because it includes among its allocations \$85,000 for enlarging the Shelby post office. This sum for the local Federal building was designated in the public works program of the last Congress, but when the deficit in the national treasury loomed up, along came word that the addition to the building here was a matter for the future, an indefinite future. The Garner bill may not get by, but the hope here is that it will. Not only would the construction work aid in the unemployment situation, but, what's more, more working space at the local office is really needed. And the \$85,000 allocation includes the cost of adding an additional story to be used as a Federal court room and for Federal offices. Shelby really needs the addition and many will be pulling for the Garner program to go through.

THE WORK OF THE P. T. A.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT of the election of a new president of the Parent-Teacher council of Shelby serves to remind of the valuable work done by that organization in the city during the last year or two. For two years the council has been headed by Mrs. John Schenk, jr., and in that time a spirit of close harmony and cooperation seems to have existed between the parents of Shelby and the teachers of the city schools. Both, through constant meetings together, have learned about each other's work and problems. They have learned first-hand of the two sides there are to everything, and all Shelby seemingly has benefitted thereby. It is to be hoped that the same cooperative spirit will continue under the leadership of the new council leader, Mrs. Harry Speck, and that parents and teachers will continue to work out their problems together instead of bucking against each other. There isn't anything of more real importance than teamwork, and what work is more worthwhile than the proper educating and training of youth?

YOUNG'S MIDDLE INITIAL

SOME TIME BACK the "Around Our Town" department of this paper chanced upon the information that the middle initial of the three leading Democratic candidates for the presidential nomination is "D"—Franklin D. Roosevelt, Owen D. Young and Newton D. Baker. The "D" in Roosevelt's name is for Delano, but the middle name of the two others is not known. The columnist commenting on the three initials wondered if the "D" did not stand for Democrat. Now comes The Spartanburg Journal to bat with the information that the "D" in Young's name does not stand for anything. Says The Journal:

What does the "D" in Owen D. Young's name stand for? Many a reader has doubtless asked that question in musing over this outstanding figure in the world of business and political economy, regarded by many as the

most available presidential timber the Democratic party possesses. You might guess all day and never answer the question, but a columnist on The New York Times, giving as his authority Ida M. Tarbell, says the "D" is just added for atmosphere, or to give the name a full, rounded significance. Here is the explanation: "He has no middle name. His parents had agreed on 'Owen,' for a Christian name, but his mother thought that something more was needed. They took a chance on 'D,' and 'D' it remained to the present day, though probably not one in a thousand of his admirers is aware of the fact."

THE FINAL WEEK

THIS WEEK BRINGS the June primary campaign into the home stretch.

There will be more activity this week than in any other week since the first candidate announced. There will be more propaganda, more rumors and reports, more controversies than in any previous period during the campaign.

It will be a week in which the voter should keep his head clear and do some serious, calm thinking of his own. We say this because it is a customary political trick to spread rumors and reports on opposing candidates in the final week with the hope that the candidate hit cannot head off the propaganda until it is too late.

Such tactics are those which all voters should watch. Some of the rumors spread this week may bear the earmarks of authenticity. It is human nature to believe reports about the fallacies and short-comings of others. But the sensible voter will this week sprinkle a bit of salt on the reports coming to him or her. The average voter knows or has known of all the county candidates for years. He or she knows their reputation over a period of time. Balance that knowledge against the last-minute rumors. And remember that over zealous friends of candidates will go to desperate lengths to wind in a hot political race. The same plan should be followed about the State candidates. The average voters in the county may not know the various candidates in the several State-wide contests, but an impartial, fair study will remind him that men seldom ever advance far enough in public life to become serious candidates for high positions unless they are men of some ability and character.

Candidates can help considerably in pushing to one side the customary last-week tactics. After all is said and done, a major portion of the voters are not swayed by such methods. In fact, it is our opinion that more votes are lost than gained. Keep the last rush down the home stretch on as high a plane as possible!

SOMETHING WRONG? CERTAINLY

HOW MANY BALES of cotton does it take to pay a man a salary of \$1,000? If you haven't figured it out, you would be surprised. For that matter, it takes two bushels of corn to purchase a good pair of socks. The Gastonia Gazette got to figuring on such things the other day and here is what resulted:

If paid with cotton three years ago salaries would be listed as follows: \$600 salary, 6 bales; \$1,000 salary, 10 bales; \$1,800 salary, 18 bales; \$2,500 salary 25 bales; \$3,000 salary, 30 bales; \$4,000 salary, 40 bales.

The average production of a one-horse farmer with the labor of his family thrown in as "free" labor, is perhaps less than six bales. The two-horse farmer with the help of his family produces about 12 bales.

When listed at the 1931-32 prices of cotton the salary list will show up as follows: \$600 salary 18 bales; \$1,000 salary, 30 bales; \$1,800 salary, 54 bales; \$2,500 salary, 75 bales; \$3,000 salary, 90 bales; \$4,000 salary, 120 bales.

And the same thing applies to all farm products. The Elizabeth City Independent relates the following:

"I need some socks, said a young farmer to me the other day. "But," said the young farmer, a "pair of socks will cost me two bushels of corn; I will have to do without the socks I need. The dollar doesn't mean anything any more; I have to figure everything in bushels of corn rather than in dollars and cents."

Three years ago that young farmer sold his corn for seed at \$2 a bushel. Two years ago he sold his corn for \$1 a bushel. On the strength of that dollar a bushel price he bought a tractor for \$1,600, giving his note at the bank to get the money to pay for the tractor, expecting to liquidate the note with 1,600 bushels of corn. Today he is expected to pay nearer 6,000 bushels of corn to satisfy the holders of his note.

What America needs is a revaluation of corn.

In the first place, according to our way of thinking, no farmer needs socks that cost any where near 75 cents or a dollar. He ought to be able to get along mightily well with cheaper socks, say 25 cents a pair or even cheaper. The 25-cent kind are good enough for courting. He can plow in 10 cent socks.

The point is, however, that there must be a revaluation of farm products, or a deflation of the dollar. People can not go on much longer paying two dollars back for every dollar they owe; or required to pay two and three times as much in produce for a certain thing as they did three years ago. The same thing applies to tobacco as well as cotton and corn. There is something wrong somewhere. What is it? The solution is beyond us.

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Questions & Answers

(Our readers can get an answer to The Cleveland Star, Washington Bureau, 1322 New York Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. Write your name and address on one side of the paper, state your question clearly and enclose 2 cents in stamps for reply postage. Do not write legal, medical or religious questions.)

Q. How can the north star be located in the heavens?

A. Polaris, the north star can be located easily by first locating the big dipper. The pair of stars in the dipper that are farthest from the handle are the pointers that point to Polaris. An imaginary line extending through these two stars will locate the north star.

Q. What is the origin of the phrase, "We stand at Armageddon and we battle for the Lord," and which president used it in a political speech?

A. It is in the Book of Revelations, and Theodore Roosevelt used it in a speech at the Progressive party convention in Chicago, August 5, 1912.

Q. Which state first established a public school system?

A. Massachusetts, in 1837.

Q. How much has the population of Los Angeles, Calif., increased in the last ten years?

A. The 1920 population was 576,673 and the 1930 census enumerated 1,236,048.

Q. What does Esne mean?

A. An Anglo-Saxon hiring of serf.

Q. What is civilization?

A. The general idea conveyed is

an improved condition of mankind, resulting from the establishment of social order in place of individual independence and lawlessness of the savage or barbarous life. It is susceptible of continual progress.

Q. Does it require less or more heat to boil water on Pike's Peak than at sea level?

A. Less heat is required on Pike's Peak because the air pressure decreases in proportion to height, and the boiling point of water decreases one degree Fahrenheit for every 550 feet of ascent above sea level.

Q. Did Senator Robert M. La-Follette, sr., vote against declaring war on Germany; did he later run for president of the United States and die a natural death?

A. He voted against war, ran for president in 1924, and died from acute bronchial asthma in his home in Washington, D. C., in 1925.

Q. What is the language of Switzerland?

A. Switzerland has four languages; German, spoken by 2,750,622 inhabitants of nine cantons; French by 824,320 inhabitants of five cantons; Italian by 238,544 inhabitants of one canton and Romansch by 42,940 inhabitants scattered through the country.

Q. How is valet pronounced?

A. Val-eh, in English.

Q. Name the governor of Virginia?

A. John G. Pollard.

Q. How many states have ratified the proposed "lame duck" amendment to the constitution?

A. Nine: Virginia, New York, Mississippi, Arkansas, New Jersey, Kentucky, Michigan, South Carolina, and Maine.

Campaign Now Biggest Show Ever Put On

World's Biggest Nation in Worst Depression Watches Two-Ring Circus.

Washington.—This campaign year of 1932 presents the greatest show on earth. It has everything. Everything, that is, except rhyme, reason and common sense.

The biggest nation in the world, in the trough of the worst depression in history, again piles into the two-ring circus of American politics, with the assurance that the clowns will be somewhat funnier, the tightrope walkers more numerous and agile, the barkers more hysterical and the animals nearly all a little more moth-eaten and bedraggled.

The Tweedledum party and the Tweedledee party are about to nominate candidates for the presidency for whom there is hardly any enthusiasm even within party ranks. At this date no one has been able to discover any essential difference between these parties except that one party has all the government jobs and the other party is out to get them or die in the attempt.

Neither party will nominate its best man for the presidency. That wouldn't be good politics. Both, however, will write platforms designed to please everybody, which will be promptly forgotten.

Both For Prosperity

Fortunately, both parties are positively guaranteed to bring back prosperity. The politicians have been bringing it back for nearly three years, and although it's a hard task and the results are not yet apparent, they have had more experience on the job than anyone else.

There is a quaint theory that the people of the country have something to do with nominating the two presidential candidates, and it is true in about the same sense that the people of New York City have something to do with each of Babe Ruth's home runs. They support the players, vocally and financially.

The "Issues"

In November, after a campaign which will cost plenty of money—but not as much as usual—the voters will ballot only indirectly for a president. They must endorse sets of electors most of whom they have never heard of before.

Meanwhile, thousands of politicians will be running for various offices solely on such issues as the Massee case and the Lindbergh baby case, on which they will be found to hold firm uncompromising opinions.

It'll Be a Good Show
But don't think it isn't going to be a swell show. It is. Everybody in politics is going to be fighting like the devil and a lot of tall feathers are going to be pulled out before it is over.

Large sections of the audience are more than a little sore, with rotten tomatoes and bad eggs stored up for good use. That's why the performers are going through their antics with much more than customary fervor. Never were so many jobs in danger—and you know how jobs are these days.

The White House the senate and the house are all at stake. Prohibition which provides an issue striking

more popular chords than any within memory—may receive its real coup de grace. And whether or not there is any hope of economic improvement through political action, everyone is going to be whooping about it as the Tweedledee and Tweedledum parties make mighty efforts to prove each other entirely to blame.

Far Enough, Not Too Far

As for the Chicago conventions, which are almost upon us, one will have to depend for excitement among the Republicans largely on the fight over the wet platform plank which the party is expected to adopt.

Like so many skilled artists daubing on just the right amount of paint, the Republican politicians will try to go far enough without going too far. Then it ought to be a lot of fun watching the previously dry Mr. Hoover balancing himself on the plank.

Dems More Spectacular

The Democrats nearly always put on a more spectacular program. They have not yet decided whether to nominate Governor Roosevelt on the convention floor or someone else in a smoke-filled room.

The tussling with that problem may provide as exciting a political spectacle as has been seen since 1924. Melodrama may reach its heights. Think of colorful, hard-hitting Al Smith being allied with his old bitter enemies Hearst and McAdoo against his former pal Roosevelt.

And of the probable desperate, canny maneuvering of the powerful eastern bosses as they clash with the more naive, out scrappy and more numerous Roosevelt supporters from the south and west. And dark horses prancing behind the scenes.

Ring up the curtain! The 1932 extravaganza ought to be a wow.

Miller Sets Dates For Farm Picnics

Various Farm Conventions And Picnics Scheduled During Summer Months.

Supplementing the state farmers' convention, which will be held at State college during the week of August 29 the series of picnics and field days will be held at each of the branch experiment station farms as in the past.

Dates for these picnics have been announced by Fred E. Miller, director of branch station farms. The opening picnic will be held at the Piedmont station near Statesville, Iredell county, on July 21, followed by the one at the Tobacco station near Oxford in Granville county on July 28. For the Tidewater country, the picnic will be held at the Blackland station near Wenona in Washington county on August 4; for the coastal plain at the Upper Coastal Plain station near Rocky Mount in Edgecombe county on August 11 and for the mountain section at the Mountain Branch station at Swannanoa in Buncombe county on August 12.

The next event will be the state farmers' convention at State college beginning on the evening of August 29 and lasting through September 2. Then the final field day will be at the Coastal Plain Station near Willard in Pender county on September 8.

At each of these field days, specialists and research investigators for the North Carolina State college will have exhibits of their results with crops and livestock, and

experts will be on hand to explain the nature of the work being done on each farm. Mr. Miller says an effort will be made to keep the programs at the same high standard of past years and that good speakers will be secured for the formal features of the program.

What is your daughter working for at college—an M. A.? No, an M-R-S.

DENTAL OFFICE IS ROBBED IN MORGANTON
Last Saturday while Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Howell were at lunch Dr. Howell's dental office was rifled of about \$300 in gold. Two men, presumably the robbers, were seen in the waiting room during the noon hour, but as patients frequently await the return of the dentist no significance was attached at their being there.

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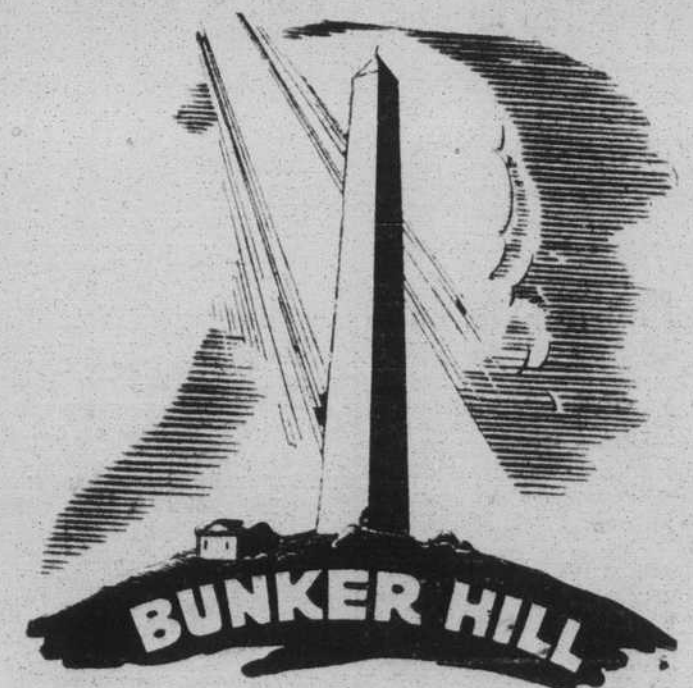
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