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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1937

Another Unwritten Law?

Maybe Governor Hugh White had good and sufficient reason that we don't know about. But on the face of the matter, it seems impossible to recomble his commuting of the semantine of william Clark Midchell, white man, from hamping to life many presentance with the concept of Mississippi justice as a perfectly eventually provided in the property of the provided was convicted was the code-blooded and deliberate hillings of a Negro.

g of a Negro.

And does it seem at all likely that
y Mississippi jury ever got around
convicting a white man of the
da-blooded and deliberate killing
a black man, to condemning him
heng for it, without having overscholing good evidence that he had
see just that thing? We sak you,
dies and gentlemen, does it seem
leavy but our question, of course,
greety rhotorial. Even the little
hood hoys and girls of Tibet could
if you the answer to that one.

school boys and girl of Thet could all you the answer to that one.

Well, and hanging is the ap-schilded penalty for cold-hicoded and deliberate murder in Mississippi, set it? And if that's so, and it is, coght this fellow to escape because his sign happens to be, white?

No Magic in This

uditutional amendment to That constitutional amendment to squire a referendum for the de-sisting of war is on the whole all the by us. He failure to take full senisance of the Monroe Doctrine in cause for some question. But therwise its provisions seem to apservice its provisions seem to ap-only to war on foreign soil and to the defense of our own coun-from attack, and so it seems un-ity that it would unduly hamper, it importance it is crists of the temportance, we think that only incurably naive will believe that can accompilate its purpose and saily forewr keep us out of for-inwars. What lies behind it is keepy that wars are made by poli-

the wars. What lies behind it is beeny that wars are made by poli-cians and bankers — by the Wood-ow Wilsons at the command of the P. Morgans — for the benefit of sid-blooded commercial interests a which the people have no stake, set that theory is much too simple to be true. The causes of war are, a reality, as complex as the human motions. What happens is that a period of time one factor atterer steadily raises the level of along in the mational mind steadily breaks down the all individual inclination to a Then one day something only sweeps the whole ferment explosion. Wars come unpreexplosion. Wars come unpre-bly, and they come, indubitably, e spontaneous will of the people whole. A referendum will, at do no more than remove the table action one step. For in mood, the people will vote for

ether the Southern Policy Aswhether the Southern-Policy As-ciation which the talented Brooks grahas been talking up in these cits will ever function to any pur-samons, the individualists and deficiently the individualists and continuities of the Southeast — wing states and 500,000 square the sea is question.

mitter of cities in the flowish in the likely to picte. back in our turn, argument threat of diseases and crime harder than hear wouldn't sell and days modern community over an diried.

But by and latge the policies of wall have to avaid open war with

High Cost of Giving

Last October 19, Mr. Harvey Fire-

Last October 19. Mr. Harrey Flee-stone, the tire man, bestowed upon members of his family a princely gitt of 48,450 shares of common stock in the Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. At the price of \$16 on that day, the value of this gift was some \$45,500; and since gifts in excess of \$1,000 are taxable to the giver, this beneficence cost Mr. Firestone about \$18,800, which he must pay to Un-

cle Sam.

That's a pretty heavy tariff on generosity; but, ahl suppose Mr.
Firestone had looked at the rising

Firestone had looked at the rising stock market along about last January, and decided that he had better distribute his wealth before it became worth more and cost him more in taxes. At that time Firestone common was quoted at 55, which would have brought the value of the 48,559 shares in the benefaction to 81,575,50, and would have increased Uncle Sam's toll on the transaction to 3322,645, or nearly twice as much as the tax on the gift at October stock prices.

From all this, the computations of which are believed to be accurate but are not guaranteed, we derive two large conclusions:

two large conclusions: make gifts;

2. That Uncle Sam, too, is looing great wads of money because of the "receased" stock market.

> Reflections Inspired By An Eurnest Lady
> e was a lady who called us on
> elephone and wanted us to

launch a movement in these parts for a boycott on the silk which comes

for a boycott on the size which comes from Japan, and for the wearing of cotton stockings by our Carolina women. Only yesterday it was, and she was are said, our duty. And besides, it would help the Southern cotton from the stocking was the said, our duty. And besides, it would help the Southern cotton from the stocking was also said, our duty.

But, we had our doubls, and the longer we look at it, the stronger they grow. We know very well how the lady feels. We feel that way, too, when we look at the pictures batters murdered by

or commess pables murdered by Japanese bombs. And yet, and all

Japanese bombs. And yet, and all the same —
Observe: One of the things the matter with the Bouthern cotton farmer right now is that Japan, from being his best foreign customer, has now become his seventh best. In the four months ending November 30, 1955, she bogght 622/T2 belief from him, valued at M43/96,000. But in the four months ending November 30, 1956, also because the section of the four months ending November 30, 1956, also because the section of the four months ending November 1956.

30, 1937, she bought only 83,907 bales valued at \$5,050,000. Maybe tha

market is lost forever, anyhow. But

market is lost jorever, anyhow. But certainly, a boycott int going to help us get it back.

Again: Supposing that a sufficient number of women can be persuaded to wear cotton parity to balance out this loss, what about the numerous plants manufacturing slik stockings in the state? Most of them could not well change to making coll.

ton hose. If the boycott worked, they'd simply have to close up shop,

and throw a considerable army of people out of work. And we can see little percentage in aiding the cot-ton farmer at the expense of the in-dustrial order.

And Then -

Moreover, and to shift the ground of our reflections, we observe that the American Federation of Labor and the British trades unions have

and the Hillish trades unions have been promoting a boycott of Japanese goods for some months now, but ap-parently without seriously incom-moding the Nipponese. And it seems to us that a boycott which does not work can be good for nothing save further to exacerbate the feelings of

lite south are determined by these magnifipent and could sand unlesses presented by the stage of the few Deal in cotton (plow-up and boulses positions) to be feet of the stage of the stag

IT SEEMS TO ME

By REYWOOD BROUN

THE publishers of Jim Cain's new
nord, "Gerenade," are endeavoring
to create a rift among the reviewers by
advertising both the critics who prated
and those who deplored the manner and
content of the book. soil crosion.

Once the Southeast,
with tracte wronghreafedness, perhaps atood soild and tried to be what
it should be, a region distaining its
own policies. It seems reasonable to
assume that if we tried again now,
we might know more about how to
go about it.



ontent of the book.

That is fair enough. The promoters of the take the attitude that it is not theirs to say whether this is literature or not. They only insist that the story has compented the politic reader interest.

This sasertion I must support. Recently Pleart "Severade" to syoung woman in a hospital, and when she finished it she passed it up and down the corridor. It was her testimony that even the night nurses remained awake That is fair

But for the fact that the patient was an old friend of mine I would hardly have dared to make the limid proffer of

is worthy of no con-sideration, but it may be that I am too aus-He's Almost Ragged Dick

Many years ago Jim Cain was noth-

an private life he seemed morese. Af-reashing off one of his slight frolte-me pieces he would come out to the y room and scowl at members of the vking press who were engaged in set-ing down longer accounts of actual ppetings.

put together. Mevertheless, authors of more estab-lished importance should be humble enough to learn something from such a performance. Unfortunately, American literature, like the literature of all lands, is handicapped by the fact that writers who have something to say often don't who have something to say otten non't say it very well, while others can start off with nothing more than an after-dinner story and knock your eye out by

dinner slory and knock your eye out by their skill in competition.

I want to be edited and instructed when I read, but I hate to pay the price of being bored at the same time. A serious theme can be done with all the pace of a pulp potentier. It may even be that sooner or later Jim Cain himself will do it.

Adding Insult ---

(News Rem, Elizabeth City Advance) (News Rem, Elhabeth Clif Adrance) Plymouth, Dec. 1.—"Dear popt. I tope you are not mad with me. I have al-ways wanted to come to Charlotte. I am ready to come back home. Phillip, Christmas was too near for Phillip, 1-year-old son of E. M. Lierman, to stay away from home long after he ran

away last week to see the world. He reached Charlotte and wrote the above letter to his pop.

— To Injury

(Editorial, Elizabeth City Advance) Editorial, Elisabeth City Advance)
There is sympathy here for the boy
over in the South Albemarie who run
away from home hecause he wanted to
see Charlotte. Likewise there is understanding of his point of view in that,
having seen Charlotte, he was ready to

Middle Class Holds Nation On Sane Way

It Hasn't Changed Much And It Is Unlikely To Go To Any Kind Of Extremes.

Deat Sir:

Ther since the Florida Bust in this country, we've had our fling. We've strained at every joint that held ut. We've ranged in emotion from national certasy to national despair. We've guitted and we've staved. We've six alted individualism and we've damind it. We've sixhed in socialist in theories and we've considered dictatorship. We've should be sixteen and we've considered dictatorship. and we've considered dictatorably. We've thought about giving up and letting the devil do his worst. We've even started a revolution to acrap our political structure and get another. We've done practically everything there was to be done in the way of national upheaval except to take a decisive step. We have taken on decisive step—so, perhaps, there's a reason.

state of mind as is being rich.

Now, after rambiling around, let's say what we started out to say:—that for all the furmed the American middle classes haven't changed much. They've thought the tumultuous thoughts of the country but they haven't done anything about them. They have been forgatten while the rich squawted and the poor howing, but that made little difference. They have been about the only people in the country who haven't stampeded, bo, now, Mr. Molito, why not let's paramount the middle classes for a time? Perhaps they hold the cure for what Perhans they hold the cure for what

RONUS AS CHRISTMAS GIFT

OF LARGE FIRMS IS URGED

OF LARGE FIRMS IS URGED
DEAR BIS:

Now that the holiday season is approaching, and everybody is thinking or ingring. Glory to God in the Highest, and On Earth Peace to Men, this is the reason that people should think about the law that Christ gave them when on earth, and that was, Lowe Youn Neighbor as Yourself. How few of us do this. I read in last Bunday's paper where a merchant, running a few stores, divided out to his employees \$100,00 as homs. How many of our large employers are giving to their employees at this Christmas time a bonus or Christmas gift? We should all remember that it is the employee of any concern who makes the money, and fin all justice and equity, he should have a bonus or a gift of some kind for his faithful erevise. I simply write this to rail attention to a matter that has been on my mind for a number of years. I understand there are served employers in this city who, when men and women reach fifty years of age is twice as competent as the young and frivolous that we have today. I hope that everyone who reads this will story and think nowadays.

J. B. OMEARA. k nowadays. J. B. OMEARA.

Charlotte.

A Divorce, Bather

(Norfolk Virginian-Pilot)

Must You Hurry?

(Greenshorn Naws)
As the Japanese seem to say: Sure, see's the open door, and here's your

Visiting Around

Ro It's That Revious, Is It? College item News-Herald)

Miss Christine Jensen and a friend drave down from Asheville Thursda; and spent the evening with her auni Mrs. Harley Goode, and her mother, Mrs.

One of the Iron Reels
(Lincoln County News)
(Mr. J. M. Reel, of Iron, was amony
the visitors to the capital of Lincoln

BELIEVE IT OR NOT ... By Ripley



Explanation of Today's Cartoon

OT RECORD—Thirty strikeous in a single baseball same is quite a record. Lestle Mueller, Belleville high Marcons, performed that feat in a 5-10-4 12-inning victory over Livington, And on top of that, just to prove it want-fe fresk, three days later Nucleir followed with 18 last Murphysboro and won, 12-1, in seven innings, allowing just one hit. That made a total of m 19 innings—and, netedies to say, aroused the interest of sig lergue exount.

CITY HALL TOPICS

THOSE Councilman who, in defense of their advocacy of an increase in salary for Oily Manager Marshall, pin-pleated that he would be recognized by others who would belt for his services, were better oracles than they knew, Since then it has developed that Mr. Marshall had, at the time of the salary increase, pain turned door an offer to become the director of the State Division of Furchase and Contract.

While the salary for that position is not as much as the City Manager was receiving even before his raise, it is in a distinct compliment to the sability, hom-

dutinet compliment to the ability, hon-erty and integrity of our City Manager that he was tendered the job. And it indicates that Kr. Marshalf is reputation for executive ability and for fait and impartial administration of public ad-fairs, is not confined to the limits of Charlotte.

This offer shows that the six Council-men who voted for the increase because the City Manager was worthy of it were entirely justified in their contention that others would be seeking his perfects.

in which Mr. Marshall has run every-day machinery of the governme every-say machinery of the government. There may be some members of the Council who will question this but I believe it is a fact. And it does not take any credit away from the Council, which has been cooperative and has given the Manager more or less free rein.

Municipal Brists: The ratio dispatchers office at city police headquarters is being celled with a sound-proof fleer in order to "cut town" on the cutation moises that find their way, through the police microphone. The new wall correspond to the cutation of the cutation

gotten and left the tool lying on the running board of the service truck. . . . Several of the Gily Hall laddee must be expecting to davelop further their culinary art. A salesman, offering a cook book, came through the municipal

feminine modesty: Mes. Ruby Simpson.

Secretary in the Treasurer's office.

... Howell Louthian, City Hall measure, has been devoting his paper time to the sludy of accountancy and this week he received notice that he had rescentily passed the final examination. He'll soon be receiving a diploma, and someday he'll be writing C. P. A. after the name.

Perparations are already undersay for the big Christmas are directly undersay for the big Christmas received by the secretary the he annitery.

party which the workers in the sanitary and street departments give at this sea-

Benefit of Progress

(Raieigh News & Observer)

When the Atlantic cable was first laid Thoreau declared that now we could know when the Princess Hortense had the whooping-cough. Now a similar detail of progress comes to light. The reason for the sutlances of college news bureaus is disclosed in the dispatch from the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina as follows:

Greensborn, Dec. I.—Sidney Warner of the Art Department at Woman's Collège has been requested to submit an article for Modern Plastics Magazine on the designing of bathrooms. (Raleigh News & Observet)

Even Has the Lung-Power

(Transylvania Times) (Transylvania, Times).

Iff. Murphy is one of those fellows who dignifies the profession of law wear; the cost, and the tie, and has the look of a picture-book lawyer. Heard him make a political speech thirty years ago . . one of the first "big shots" or the profession of the profe

Earlier Days

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

TE YEARS AGO

THE WAR IN NORTH CAROLINA We learned last night by talegraph om Goldsboro from an entirely reliable o'clock P. M. at Dolascore, at or mea-the milicoal bridge. The enemy burned the bridge, but our troops crossed over the county bridge above, driving the enemy before them for one mils, and were still driving them at sundown.

-Raieigh Progress.

DECEMBER 18, 1837 EVENTATIONS

RESOLUTIONS
In the senate yesterday, after the passage of some private bills, the resolutions of Mr. Cathoun on the rights and duties of the states were called up by that Senator, and the reminder of the string, until nearly 1 ofclor, was consumed in a debate on the exciting topic samed at by the resolutions, camely, abolitionism and slavers.

We confers, as we listened to this worse than useless debate—for so when all the view all debate on the subject—we should have been glad to have had the privilege of offering a substitute for these and all similar resolutions, on which side sower they may or might be.

which side soever they may or man which side soever they may or man that substitute would have been in somewhat the following forest—"Resolved: That the members of Congress of either House are not elected for the purpose of debating the dissolution of the Union, or enterteining any motion, or doing anything, which shall tend to shake the Union, or, in other words, to allenate any portion of our metals that the Congress of the words, to allenate any portion of our

tend to shake the Union, or, in other words, to sliente any portion of our country from the rest, or to enfeeble the acred tiles which now link togetiffe the various park." Therefore, "Recoved, that when any member of either House of Concress shall, in pub-lic debate, either by way of menner, ai-ternative, or hypothesis, talk shout dis-serting the training of the country of the fact of the country of the country of the fact of the country of the country of the fact of the country of the country of the fact of the country of the country of the fact of the country of the country of the fact of the country of the country of the fact of the country of the country of the fact of the country of the country of the fact of the country of the country of the country of the fact of the country of the fact of the country of the ing so called to order, he shall take his

Flagolatry

(Charleston News & Courier)
In Pennsylvania, a member of tha
sect of "Russellites" is in trouble. He
is threatened with a term in prison. His
children refused to salute the American children retused to satute the American fing and that, it seems, is contrary to law. If respect for the Stars and Stripes shall depend upon law in Fennsylvania, or in any other part of the country, it is in a bad way. One is inclined to agree with these Russellites, who are increased in persons when we would describe as crunks, that computery motions in respects of fines is a form of Modalty. Indexity is by no means maconomous.