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THURSDAY, JULY 28, 1938 Mid-Season Silliness

MIGA-GERON SILLINESS

With the end of the rains and the reappearance of the sun, the Silly Beacon is on again, full till. From Indiana slone come a couple of contributions which would do credit to a 'whole revion. In Green Castle, two prisoners tried to chied their way out of jail, tapped a water main and had to call for the jailer to keep from drowning. And over in Wardaws, a fellow who owns a lion and is trying to teach it to ride an aquaplane, gave the poor beast a sleeping potton so that he could cut its becausia. The lion slept for a week straight.

Straight.

Even here in Charlotte traces of balmy behavior are to be found. Testerday afternoon, for example, the City Council finally pacced a dime-taxt ordinance expositing the remarkable principle that the more cashs you operate, the less liability linearunce each cab has to carry. Rext thing, life insurance agents will be telling us that the more children we have the less protection we besed.

No Kindness, This

The City Council did the cause o The City Council did the cause of the dime tank no favor yesterfay in refusing to increase the bond required and in turning down the Jamlor Chamber of Commerce's proposals for an inspection of all cabs every 30 days, refusal of license for drivers who cannot get insurance from a reliable firm, and revocation of the license of a driver who violates two traffic laws or drivers in a dangerous manner.

As matters, stand now, the case

two traffic laws or drives in a dangerous manner.

As matters stand now, the case is exactly where it was when the whole row started, save that the canuals have perhaps been eliminated by the provision, that the cabs must be painted and actually covered by such bond as is required to be planning to put a "fleet" of me of the operators is reported to be planning to put a "fleet" of cabs into operation today. How many that may be we don't know. But suppose it is ten—then, now a fleet of the capture of the contract of the capture of the capture of the capture of the capture and to lay down reason-able requirements for a driver's license is simply to leave the public at the inerty of the operators.

We have said it before but we say it asknit. These cabs have a say it asknit.

may it again: These cabs have a useful function to perform, but they userial function to perform, but they can perform it only if and when they are made genuinely safe for the public. And not to require them to be made so when they are entering on what is probably their last chance to prore themselves, is not to favor them but to stack the cards sargingt, they against them.

Lame Excuse

The City Council yesterday hur-riedly rejected a request by the Park and Recreation Commission that it be allowed to cred ten benches along the sidewalk in front of the Pirts Presbyteian Church. The reason offered in explanation of the action is that the sidewalk there is too narrow, and that somebody might get harto on the benches. get hurt on the benches

get hart, on the benches, and about topp get hart, on the benches, and about topp in large course, and about topp in large excusion of the second of the course of the second in large excusion in the second in the downtown district. Me second that, the heavy pedestrian traffic passes along the other side all the course and this particular steeks of sidewalk is merer concected. More, than that segain, we can't imagine pedestrians deliberately walking into periods of the second of the secon

we believed that this reason given was the real reason why the Council look its hasty action. And, of course, it isn't. The real reason its exactly the same reason that caused it not so much as even to consider the current question of turning the old cemetery into a park. Somebody, some mystically-vested interest, mightn't like it.

The Kansas Bageyman

It goes without saying that we hope the Rev. Gerald Winrod, of Wichita, who proposes to save the nation's soil through the Gospel of Hate, is soundly trouvered in the case tinda, who proposes or awe use in the case in thors boil through the Gospel of late, is soundly trounced in the exception of the Republican nomination to the Senate in Kansaa. Whether not the Fellow is actually getting huge sums from the Nää regime in Germany, he is certainly cut to the Nail pattern. And if it is true that rich anti-New Deal interests are backing him, then they deserve all that President Roosevelt has every said of them, and more. But if the worst happens and he actually lands in Washington, we shall will reput be believe to much in him as a menace heralding the destruction of the Republic. After all, if Jew- and Catholic-batting and attempts to put down all dissent are

attempts to put down all dissent are typical of the Nazis, they have also typical of the Nazis, they have above present in the American scene, as native products, from the day, of the red Federalits and Know Nothing Parties right on down to those of the Ku Klux Kian of the 120%. Nor will the Rev. Gerald be Long before him the Tom Watsons and the Tom Heffins have howled there against the Catholics, as the Ham Fishes have roared for the gag-rule. And Jew-balters have not

been unknown.
Yet the nation has survived. It Yet the nation has survived. If the American people have sometimes seemed in danger of succumbing to these poisons, they have always presently remembered how to laugh, and recovering their reason, have consigned the poison peddlers to oblivion. And, for all the fact that these are stressful times, we gues or late, the Rev. Gerald will suffer the same fate.

Meet Mr. Snitch

Because his Colonel wouldn't make him a loan, another one, the Re-serve Lieutenant reported him for drunkenness and testified against im at the court martial which re-

wited.

Men have no use for such acre-head informants as this, whom they call snitches. The admitted motive for reporting his superior officer would have, among men when they behave as men, sufficed 60-quash the charges instanter. But with the institutions that men set up to rep-resent them, no such nicety of code prevails. It's a queer thing, but courts of law, military or civil, while they do not admite the snitch, they do not admire the snitch, tolerate him and cock an ear for his tales.

And this, while it is comparatively

And this, while it is comparatively unimportant in the instance cited, is one of the reasons that the law will never have the full respect of individuals. It doesn't follow the same code. It makes a virtue of what every child is taught to shum as a vice. It accepts the smitch as though he were really doing his duty by society. But men know better, and rate mitching shead of many offenses for which the courts many offenses for w will put you in jail. es for which the courts

The South's Benefactor

The South's Renefactor

It took Eil Whitmey about ten days to invent the cotton gin. He never got anything out of it, for, while the device was ingentous, it was aimple, once bit upon, and could be duplicated by any good mechanic. But the cotton gin had its effect, nonetheless, on the South's commany. Since that time, no discovery has been made which has for the South the potentialities of Dr. Charles Holmes Herty's work with lashs pine. The investment of millions of dollars in craft puner factories traced directly to Dr. Herty's patient experiments. The establishment of a newsprint nill in Texas came in a result of his discovery that the finat-growing pine, properly treated, was as good material for newsprint as the northern spruce, which takes its time about maturing. Even fine book paper. Dr. Herty learned after awhile, could be made from pine once you took the fats out of it—and the fats were useful in making loop. In mining Hotation processes and medically.

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(Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch)
A Chicago man aged 82 has not missed church or Sunday school in 55 years. Those other 27 years seem to call for explanation.

THAT PEACE IN ENGLAND

BETHANY BEACH, Del.—I wrote here yesterday about what appears to me to be a folly—of excusing our debt and lax burden in the false assertion that lax burden in the false assertion that Mother England has a greater one. An equal nonsense seems to me to be the frequently repeated statement that busi-ness in this country is revistant to gov-ernment, while business in Britain sup-ports its government.

ports its government.

We can and we should be eager to learn from the experiences of any nation, but we can't adapt the systems of others to our own quite different circum

Surely husiness and government co-operate in Britain. Napoleon may have been exaggerating when he said Engoperate in Britain. Napoleon may have been canagerating when he said Eina-land was a nation of shopkeepers. But if what he mean was that the best way to actuance the fortunes of the peo-ple of England to to advance the but-ness of England, then he spoke only a platitude. Thus it has always been.

CO-OPERATION MEANS FAIR PLAY AMONG EQUALS

Charlotte.

It has not been so in our country recently. Concernment has platiny taken the position that a political administration by various feats of economic market can do far more for its people than that we reall "good businers" can do. The absurdity of that is plenteously plain in the fact that, after spending \$2,000,000,000 and following that principle to the ultimate, the average man is worse off than ever. Co-operation? When I first joined my resilient from West Point. I was overloyed by my kindly reception as a second leutenant. In my continuisant I burbed to an old lindian fichiter of a septime. Set, were going to co-operate perfectly. The first point is were setablished and what it is for this sequent. Set, were going to co-operate perfectly. Set the setablished and what it is for this sequent. Set, were going to co-operate perfectly. Set the setablished and shat it is for this sequent. Set were going to co-operate perfectly. Set the setablished and shat it is for this sequent. Set were going to co-operate perfectly. Setablished and shat it is for this sequent. Set were going to co-operate perfectly. Setablished and shat it is for this sequent. Setablished and what it is for this sequent. Setablished and w

"Yes," said he wisely, with more syrup

"Yes," said he sively, with more strug-tion said, "and sout're going to do all the co-operating."

Such is the bitter truth in milliary discipline. But fire peoples are not so regimented. Among equals, it takes two to co-operate. The British Delvariment resilizes this. Ours does not. Ours now sleaks the position that in such co-operation as there may be, business must come "crastling on its hands and kneek." That just doesn't march with American Character.

AND ONCE F. R. GOT IT FROM BUSINESS

TFROM BUSINESS

These may be intemplies but they are monetheless true and real. It is whelly unnecessary, As has been remarked here before, no government in our history were had the degree of co-operation from business that was given Mr. Boosevelt in 1933. He simply asked over the radio, one whith, for a woluntary must mours and minimum wases schedule and the abolition of child labor. He jot it to the tune of nearly 3,000,000 jobs within the week. As a great Britist economist remarked to him, he had been able to do in less than 70 minutes what took the British government 70 years.

want took the British government of years.
Of course that requires some qualification, in view of what happened falter. But the qualification doesn't after the maint fact. Whatever can-operation the British Government has had from British business is as nothing compared to shat the American Government could have from American business, if only the President's radical advisers had not convinced him that it is better rabble-rousing politics not to appear to be colot whenever possible.

What It Means

(Macon Telegraph)
Archrologista are juizzled over the discovery of fifteen prehistoric vessels that
look like soup turers in an old quarry
in France. We don't know about turcens,
but that many silver ladles would loadcate that there had been a swell wedding around there somewhere.

Letters To The Editor:

Figures Quoted To Refute Idea ABC Cuts Tax

Compilation Shows More Wet Counties Have Increased Levies Than Have Reduced Them, Inquirer Finds

Being a autocriber to your paper I have often read your editorials in which you are constantly advocating ABC stores for the sale of liquor.

stores for the sale of liquor.

As I am opposed to Biquor in any form
I will appreciate your publishing the
enclosed article taken from the N. C.
Christian Advocate, which, in turn was
quoting a letter from O. P. Per, in The
filthory Record, and which I think dismoves the stalement often made that
cities and towns which now have ARC
storys for the sale of liquor, derive
profits from the sale of liquor, derive
issues.

Halifax County, decrease from 20 to 85 cents. Vance County, decrease from \$1.03 to 89 cents.

Dare County, no change. Nash County, no change. Pitt County, no change.

Johnson County, no change. Wilson County, increase from \$1.05

\$1.10. Beaufort County, increase from 99 cents to \$1.37. Warren County, increase from 65 cents to \$1.57. Craven County, increase of 25 cents. Craven County, increase of 25 cents. The sheaff of Wilson County expiained that while there was a considerable revenue from these stores, just as soon as they were cetablished salaries were all increased, several flew offices etablished and in other ways all the profit had been shouthed.

	stores in 1937 sa follows:	
	Halifax\$77,985	
İ	Vance 47,183	
	Dare (8 mos.) 2,127	
	Nash	
	Pitt 62,124 Johnson 35,698 Wilson 65,536	
	Johnson 35,698	
	Wilson 65.636	
	Benufort 36.604	
	Warren 14,720	
	Craven 24,903	
	10x that New Hangyar collected \$100 -	

(Or that New Hanover collected \$100.-846, or Durham \$130.146 in eight months, or Wake \$80,156 in six months, or that in 1937 the State Government received more than \$500,000 in taxes on county liquor alores.—Editors, The News.]

Taylor's Is Not Only Racket In The City

BELIEVE IT OR NOT ... By Ripley

A NAIL DRIVEN INTO THE BARK OF A TREE 4 FEET FROM remain **4** feet TO TRAVEL BY RAIL BETWEEK MENOMINEE AND NILES (BOTH IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN) YOU MUST TRAVERSE 4 STATES MICHIGAN - WISCONSIN - FLLINGIS-TNOUNA Oveen Emma HAD 2 HUSBANDS A OHA SEL15 2 SONS AND 2 STEPSONS AND MINERAL WATER AT SARATOGA SPRGS, N EACH BECAME KING OF ENGLAND

Explanation of Today's Cartoon

THE GEM OF NORMANDY—Queen Emma, the Gem of Normandy who assumed the name of Aelfeftu (died 1957), had two sons (Eadward and Harthamutt, two husbands (Ethelred and Canute), two stepsons, Eedmund (by Ethelred) and Harold (by Canute) and every one of the six became King of England.

A "purpe" is nothing but an election in which the people get rid of representa-tives who have opposed the people's will. It is an essential part of the workings of democracy. It is time we had a good one.

That Goosy Word

Purge And Democracy

By HERBERT AGAR

THE purge of anti-New Deal Demo- Maryland are not alert enough, politically, to see that they are really repreerata seems to be bogging down. We were promised a sharp drawing of the BUT APATHY OF PEOPLI EXPLAINS MARYLAND CASE So far as I know ecrephody admits that the people of Maryland favor the New Deal. Nobody could favor the New Deal and at the same time favor Sena-tor Tydings. Are the people of Mary-land too borret to see to it that they have a Senator who shares their views?

erata seems to be logging down, we were promised a sharp drawing of the line on a question of principle—a long delayed move loward realigning our parties into a New Deal party and a Conservative party. But nothing seems to be happening. The local politichan are being allowed to conduce all the large in the good old-fashloned was to be a superior of the local politicians begged Mr. Roosevet not to stirp up trouble within their machines. So far as "getting by" at the next election is concerned, they were probably right. We cannot purp sith men who have sold out the New Deal without making a lot of people sarry, without running a lot of people sarry, without running a lot of fishs.

But it is also true that we cannot

a Senator who shares their view?

In the House of Representatives the picture is even more surprising. Several anti-New Deal Democrata seem should to be renominated in spite of the fact that they come from strong Rosoverti districts. There is no use biaming this on the politicalna". There is nodody at fault but the voters, who seem unwilliers to inside the harden plant of the picture of inside the harden plant plant of the property of the picture of inside the harden plant plant plant. of risks.

But it is also true that we cannot build a New Deal party without getting rid of a lot of New Deal ententies. There are many Senators and Representatives who were sent to Washington to support fault but the voters, who seem unwilling to finite to having their way.

Why, for example, should Represents with COCONDO of New York City have a chance to go back to Washington? Or Representative O'Real of Louisville? Both opposed the New Deal steedly, effectively, and on principle. Both come from New Deal districts. The people should admire the consistency of these the President, and who have not so. These men promised to back the New Deal, and they broke their promises.

REATING COTTON ED IS HARD BECAUSE OF POLL TAX

HARD HECAUSE OF POLL TAX
They may have felt it was their conscientious duty to break their promises. In that case they were quite right to 800. But we, the people, would be equaly right in reliting these men to private life. They have shown that their consciences do not permit them to suppose the cause we have at heart. Why, then should our consciences permit us to leave these men in Congress?
Everybody admits that the people are still behind the President. Why should the people be saked to put up with representatives who do not represent them? Why shouldn't we insist on a first class purse?

purse?

In the Deep Bouth, where the cumulative poil isx prevents a large part of the population from voting, the people may not have a fair chance to get rid of Benater "Cotton Fat" Smith in South Carolina, or Sensior George in Georgia. If those anti-New Deal Demortal get back to the Senate, the blame may fait upon the local rection laws and output the people.

But what of Benater Tydings in Maryland? If he wins his primary fight

land? If he wins his primary fight there are only two explanations: either the people of Maryland approve his anti-New Deal stand, or the people of

wave that hit New York and the East several years back. It is known by such names as the "mumbers racket," "pony racket," "cic., and, as it is known here in Meeltenburg County and Chalotte as a Meeltenburg County and Chalotte as the the "butter and eggs sweepstage," with the odds allegedy 300 to 1 buyln real-ity much greater. Based on the delly reports of the pro-duce market, from which the locky num-bers are neurod. It merates unions in

bers are figured, it operates uptown in amall restaurants and beer parlors. The headquarters of the ring is al-legedly on the Catawba River at a popu-lar roadhouse.

STAID CITIZEN.

Earlier Days

News of 75 and 100 Years Ago From Files in the State Library at Raleigh

JULY 28, 1863 IS YEARS AGO EPORTED TANKLE ADVANCE

On Tuesday we received news of a reported advance of the Yankees from New Hern and Washington, suppos be towards Weldon. We have nothing clined to doubt the report, though it may have been true. The late raid to Rocky Mount was not so successful as some of them have been, though more so than people in that section appear

to think it ought to have been.

In Ohio, Morgan, who has several times been captured, according to the lying Yankee accounts, appears by their own accounts to be still engaged in de-stroying Yankee property, even within len miles of Cincinnati.

-Payeterille Observer.

JULY 22, 1818 19 YEARS AGO COST OF INDIAN WARS

The central Federal organ of Mr. Van The central Federal organ of Mr. Van Buren publishes the following rightfull expenditures in the late Indian wars, to conte to show the wicked estrangance of the Opposition. "Verly, madness that seized their minds." With a majority of both Houses in Congress on the side of the Government, and verry officer of their own appointing, from the Secretary of War and of the Treasury, down to the smallest paymaster and contractor connected with the Indian wars, this arkful expenditure is taid to the acts of the Opposition. 10000,000 the acts of the Opposition. \$20,000.00
for the Seminole and Creek wars, and
this fearful waste charged on the
Outs—on the powerless party:

—New York Times.

That Gooey Word (Columbia State) The State somehow can't see an editor so realistic as Grover Hall of the Montgomery Advertiser using, himself, the term "Southland" for this region. Yet here on his own front page is a hradim, "McCord Painta Bight Puture for Southland". The South will "co places" in proportion as it eachest and repudiates the ideology with which that word "Southland" reeks. Peculiarities Of People

By F. Romer

JULIA BRACE

SHE was speechless, sightless, in the Massachusetts Asylum for the Blind-yet any person she once met she recognized thereafter by hor acute scuse of smell. Picking cach of their gloves from a hat, Julia Brace could hand them to their rightful owners

