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We seek truth, that we may follow it. SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 1938

Sounds Familiar

en in Atlanta, the Georgia Leg-House continued scrapping over a of the state's largest counties.

At one point in these deliberations Representative Zellner of Mon ree, a tiny county wholly rural in for the drys. Quoth he:

"We shouldn't we continue to drink Georgia corn liquor in pasterence to imported booze made by the Yankees? I believe in natronising home industries, and the bootlegger seems to be ense of our most thriving indus-trial enterprises."

this takes us back to the election in Mecklenburg last ring! The same old argument suf patronizing home industries, about patronizing home industries, the same old determination on the past of the country people to save their city cousins from sin and fancy lying. And, probably, in the end, the same old compromise on pienty of liguor and Prohibition too.

Cute Little Rascals, Aren't They?

An explanation of the puzzle of viruses as being invisible parasites forming a world of their own below the level of germs, has been offered at Cornell University by Dr. Richard E. Shope of Rockefeller Institute.

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If reminds us of the doggerel about
the fleas that had little fleas to bite
emi and so on ad infinitum, but on
the whole, the germs seem to have
much the best of it in their war various discoveries of science, but no soncer do we win on one frontier than new worlds of viruses we never suspected—debouch upon us, living happity ever after in our cells. And there's this to say for germs and viruses: they are a community of nations, bound by a common pact and a common purpose, which is, to eat home aga alive.

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See the virile, vicious virus— His example should inspire us: in a subcutaneous community
Be attacks us with impunity.
In his ordered world so peaceful,
Bound by common aims deceaseful,
Civil wars or strained polemics
Never hinder epidemics;

Far removed from vexing issues, Viruses just eat the tissues. Undeclared war homicidal Is the watchword germicidal; Oh, we envy us the plight Of this vengeful parasite In his corporative state As he chews his hymn of hate.

A couple of times recently we have A couple of times recently we have encountered references to the Demo-eratic platform. Not that unused platform of 1927, you understand, but the -1936, mid-New Deal platform. Dast we remember, Lister Hill, next senator from Alabama, was one, who referred to it, awaying that he would stand by it, and yesterday Repre-cuptative Dies, Trans Democrat, ad-warded to it in connection with the senator of the platform of the contract of the con-traction of the con-con-traction of the con-traction of the con-trac

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opmercial, agriculture, housing,
he deconcentration of economic
ower, unemployment relief, labor power, unemployment relief, labor — on all these issues, the position of the administration today is as it was te forth in that platferm adopted in June, 1856. In only one particular can the charge of false pretense by raised, and that is in the specific pledge for "the immediate extension of the merit system . To all non-policy-makint needtions in the medpledge for "the immediate extension of the merit system . It oall non-policy-making positions in the Fed-ral Government." The last reck-ning showed that non-civil service obs were increasing ten times as fast as those under the merit system.

Thank You, Senator

For Senator Borah's complimentary references to the South's handling of its race relations, our manners. It is perfectly true and exceedingly pertinent to the business in hand, i. e., an anti-lynching bill, that the South has a race problem which long ago ought, by all experience, to have demoralized one race or the other. Instead, the plain and incontrovertible evidence is of mutgail progress adde by aide. Injustice and discrimination are still to be found, and bad feeling occasionally rears its ucly head. But the trend is neither toan anti-lynching bill, that the South On the contrary, the two races are working out, sometimes painfully and always tediously, separate philosophies of live and help to live.

Lynchings have come to be one of South's race problem. In fact, the gradual disappearance of lynching gradual disappearance of lynching is an excellent measurement of the evolution of racial sufference in the South since Reconstruction. If an anti-lynching law will cause this moribund institution to disappear altogether, well and good. But it will be of no great help to the South, and it is not worth the time the United States Congress is devoling to it, in contrast to the far me extensive sociological problems arising from the propinguity of two antipathetic races. And the South's conviction, Instinctive to sail, is that the only instinctive to us all, is that the only instinctive to us ail, is that the only way to solve these problems is in time to let them solve themselves. It is in this way alone that we have come as far as we have since the ruthless adoption of Amendmesis XIV and XV to the Federal Constitution.

A Judge Steps Down

Judge William F. Harding, after 41 years at the bar an 24 years on the Superior Court benes, announces his decision today, at me age of

his decision today, at see age of 70, not to offer for reelection this Spring but to take his place on the less strenuous emergency bench. The statement will bring both pleasure and regret.

Pleasure, because Judge Harding is a delightful gentleman, and the new arrangement will give him more time and his friends in Mecklenburg more opportunity for mutual cultivation. It will be additionally pleasing that his less rigrouss routine will vation. It will be additionally pleas-ing that his less rigorous routine will help to preserve his health and add to his years of vigor. Regret, that his decision takes

from the regular courts the dean of the western circuit who has distinthe western circuit who has distinguished himself for nearly a generation for ability and integrity. He has neither dabbied is politics nor catered to the desires if special influences, but has made is medi known as a judge who was conrolled by the law rather than by expediency. He saw that the thing the same that the course, for court work for many years to come, but between terms and more or less as he pleases he can ake his case and enjoy the mellow years of his life at home and amon; his friends. It is to be regretted that the regular bench loses such a man as Judge Harding, but the change has its combench loses such a man as Judg Harding, but the change has its com-pensations.

Small Potatoes

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MR. ECCLES' ECONOMICS

By BUGH & JOHNSON

CHICAGO.—Maybe it is true that what the country needed after the 1929 debacle was a complete revamping of our facal control. But did we need people like Mr. Eccles and Mr. Oliphant to



would destroy any jossibility of bustness respansion. They would make a new investment market impossible. They would neared or prevent repayment of debt. They have done all these things exactly in accord with these predictions of experts.

Byrnes Committee, and determine the total be done would be done would be done would be to be profits tax. It would reduce debt and pile up funds that we want distributed to stockholders."

Reduce debts, and that is defiationary allowed to pay its debts. If it cannot pay them how can it contract them? cannot contract them how can credit

stolen from the heresies of Europe, be Mr. Eccles comes by his more honestly.

That has proved s hierarchic fronties community on the

Silas primitive Mosaic theory of tithes, but it is the high property of the modern American industrial complex. Particularly it is a fearsome addition to a Third New Deal approach to a totalitarian government, which would utilize it not at all on its basis of high religious idealism but rather on a communistic or facicis approach which regards religion not as an exalitation of any people—but as a soporific retarding the destiny of the proletariat to rule over all other classes of each community.

It is necessary here to reject both slants toward absolutism especially in financial and industrial control--either the religious or the irreligious quit our forms of political and economic freedom.

Make It Double?

(Columbia State)

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The Japanese boyoott, for a first time, begins to gain a little momentum—doubtiess as a corollary to the Fanay affair. Two of the great five-and-tencent chains announce that they are buying no more Japanese goods; too many of their customers object to buying them. But even so the boyoott has a long way to go yet. It will not seriously hurt Japan until it affects silk, Japan's chief export item to the United States. And If—and The Record doesn't believe in them—there is to be a boyoott why limit it to imports from Japan, gold excluded? Why shouldn't a boyoott apply also to exports to Japan and to exporters to Japan't Is it better to supply Japan with needed cotton than to use

Down, Whereas Jim's Are Up

As Managers, The Politicians Can't Hold A Candle To Business Men.

Dear Sir:

I was interested in your editorial in which you pointed out a record made by the joyful Jim Farler in having conducted the operations of our Post Office Department at a loss of only 40,000,000 during the past year. I should like to comment, however, that you did not mention the fact that during his administration has been been seen the arrive of istration he has increased the price of first-class postage 50 per cent.

In the meantime, utility rates have been reduced drasfically, and the New Dealers have been breathing fire and vengeance against those who for one reason or another have had to increase other prices, to which the attribute the present depression.

other prices, to remove present depression.

I think this is a good illustration of where the people get off when their business affairs are minaged by politicians. While utility rates go steadily down, potal rates take enormous jumps skyward, taxes soar, and still the deficit is the largest ever known.

ALBERT MILMOW.

Charlotte

ADDITIONAL TWO-CENT SUBSIDY URGED FOR 1935 COTTON CROP

Dear Sir:

Will you please give me apace to ask
Southwide support for the proposal to
give cotton farmers a grant of 2 cents a
pound in addition to the amounts carried
in the regular farm bill—even if this
necessitates a processing tax on cotton?
We have very powerful friends in Washnigton willing to help, but—the South
must first show its own interest.

must first show its own interest.

Cotton is now selling at about 8 cents a pound. Furthermore with the present colosat carryover caused by 'an act of God" in giving us the biggest acceage yield in all time, the spot market price next fall cannot be much better than now—8 cents. The "pre-way" (1000-14) price, used as a basis in figuring parity, was 124 cents. Multiplying this by the was 12.4 cents. Multiplying this by the present increased cost of what farmers have to buy gives 16.4 cents as the pres-

have to buy gives 16.4 cents as the present real "partity price." That is to say, a pound of cotton must bring 16.4 cents to give it the same buying power as in the pre-war period.

In my opinion farmers must fight—and the whole South should fight—for this extra grant of 2 cents a pound on 1936 cotton even if it necessitates a processing tax. For even with such a 2 cents from processing taxes, added to apot prices plus farm bill benefits, cotton would still be low. Manufacturers and consumers would still be paying the farmer much less than normal or avermal that itself gives the South no such

mal that itself gives the South no such purchasing power as it should have. With an 18-million-bale 1937 crop, the biggest ever known, the South can stand present prices. But with a 1938 crop cut to 10 million bales we cannot stand them. Nor can we wait till next Fail to act. Interested Southerners should speak to their Senators and Representa-tives now. CLARENCE POE.

· CLARENCE POE. Raleigh

P. S. A sight-error in an Associated Press dispatch reparding my visit to President Roosevelt in behalf of better outloom prices referred in Pre-war" price of the pre-war" price of the pre-war" price of the pre-war" price of the pre-war in the price was 124 cents. The present particle price was 124 cents. The present price was 124 cents. The present price was 124 cents and price was 124 cents. The price was 124 cents and price was 124 cents. The price was 124 cents and price was 124 cents. CLARENCE POE. P. S. A slight error in an Associated

Wodehouse's Description of the Wooster Chin

(Letter in The London Times)
Your correspondent Mr. John Hayard is to a great extent right in his
atement that Bertie Wooster has a

receding chin.

A fishlike face has always been hereditary in the Wooster family. Froisart, apeaking of the Sileur de Wooster who did so well in the Crusades—his record of 11 Paynim with 12 whecks of the battleax still stands. I believe—mentions that, if he had not had the forethought to conceal himself behind a beard like a burst horsehart sofs, more than one of King Richard's men—who, like all of us, were fond of a good leaph—would have offered him an ant's egg.

On the other hand, everything is relative. Compared with fit Roderick Clossoph. Tuppy Clossup, old Pop Stoker, Mr. Blumenfeld, and even Jeeves, Bertie is undoubgledy opisthognathous. But go to the Drones and observe him in the company of Freddie Wilegon, Catamest Potter-Pifripith; and—particularly— of Augustus Fink-Nottle, and his chin will seem to stick out like the rain of a battleship. A fishlike face has always been hered-

Your obedient servant, P. G. WODEHOUSE.

The Painless Way

(Howard Brubaker in the New Yorker)
If Congress reduces the taxes on undistributed profits and capital gains, it will have to find some source of revenite to take their places. We favor a weekly bank night at post offices and a

THE NEXT NOMINEE FOR THE SUPREME COURT



ON THE RECORD

Hands of Esau

THE PRESIDENT'S press conference | not Fascism, then I am deaf, dumb and on Tuesday did not. in our opinion, blind. THE PRESIDENT'S press conference on Thready did not, in our opinion, reverse the implications in either the Jackson or the Ickes speeches. It Sim-ply carried forward one step further a polley which now begins to assume recog-nitable features. The Government does not intend to "break up" monopolles in the trust-busting manner of Theodore Roosevelt, nor is it in the least influ-enced by the ideas of Senator Borah. It enced by the ideas of Senator Borah. It intends to use the unquestioned existence of Big Business in this country, which is the inevitable result of mass production, as an argument for extending government regulation to all business, with promises to the "little man" that this regulation will turn out to be in his interest rather than in the interest of the big fellows. There is no other possible deduction to be made from the Ickes and Jackson speeches plus the President's remarks at the Tucksday press President's remarks at the Tuesday pres conference, unless one is to assume that ion, and no program beyond persister nd insidious undermining of the founds

tions of private enterprise.

This column is convinced that there is a program. From just what group it emanates, and just who its sponsors are, is not quite clear. It is certainly not the program of a consensus of the Cabinet. These are not the ideas of Mr. Ruill or of Mr. Roper or of Secretary Perkins or of Mr. Roper of of Secretary Perkins or of It is certainly not the program of the Democratic Party. It is certainly not the program of the United States Congress. But it is a program that in de-fault of any other may yet be pushed through by direct agitatory appeal to the American public under a barrage of con-fusing propaganda.

There ought to be

There ought to be at this moment a this moment a Hard To Spot Without Their Shirts Shirts Endeaded the Shirts Shirts Endeaded the Spot Shirts torically from the "Economic Royalists." A year ago in this column, we telescoped A year ago in this column, we telescoped Professor Paul Einlig's description of the Curporate State into 1200 words which were so remarkably descriptive of the basic thinking of the anonymous secre-tariat who are all that is left of the New Deal, that it was startling.

The President's remarks at the pres-The President's remarks at the press-conference do not indicate any change in policy; they are merely the most open statement which we have yet had, of the only features of this administra-tion that do not change.

Now, what does this all add up to? We are to maintain private ownership but have government control. We are to seek a balanced and expanding economy by contractual cooperation between Government and agriculture, with iween Government and agriculture, with penalties for non-cooperators, which is the sense of the farm'bills-which have Just passed both houses. We are then to extend this AAA system to industry and set up a coordinated industry-labor-government mechanism with industry operating under contracts between them-selves and government; and we are to have acquieccent courts. And if this is

If it is not, what is it? I call Mr. Norman omebody Siep Thomas to witness Up And Name that it certainly is not The Critier Socialism. I will call anybody with the faintest idea of what conomic Liberalism is to witness that Somebody Siep Up And Name The Critics

the presumption is that all this can be set up without coercion, and inside the framework of political democracy. the framework of political democracy. And for that we have also got a new alogan: "Majority rule," "Majority mandate." We have also got a public relations technique for constantly mobilizing that majority or pretending that it exists. The technique consists, not yet of suppressing the press, but of smearing its pevery conceivable kind of public shouting campaigns and private whispering campaigns: or holding threats of inquisitional hearings and income tax investigations over everybody who criticizes; of characterizing as an Enemy of the People everybody who presumes not the People everybody who presumes not only to criticize this program, but even to see through it; and of lumping to-

up to the meaning of this conspiracy.

American liberalism is not dead. And
it is challenging and it will continue to
challenge the Administration's attempt
to follow up its failure to deal with its
own depression, by trying to foist on the
American people a program of "democratic" Fascism.

(Wall Street Journal) e months ago President Roosevell sed himself concerning the labor-

capital situation then existing

capital attuation then existing in the bitter words of Mercutio as he lay dying, a victim of the Montague-Capulet, foud in Verona.

"A plaque o' both your houses!"

There must be many today who would be inclined to insufer a fervent "Amen" to that remark in face of the Turbid flood of recribinations hurseld by business at the administration and by administration spokesmen at business which at the end of the year filled the air.

The one thing which can be said of this with entire certainty as containing complete truth is that it cannot under any conjectivable circumstances, help us to full ourselves out of present troubles. On the contrary, its sole effect can be but to push us deeper into the slough into which we have failen. Our immediate job is to extricate ourselves and er our feet heavy on solid ground. Only the united effort of all

will avail for that.

Let us have an end to this brawling, far too much of which has been offensive to both good sense and good manners, in addition, to being destructive of the general peace.

Awful Thought

(Statesville Daily)
It might be well for Japanese aviators

A Choice of Evils

(W. S. Greene in The Charlotte Labor

Journal)

The editor of The Charlotte News writes some mighty good editorials. The writer recommends that each men should read them. They have an excellent basis usually bull on sound political economy. The News' editor is still right when he questions the soundness of the Charlotte, Central Labor Union's boyont of Japanese products, especially alls. He is right when he states that alls importation from Japan is necessary to keep out alls hostery mills intensity for the strength of the str The editor of The Charlotte News

The AFL definitely states that they intend to do everything in their power to stop trading with Japan. Already two to stop trading with Japan. Already two large chain stores have piedged to stop Japanese importations. Just a begin-ning. Everyone must keep after this idea: You, who now read this article, every one of you, by not buying from Japan, and your other efforts to spread the effort of the boycott, may be saving the arm of a child, the eyes of an old woman. He steel in the absolute.

My first experience with a bomb was at Chateau Thierry. I was scared to death of bombs then, and ever since then. You can't dodge them, I assure

you.

This is not the time to worry whether Japan will go communistic or fascistic, as was also suggested by the editor of The News as a horrible result of the American Pederation of Labor boycott if it becomes truly success. Truly that would be bad for the Japs. But what about the Chinese? It might be a fine about the Chinese? It might be a fine thing for those starving Chinese people to let Japan have a little trouble at home. Perhaps the Japa would be dropping hombs on their own people, instead of the Chinese. As usual, I believe that the only reason Japanese imilitarities waded into China was to bolister themselves at home, where they only kept in power by actually shooting down the officials of their own government a year. or so ago. You see, a war calls for patriotism, which is a part of everyone's makeup. We are a loyal race of people in emergencies. Every race is the same.

We also suggest that the editor of The News take a peck at the Japanese magazines now in circulation, advertising Japanese manufactured products. If he

States into the Concasson, averaging Spanness manufactured products. If he has not already seen them, he will receive what I did, a decided shock about the diversity of the manufactured products they are manufacturing for resale to foreign countries.

Also, although this is beside the point, he would find on our own retail store shelves, piece goods manufactured right here in Charlotte in competition with piece goods made in Japan. Bee last year's import figures on piece goods from Japan, and also current news times covering the destruction by the Chinese of Japanese controlled piece goods mills, running into the hundreds of millions. And I still hasts that the editer of The News writes gone of the best editorials I have ever read. By the way I would not know the gentleman in question. If I were to meet this no the street, e.g. it

e to meet him on the street, so it is personal like.