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Call This Witness

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One more fugitive-from-a-Southern-chain-gang case pops up, involving the State of New Jersey,
(whose Governor Hoffmann has
signed extradition papers, as he is
directed to by the Federal Constituition) and the State of South Carotina. A trusted Negro employee of
a Paterson silk firm turns out to be
an escaped convict, sentenced, accending to his own account, at the
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same for criminal assault on a small
Negro girl. He says he didn't commit the crime and, furthermore, that
he wasn't given a formal trial.

Plainly, this has all the essentials
of a sectional thriller. Race prejudios. Southern whipping bosses, a
spooda-box court, and Uncle Tom's
nephew, who bears the name of
Figming Mix. And in addition there
is a dusky Little Eva somewhere in

righting Mx. And in addition there is a dusty Little Eva somewhere in the background, now, in all probability, grown into adolescence after-the experience of having been criminally assaulted by a buck of her own race. South Carolina juries are not given to avenging the rape of Negro crithod without pretty substantiable provocation.

And New Jersey, when it heafs the story of the convicted assailant, ought by all means to hear the story of his victim. It would seem to have something to do with the case.

A Closing Door

Secretary Hull has select an op-portune time to demand that Japan formally re-recognize the Open Door policy in China. Alarmed by the Pence incident, the Tokyo govern-ment will in all probability make haste to comply. But what will that compliance mean? Nearly nothing, we suspect. In reality, the Japa-mees forces which will actually rule nees forces which will actually rule China, will be the army and navy, over which the Tokyo government can exercise no real control. If it wanted to, and it probably doesn't want to in this matter. Moreover, the Nipponess are already beginning to organize China as they organized Manchukuo. Nominally the new Japanese-dominated China will be a sovereign state or group of states. And If a sovereign state or group of states chooses to grant Japan special tariff and trading concessions, can we really make our protest squints we really make our protest against it effective? We probably can't, even though we have treaties with the old China which bar precisely such con-

cessions.

But, supposing that Japan should actually observe the Open Door policy rigorously, would that guarantee the thing for which we really contend when we contend for the Open Door — the preservation of our trade with China? It seems doubtful. For the goods which can be sold to China, as to all the Orient, are almost entirely of the cheapest grades. And that the Japanese can make such goods much more cheaply than we sain, and so undersell us, appears clear enough. For since 1994, they have been selling more textiles, for instance, to India, Britain's private preserve; than Britain herself. the preservation of our trade

They Prove Too Much

nsiderable criticism, as our ers know, has developed of the Council's action in raising the y of City Manager Marshall 6 to make it \$10,000 a year. But

9 to make it \$10,000 a year. But were up pretty well unconvinced the man efficient enough to orth \$10,000 a year? The record, he shows that on a single item migneering he has saved the \$150,000, would seem to Inditiat he unquestionably is. Nor argument, that the tax rate been raised any sound one mat that conclusion. The tax had to be halved for the carry and of montoling projects made any or the property of th

tescus that, after all, Mr.

Marshall was giad enough to go to ever, for \$3,500 a few years ago, that in bod already had big raises, that in bod of sale of the services, and that a sinch. This argument, however, it seems to its, proves too much a seem to the seems to its, proves too much a seem to the seems to its, proves too much a seem to the seems to its, proves too much a seem to the seems to its, proves too much a seem to the seems to its, proves too much a seem to the seems to its, proves too much a seem to the seems to its, proves too much a seem to the seems to its, proves too much a seem to the seems to its, proves too much a seem to the seems to its, proves too much a seem to the seems to its, proves too much a seem to the seems to its, proves too much a seem to the seems to its, proves too much a seem to the seems to its, proves too much a seem to seem to its, proves too much a seem to seem to the seems to its, proves too much a seem to seem to the seems to its, proves too much a seem to seem

No Help There

Senator Balley paid his respects to the Senate's farm control bili yesterday in pretty positive tones. He had no idea the bill, if passed, would be found constitutional. In-

He had no idea the bill, if passed, would be found constitutional. Individual farmets would be permitted to sell only so much of the commodities covered as the Secretary of Akriculture, acting through local committees, allowed them to sell, and on any excess there would be imposed a confiscatory tax. "I think," sald Senator Balley. "the members who drew this bill disregarded every opinion of the Supreme Court."

This is too true to be funny — or pardoned. The court, save for Justice Black, is a known quantity; and the liberalism of Justices Brandels, Cardozo and Stone is precisely not the sort of liberalism that would permit the liberal end of farm relief to be purchased by the destruction of rights — "even if for the moment this may seem advantageous to the public."

The foregoing quotation is from

public."

The foregoing quotation is from the minority opinion of Justlees Brandels, Cardozo and Stone in the New York milk law case. The rest that follows is from the same opin-on, except that we have taken the liberty of substituting, in Italies, words which apply to crop centrol rather than milk prices:

Ather than milk prices:

Not only does Me statute interfere arbitrarily with the terfere arbitrarily with the state of the

Paradoz of Two School

Systems

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Some figures in the December issue of the monthly bulletin of the State Department of Public Instruc-State Department of Public Instruc-tion we find mystifying. According to it, teachers are rated on a basis of 100 points for each year of train-ing after graduation from grammar school. Thus, a teacher with four full years of college training rates 800 points, which is tops. Well, and by that yardstick, we find that the whole body of white teachers in the schools of the Oity of Charlotte av-erage 780 points, whereas those in the schools of Mccklenburg County erage 790 points, whereas those in the schools of Mecklenburg County average 799!

Now however did that hannen? Mecklenburg County pays no sup-plements. Its teachers with four full college years and eight years of full college years and eight years of experience get only the maximum State salary of \$990 for eight months' work. But the City of Charlotte does pay supplements. Teachers trained as-above get \$1,342.80 for nine months' work. Yet, speaking both relatively, and absolutely, Charlotte has fewer teachers of the highest grade than the County.

But this measure of 800 may have nothing whatever to do with the ac-tual efficiency of the teachers? We are perfectly willing to believe it. We are perfectly willing to believe it. We are perfectly willing to believe, indeed, that a teacher who had never been inside a college might concelvably be a better one than another with a doctorate. All the same, this standard, as we understand it, is the one used — and rigidly used — by the Stale school system in fixing the salaries of the school teachers and the rating of the individual school. By the redeempers are standard. By the pedagogues' own standard, the County is getting better school teachers than the City even though it pays them much less.

Concerning Some Omissions

His Holiness. Pope Plus, this week delivered himself of some viewing-with-alarm concerning international affairs. Great damages had been suffered by "Christian communities" in the Far East, and greater ones seemed in prospect. "Implous and atrocious things" were transpiring in Russia and Germany. "The people of Christ in Repain who are most dear to us are still agitated by ... harrowing events, although one begins to see hope of better times."

The Rioly Father neglected, how-

Vicar on Earth the Pope is used to do not a word, either, in elucidation of precisely how the victory of General Franco — which is apparently what the Pope had in mind—is going to bring "better times" to the "people of Christ in Spain." who presumably share the Christian view of murder. General Franco who, on the face of the record, is one of the greatest butcherers of civilian populations who has figured in the story of Western man since the Dark Ages.

THERE'LL BE NO KISSING

NEW YORK CITY.—It is true that when Joe Kennedy leaves Wash-ington, there won't be anybody left in the swimming-pool privy council, and one or two in the regular stuffed



docent' regard all business as an adroit form of high-binding banditry. It is too bad, too, that lust at this time nardworking Harry Hopkins has to go to the hospital. Hopkins is a share-the-brains in Washington and he knows that you've got to make income before you can share it. He is not in the business-batting bund, ousiness-baiting bund.

The absence of both
The Find Men
Cooperate
With Kicks
With Kicks
Hitting on all cylinders. The President, hitting on all cylinders. The President, business, good-with, he would make his end-men behave.

end-men behave.

'The movement was no more than started when Mr. Wallace putted the old one that if business didn't haul off and pass a miracle of renewed prosperity, government would do it alone. Then Mr. Jekse cracked down with some sharp wise-cracks, timed for the Industrial Congress. He called them fascists. Bight into their midst, in convention assembled, strade counsel for distrial Congress. Are cause them fascists. Right into their midst, in convention assembled, strode counsel for the National Labor Relations Board. With all the boldness of a Daniel, he kicked the lions all over the lot and used their tails for whist-brooms. He told them that their pions resolutions about labor were instancer, that they were in defance remanders that they were in defance would disobditione of coperate with such two-timing, and that the God-awful Labor Relations Board is a paragon of justice.

On top of this triple keel-hauling, it is amounced that the La Foliette Committee is going to investigate this very group to see whether they are treating their workers according to law.

Although this all happened when Mr. Knows His Kennedy was still in the advisory council.

Own Mind on industrialists are wringing their hands at the news that he is going to London to be a diplomat. It scems to me to be a lot of foolishness. If the President wants to encourage business, he knows both how to do it and how not to do it a well as anybody. Not even to do it as well as anybody. Mr. Kennedy can change that stubb Dutch determination when it gets set Mr. Kennedy knew precisely what he Dutch determination when it gets set.

Mr. Kennedy knew precisely what he
was taiking about when he told business to stop bellyaching and go ahead
with its own knitting. There is enough
on the record now to know that there
will be no cuddling up or observable

Business can take its trouble to Con-gress and probably get fairly reasonable changes in business-killing tax haw. It is a fact that the President, himself, was willing to have the undistributed profits tax made workable before it was enacted. Amendments that he had-ap-

emeted. Amendments that he had-ap-moved were presented in conference. It was conservative Democratic Senators who blocked them. One remarked: "Those changes would make this abor-tion, workship. We're going to pass it as fs. It is so had it will have to be repealed."

There is now no important opposition to these reforms. But business will have to be satisfied with that and such other concessions as the Administration in-vents and grants on its own motion. That's all leve will eet—and no kind

Chest Rapped For Refusing To Aid Needy

It Won't Raise Quotas In Next Drive Unless It Reverses Stand On Question.

I see by the papers that the Com-nunity Chest directors deny that they munity Chest directors deny tast targy made an appeal for the needy in their recent drive for funds. At the same time they state fiatly that they are going to spend that \$105,000 for char-acter-building.

I know that the Community Chest made appeals for the needy because I heard their speakers on several occasions.

Now, doesn't it strike you as silly to spend \$105,000 to stiffen he morals of

Now, ocean's it errise you as any so spend \$105,000 to attern he morals of the most moral spepple in the United States? There are 126 churches here, I am informed, and the etizens of Challent are the champion church-speers of the world, barring those of Edinburgh. If they're so all-flerd religious and moral why is it necessary to spend so much money building their Characters? If any contributor to the Community Chest made his gift with the understanding that it was to be spent soiley for character-building. I haven't heard of .him. And unless the Community Chest does append some of that \$105,000 for the needy, it's going to have a tough to braining any quotes, however small, in 1989.

OLIVER STEED.

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Charlotte.

WILL LITTLE BUSINESS

MEN WHO FAIL COME IN

FOR SOCIAL INSURANCES

Dear Sir

There is some strange doings and goings on. If a fellow can believe all he sees and hears. Now one of the things that's a-bothering me is this' Suppose a middle-class to little-man has a little business or profession of his own that he has put the best years of his life into. Then suppose that he goes broke, and cannot operate his business any longer. Is he eligible for any unemployment pension, industrial workers compensation, etc? There is some strange doings and

If so, how much and for how long? What funds will his relief come from? What lunds will his relief come from?

How about a system of taxing the recipients of unemployment institutions; in order to set up a fund for relief of unemployed business men and industrialists?

Looks like, if a fellow will wait for about another year, he can go to town on a ticket and platform advocating unemployment insurance for manufac-

Voliva on Bowling

(Baltimore Sun)

(Baltimore San)
Zion City of Illinois is taking a vote
to decide whether motion pictures and
sowing are amusements of which it approves. It is improbable that the counry will stay up to late hours to learn
the results of the picblicite. One arpect of the campaign, however, draws
our attention. Wilbur Clenn Voltva, as
power in Zion City, has also indicated
tha amazement that amyone could be itshis amazement that anyone could be in-terested in the sport. After all, asys Mr. Voliva, it is "simply rolling a ball to see how many wooden men can be knocked down." The description is doubtless adequate for one who persists in the be-ilef that the very earth is flat.

lief that the very earth is flat.

However, it liburatines anew the platitudes that words are magical and truth clusive. For there is not much doubt that Voliva's aummany of bowling it, within narrow limits, strictly accurate. The game does consist of rolling a bail to knock down wooden men. In like fashion one might say that football is fundamentally no more than an attempt to carry an infaled plaskin bag a hundred yards.

So nainting might be called the acritical transmitters.

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So painting might be called the application of minerals ground in oil to a cheap textile, and literature the marking of white surfaces with arrangements of black signs. Yet both would utter truths. back signs. Yet both would utter truths. Binkeepager in a much-quoted passage exclaimed, "What a piece of work is a man! how noble in reason! how infinite in faculty! in form and moving how express and admirable!" and so forth. And in moments of discouragement the human race likes to recall the passage. But a no less notorious commonplace is that his same "piece of work" has sometimes been explained as a handful of chemi-als scarciety worthy of a high school class laboratory and a very large percentage of water. centage of water

centage of water.

Description, in short, is like a pair of opera glasses. Used one way it magnifices its object magnificently; another way and it diminishes it ridiculously. A great deal, no doubt, depends, as the philosopher Whitehead said, upon "purpose and point of view." There are very few people who believe with Voliva that the abode of human life is a flat place, but many who in practice, tend always to make it seem so.

The Missing Ingredient

(Detroit News)

By Ripley



Explanation of Today's Cartoon

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TWO-IN-ONE FIGH--When Dr. Roy Chapman Andrews, now director of the American Museum of Natural History, was a naturalist aboard the exploring ship "Albatroox," he brought up many strange and blazare deep sea creatures in his dredges, but even Dr. Andrews was astounded by a specimen arriving at the museum receilly from Panana waters.

It is a small female this which carries he husband permanently attached to her head. The wite lattices the size of her mark, and is the sole support and provider of the family. The male is attached to that the support of the security permits himself onto her body, however the security eraft's himself onto her body, how ourse skin of the two is continuous, and the blood systems are blended; thus, the male is fed without having to hunt or even eat his cood. In some cases more than one male becomes attached to a female, and she supports several husbands.

IT SEEMS TO ME

STAMPORD, CONN Forty-nine years passed and in that time I never received a college degree, attained an elective political office, or achieved any community honor whatsoever.

looked pretty black. com

Newspaper o omrades auch as Swope of
woolloott and Adams
became doctors of
philosophy. It terature and law.
An old radio
buddy. Bruce Barton, who used to be
on my General Electric program, got elected to Congress.
A girl who was in the chorus of "Shoot
the Works" received honorable mention
in the All-Arizona Bathing Beauty Contest. A lad at whom I used to scream
"Copp," was voted the fifth most successful scenario write in Hollywood.
My mother was just nosed out for

cessful scenario writer in Hollywood. My mother was just nosed out for the vice presidenty of the D. A. R., and is still demanding a recumt on the ground that the dirty so-and-so ganged up on her. My sister became a leading figure in the Democratic machine in Larchmont, N. Y., and my son is third assistant manager of the football team at Swarthmore, Pa. Uncle Frank was a delegate to the last district convenion of the Lions, and the Grand Jury indicted Aunt Fin.

But I restanted in the ranks, un-

But I remained in the ranks, un-But I reinsined in the ranks, un-honored and ugains, with never a medal or a decoration with which to bless my-self. Visition: sometimes remark the large gold wash wase which stands upon the high shelf in the studio, but when they examine the inscription they find that it was avarded by the New York Daily News for a chopus girls' iong driv-ing contest. And jien, hey antif, and assume that I married just to get possession of my wife's dowry.

Imagine my surprise
But Now The
Snooty Alps
Are Scaled

Ormittee to be one "of a limited numnated areas."
And more than that, my
invitation len't mimeoraphed but personally addressed.

"A sight-seeping tour will start from
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sonally addressed.
"A sight-seeing tour will start from Leighton's Half Way House on the Post Road at the Stamford-Darlen Town line at 6:30 P. M., slopping at the Stamford Town Hall for short community exercises, and hence to the Yacht Club."

This is the night I'm going to de-mand a latch key or else. Naturally I hope that the phrase "limited humber" will be rigorously defined in regard to us special guests.

(Detroit News)

The Stamford Community Christmas
Cathedrais ravaged in the last wer
are now restored. In fact, except monity.

back in piece for another, except monity.

bers, beginning with "Belmont, Gus," and ending with "Wolke, Miss Clara."

I am as democratic as the next fellow, I Let Us Hold Fast to Our hope, but if they at-tempt to put anything Privileges more than a couple of

Privileges tempt to put anything more than a couple of hundred special guests into the bus, one member of the limited number will refuse to ride. Stemford lart such a big town. As a guest it is not within my privilege to attempt to run the show, but there shouldn't be any objections to a few constructive suggestions. The cavalsade should be routed in such a way as to pass the homes of various prominent citizens who failed, for one reason or another, to get invited, for one reason another, to get invited, for one trasson or another, to get invited, for one trasson or the supplied of the companies of the companie

Hathands would be unseasonable, but the SCCDC should provide those of us whom it delights to honor with green brassards and the red ultitals LNOSG, standing, of course, for Limited Number of Special Guests. And before we quit the Yacht Club, we should orsanize.

we quit the facts that the congalize.

In the days to come when friends assail my ears with the clanking of Phi
Beta Kappa keys, I will smile serenely,
for I will be buoyed up with the smootly
feeling that not one of these educational royalists belongs to Stamford's
exclusive Two Hundred.

Visiting Around

Herald)
W. B. Morrison and son, Howard Morrison, William Dale and Mrs. E. A. Puett are all confined to their bed with influenza.

The People's Boss
(Forest City Item, Charlotte News)
Mayor R. L. Reinhardt, who has been
ill for several days, has sufficiently recovered to return to his duties at the
People's drug store.

All Is Forgiven

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(Catawba News-Enterprise)
Light snow was forecast for this area
Thursday, but since the prophecy failed
to come true local residents are hoping the weather man will miss again
in his predictions for continued cold
Friday!

Don't Suppose They Could Be Johnny's,
Do You?

(Richmond County Journal)
Two or three used bedspreads are in
the Sheriff's office without an owner.
They were taken from Johnny Boons,
who had em in his car when arrested.

Earlier Days

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

DECEMBER 15, 1862 75 YEARS AGO

RETREAT

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We had a tremendous wind and rain storm last night. The rain ceased at half past six this morning and it immediately cleared off cold and winty. With the first early light our artillerists with the first early light our artillerists posted on the creats of the hills over-looking the Rappshannock discovered that the enemy was recrossing the river by the ponton bridge near Deep Rum. He was doing the same by the two bridges back of the town, but here his movements were concealed by the bluffs and houses along the bank. Several of the batteries at once opened on the troops crossing the bridge but with little effect.

The enemy had nearly effected the pagaage of the river when first discovered. In a short time after opening our batteries the last blue coefficient.

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The enemy had nearly effected the passage of the river when first discovered. In a short time after opening our batteries the last blue coast stepped upon the Stafford shore and the column, winding up the full time direction of the road which leads to Anule Creek, was quickly out of sight. Long trains of wagness also moved up from down the river and took the same road.

Intelligence of the retreat of the enemy gives rise to unlimited rejoicing among all who regard the movement as an acknowledgment of defeat; but the more thoughtful hear the acknowledgment with unfeigned sorrow, for they had apoped Burnside would again hurl his hosts to be shattered upon Gibraliar, as our position may truly be termed.

—Payetteville Observer.

DECEMBER 15, 1837

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100 YEARS AGO
IN EARLY ARKANSAS
Little Rock, Ark—We had wan unfortunate scene enacted before us a Little Rock, Ark.—We had san unforiunate scene enacted before us a
day or two ago. Our Speaker of the
Bouse of Representatives in consequence of supgesed insult, offered by
a member, came down from his seat
armed with a bowle knilé, and was
armed with a bowle knilé, and was
met by his antagonist, Major J. J. Anthony. The encounter lasted but a
moment, whan Anthony was left dead
on the floor and the Speaker was left
with one hand neatly cut off, and the
other severely wounded. The occurrence
produced great excitement. The House,
to protect its character, expelled the
Depaker, Col. John Wilson, of Clark
County, a man who, has for years filled
the chair, was president, of the convention, and in every respect an making
—Bublic Advertiser.
—Bublic Advertiser.

. It Goes Double

(Norfolk Virginian-Pilot)
"Fog." says a government report to
still "the greatest enemy of surerast."
Also of stateoraft.