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Secrecy Issue Refuses To Die

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"I have serious doubts that there was ever any necessity for this legislation." he said," and I think that the first act of the 1826 session should be to strike it from our statutes."

The people have great power, the good of the whole." The people have great power, if they form the people, is founded upon their from the people, is founded upon their the good of the whole." The people have great power, if they choose to exercise it. If they use their power, the dangerous secrecy law will be repealed.



"There's nothing wrong with you, you're just stupid."

People's Platform

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County Option System Here To Stay

THE executive director of the National Paging for statewide prohibition, we part company. This newspaper doesn't believe Wallace of Washington, D. C., has been looking at the wrong political weathervane if he believes that North Carolina will become the first completely dry state in the union.

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Our weathervane points in the other direction. It indicates that the most democratic plan of all, the county option system for controlling the sale of alcoholic beverages, is here to stay, not because it is the perfect answer to the problem of alcohol but because it is a better answer than a referendum which would make the state all wet or all dry.

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Mr. Wallace spoke to a meeting of the Allied Church League shy Winston-Salem this week, and urged delegates to voice their disapproval of liquor advertising to those publications that carry it.

With that, we can find no quarrel. Any reader of any publication, we take it, has the right to sound off on anyentiage to the properties platform, for instance, would soon shrivel up if our readers didn't occasionally apply the verbal whip to our thick hides.

But when the Washington man comes late our midst to recommend that the properties of the community in his department, but admitted that there was only one "former Communist" in his department's distingted leaves the properties. That's a start. Now how about a state of the community is a start. Now how about a state of the community is the properties of the other departments and middle that there was only one "former Communist" in his deciment as a start. Now how about a start of the other departments and the serious charge that the "section was that the "security firings" under the Eisenhower administration were "amate that the "security firings" under the Eisenhower administration were "amate that the "seal that the "seal

Please Qualify Prayers For Rain

RAIN, according to the Bible, was oft withheld from sinful people. Mecklenburgers must not be sinful enough these days, else they overstated the need when they prayed for precipitation. We would like to be properly thankful and poetic about this week's downpour, and see in it diaffoidits, violets, pennies from heaven, a big crop next year or even cats and dogs.

But all we see is the car stuck in the midtown parking lot, the overloaded clothes drier in the kitchen, trackedin muid, a zeckful of shoes that need cleaning, the unplanned pool at the bottom end of the lot, the leaf-clogged eave

From The Asheville Citizen

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THE SILLY SEASON is over and the colleagues in their lovery towers are still absorbed with the true origin of the mint julep; which state produces the best ham, whether gris "is" or "are"—and what the rebel yell really sounded like.

It sounded like . . . Well, sir, there are as many variations as there are concers mumbling, sobbing or shrieking "I'm Walking Behind" on as many different juke box platters. The staid New Orleans Thereworded years ago at an old soldiers' home, and it reports that "one gentleman, distinguished by his Jefferson Davis beard and his amend-who used to send his Tennessee division. He was soldier, true, but he was also a church-mount of the charge. Would Polk fire added to his rendition of the rebel yell this send with Cheatham's division. He was added to his rendition of the rebel yell the stentorian phrase: 'Give 'em hell.' coross. And he did. He rose in his saddle and shouted to the men of Tennessee: 'Give 'em what Cheatham says, boys, wit does four the mannificant career.'

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