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is different - that they normally carry

a much greater number of passengers than the Southern roads. Also they in-sist that the ICC is invading the field of

aist that the ICC is invading the field of management when it assumes to tell them to change fares for their own good. However, they had already cut the ground of that argument out from under themselves in 1938 by accepting an order to raise the rate without protest.

In any care, the ICC seems to have made up its mind to try to get away from the old basic rate of 1929 for good. That year it was set at 3.8 cents a mile, with Pullman fares running about four cents. In 1921 the number of passengers carried by the railroads reached an all-time high — 1,035,965,000. But each year thereafter it declined, until it reached the level of 432,979,000 in 1932.

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the level of 432,679,000 in 1932.
The roads of the South were particularly hard hit. And to meet the problem, some of them asked the ICC to let them install a rate of one and one-half-cents. Revenue promptly pleed up. Bist. the Southern rate has since been adjusted to a basis of two cents, though excursion and long-half rates often make it considerably lower than that.

Other roads in other sentions of the

make it considerably lower than that. Other roads in other sections of the country followed suit. But the Eastern roads made no general reduction until ordered to install the two cent rate in 1936. Their business picked up in 1936 and 1937, but in 1938 the Commission agreed to the railroads' demand for a 2.12-cm rate. The two business.

for a 2 1-2 cent rate. That year business fell off again,

The case is somewhat compileated by the various rises and falls of the general business level in the period. But there does not seem to be much doubt that the

best way to quit hauling the empties is to stick to the two-cent rate,

This New Way To Pay Old

Debts Is Ward On Creditor

The Hon, Robert Rice Reynolds announces that he is drattine a resolution for the Sernate which will call upon the President to open negotiations at once with Great Britain for the handling over of various of her West Indian possessions as part payment on the war debt.

The Hon, Robert Rice, like the Hon, Lundeen and others, is very hot for this proposition right now, For the very good reason that it has turned out to be an excellent experiment in rabble-rousing — much better to date than the Vindicators.

A few weeks ago, a majority of the

American people, played on by faise-poods concerning the value of the West fluidan islands and the nature of inter-national debts, indicated in a poll that they thought grabbing these Islands might be a good idea.

might be a good iden.

As a matter of fact, every one of these Islands, with the possible exception of Bermuda, is a definite economic liability. The British and French sweat and groan under the burden of their shiftless, starving populations, and rota are common. Worse, all the evidence shows that the

moment we get hold of such islands, they immediately become a greater lia-

There is the classic case of the Vir-

gin Islands, which we bought from Den-mark in 1917 for twenty-five million smackers, with Secretary of State Lans-

smackers, with Secretary of State Lans-ing entituciastically predicting that they would be a creat source of wealth for us. In point of fact, we are presently pouring out many millions annually to keep the population (from starving and flinging a revolution — which they continually threaten to

Emperiments by London dentials show it takes sixteen seconds longer to anes-thetize a redhead than a blonde. Only a boor will insist the blonde is dizzler to be-

In his GOP prospectus, Glenn Frank is for Disting out various New Deal Innova-tions and giving Republican names to the oldres. It would be-nice-the tilinks, to have Herbert Boulder known ngain as

The Hon. Robert Rice Reynolds an-

Sucker Bait

W. G. Dowd Jr., President J. E. Down and General Manager W. C. Dowd, 1865-1927 6

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Alas, Economy!

The Congressional Heart Softened By The Farmers

What makes weasels go popt is a mat-ter over which naturalists have disa-greed, but what makes budgets go whuch! every little school boy knows.

It's the farmer. A Congressman can't up more resist an appeal in the name of the farmer than the evangelical hurch in the name of the heatien hurch.

Chines. This sympathy for the tollers of the boil cannot be explained away entirely by cynically citing the size of the farm population. Congressmen who come from predominantly rural districts are all for the farmer, paturally. But, surperialnyly enough, so are many whose constituents wear kid gioves.

jecusitiuents wear kid gloves.

And so it is almost a foregone conclusion that the economy mood which has art upon, this Congress so far, and which has resulted in actual savings of some 800,000,000 below the President's budget recommendations, will blow over with the enactment of the regular annual farm legislation. The House stood its results and early farm appropriations. farm legislation. The House stood its around and cut farm appropriations right manifully. But a Senate subcom-mittee has inserted an appropriation for 200,000,000 up to \$100,000, which puts seconomy right back where it started

Omissions

Ironpants Arranges Some Logic To Suit Himself

Congic To Suit Himself
General Johnson's rolumn yesterday
was a notable demonstration of the fact
that, if you are determined, you can
make it out that the Alites are at least as
bad as the Nasis and probably worse.
The General easy that we gave up
issort of our neutral rights at the brginning of the war by leghality e nactment—the so-called Neutrality Act. He
negicts to asy, however, that it was
mainly as regards Germany that we
gave them up. That was the only nation which threatened to sink our ships
without prior visit or search, ruthlessly without prior visit or search, ruthlessly to drown our sailors and citizens. In point of fact, the General himself millpoint of fact, the General himself mini-tantly demands that oil our rights be maintained as against England, if necessary by the use of force — with war with England as the probable re-

He says that the taking of merchant Ene says that the taking of merchant hips into English ports for search is a violation of international law. It is—as international law in title. But he neglects to recall that he himself has lautified Nail Germany's submarine policy of sinking merchant ships with—out search and warning as necessary in the nature of the case, though the name logic powloady applies to the English case. International law authorities have expected out that ties have repeatedly pointed out that it is impossible to search a modern mer-chantman on the high seas.

And then he trots out the unsupported fable that the allies have not bombed the Krupp works because French and English capitalists have a stake in those works. For Germany's failure to bomb English munition plants he has the ready apology munifiles plants he has the ready apology
that she ham't enough long range
fighters as yet. But he neglects to say
why she ham't hombed the French
munifiles morks, which are just as available to Nazi bombers as the Krupp works
are to French and English bombers. And
he says not a word about the obvious creluctance of the Allies to accept teapionsibility for unleashing who closed at warlare, with its inevitable horrors for civillare, that there for a with word resion. ians, that they fear with good reason that an attack on the Krupp works once-

that an attack on the Krupp works ence-casarily involving (civilians will meet prompt and terrible refaliation in kind - falls wholly to mention that these things might just possibly have some-thing to do with the case. If the General, then, a Nazi sym-pathitee? Probably not. Merely, it is his curious theory that the best way to keep us out of the war is to white-wash the Nazis and stir up hate here for the Allies.

Castor Oil

Distasteful Fare Cuts Are Probatty Cood For Roads

The Interstate Commerce Commission's order that Eastern railroads must return to the 2-cent coach fare on March 24 has the approval of only one of them. the Beltimore & Ohio. The others maintain that, however true it may be that the lower fare has brought greater revenue to the Southern roads, their own case

Toda Sadana To Cheer

. By Raymond Clapper

WASHINGTON—As might be expected under the circumstances, Republicans are pointing with price civil Congress to the two agencias Congress of the Congress of th



lorget.

Unless the Republicans watch their rice, this may be only the pride that goes before a Pall election.

Republicans held one Oblo ceat, mainly representing a weather of Creeland shinth, which had been vacated by the death of a Republican Observation and they produced the conference of the control of the Creek of the

a full Presidential year urmout, THEY HAVE A LONG ROAD TO TRAVEL. A Congress of the text o

Administration Democrats. In other words, the Republicans have a long way to go-farther than Pulladelphia. They have a trend in their fator. They also have a potential asset in the fact that 0.000,000 are still unemployed, in the midst of recovery.

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Hat against the Republicans is a good deal of popular suspicion, the succession of the suspicion o

THIS MOVE WILL CERTAINLY NOT AID THEM

CERTAINLY NOT AID THEM
Republicans have given color to
some of these suspicions by the
appointment of Ernet T. Weir, a
most bitter for of recent reforms,
as chairmont of the Republican Fifriends, who are providing the
money to run the party will insist
thom being bittered to. John L.
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operating subusinity for 162 Monte State Control of the Monte State Change the Indian Property point of the Way Milch the Republicant could pursue a policy of intelligent conservation which would recognize that in these times construction must assume expected of it in the old Republican days. But the men who see filanating the rarty will have to provide some cancillo reddere that they are at terminal redderect that they are at terminal redderect that they are at terminal redderect that they are at the Hritish conservatives, as the Hritish conservatives the work of the work of the work of the work of the Way Will not win much mass support.

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Republicans might as well free received on the second of the received on the second of the received of the second of the received of the second of the received of the rec

revolution — which they continually threaten to do. More still, there is ample evidence that the Hon. Robert Rice Reynolds is well aware of this. Some years ago, when he was engaged in setting up his reputation as the createst tourist who ever cooled his heels on a Capitol Hill deck, he went down to have a look at the Virgins — as an official representative of the Senate. It didn't take him long, Ho saw misery and felt remity and he have always atopping at 81. Thomas only long enough to tell the reported of the state o

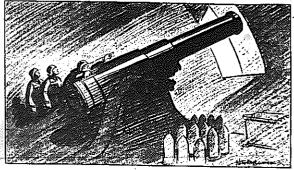
Wall Street Journal Corps Ada, whose name is written indelbilly as one of America's greatest humonists, started his career as a \$6 a week reporter, on all and a second of the second of

Southport Pilot

Beathpart Pilot
Pegry Creech, whose father was
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A Look at the Stars

ICAL DISPLAY IS THE BRIGHTEST IN MANY YEARS.



Letters to the Editor:

In Which We Play Solomon

Dear Sit:
Then blites are from roself and my father, John Crook We had a bed as to within one of us could wan a prize in your mexapaper. I hope I wis and also hope him good lack, However you like your choice, Use both of linem if you cure to do so.

Route 2, Hox 62,
Moorec.

Dear Sir:
This story takes us back to
August, 1800, when I was twelve
years old. At my father: farm, the
week's work had been completed,
It was, a Saturday at noon, Willi
my father's permission, that afternoon I was to plow my poprorn
watch. patch.
It felt like it was 100 degrees

Prize-Winning Letter

in the shade, I arrived at the patch and scarted working, I think I wrot two rounds. Then I went to be the shade of the sh JOHN CROOKS.

Rentr 2, Box 62,

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Dear Sir: It happ Dear Sir:

It happened one night while the internameter howered around zero, A mightbor of mine and his wife had started to bee when one or the children asked her mother to get her a drink of water. After early his water tile got her and the safe to be for the first his property of the safe water than the safe water than a few minutes they smelled

Mr. Billopp:

The Dental

"Good morning, Mr. Jones, Let's re what we've go! here. Open with the control of the control of

and over the severe the severe about it. No, we done anything more.

"We'll have to take out the old filling so that we can get at it. We won't take long. A little wider, please, while we get the light on it. There, that's better, We'll try set drill. Now we are making the severe the s

we wont take inne. A utile wider, please, while we get the light on it. There, that's better, Well try this drilt. Now we are moking some progress.

About got the odd drilling out. Then well do a little mare cutting and shoring up and well be all ready for the new fill-big. We think we'll use amaskum, and the same than the same that work? About sax months san? We don't seem to remember exactiv.

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Any 'you?"

—CHRISTOPHER BILLOPP.

A price of \$5 with he paid by The News for the best letter from list readers to the deliger in answer in the quite rin answer in the quite rin answer in the question poor in the letter of Mr. Green published Thurnday.

I will be most fundamental need in the lives of young people of America toldy.

The contest begins Immediately, closer Saturday, March acty, closer Saturday, March acty, closer Saturday, March acty, closer Saturday, March chie price, must reach this of the price, but the price of t

Clip sheets of the letters will be forwarded to Mr. Gerow. -Editors. The News.

smoke, Looking into the matter, they found that Mrs. S, the moth-er, had her feet so hot they had-ignified the bed clothes and set Prize-Winning Letter

the bed on fire. However there was not much damege done, as Mrs. S. got some more water and put B out.

—J. W. CROORS, Route 2, Box 62, Monroe.

Monroe. 2008 62, Monroe. (Note: Discreetly, we dodge the issue and divide the prize, To J. W. Crooks, 50 cents; to his father. John Grooks, 50 cents. That ought to settle the bet.—Editors. The News.)

How A Pig Came To Sudden Death

Diddent areas:
We have a dog named Miss. We saled her from a puppy and she have a dog named Miss. We saled her from a puppy and she for his and children, and the first and thicken for his page chased out of the children for Miss. To keep the pigs achased out of the children for Miss amounts trick is to hide behind something and ottnek the pigs suddenly from bethind. On one ceased the children from bethind the cone ceased the children from bethind the cone ceased the children from bethind.

ion a pig came wandering through the yard and Miss rushed out at it and it fell over dead. It must have been scared to death or had a heart attack.

-ELIZABETH PLYLER.
Route 2.
Monroe

The Compleat Reporter

North Wilkerboro Hustler
Pierce winds in this county last
Wednesday and Wednesday night
occurred.

secured.

County the damage was true the second background that was unrooted during school houses in Edn. was unrooted during school hours but the 430 pupils, nor any of the trackers, were lujured. Not all of the second school hours are second to the second school houses and the elementary school building. The root was littled across the elementary school building, and the elementary school building. The root was building stop of the building and pitched over onto ground where only a contract of the second school building. The second school building is the second school building the wells upstain seemed nearly to go. Police and power library and school building. In and arrived saws after they had gotten out of the building. In and around the Wilesboom to school building the second school building. In and around the Wilesboom to the building strewing the ground with samily called the second school building with the stand 100 years old and which where toplang atreving the ground with samily called the second of the public building which is should 100 years old and which where you are say was terribly shattered at the page and of the public building with the should 100 years old and which well we have leading was terribly shattered at the page and of the public building and which is should 100 years old and which well we years ago was terribly shattered at the page and of the public building. Surry County the damage was

Another Man

Norfalk Ledger-Dispalch The captain of the Altmark says there were; no guns abound. In other ways, too, he doesn't resemble George Washington.

Side Glances



"You're also speaking to a notary public, and if you're looking for some good real estate buys, I'm the good real esta man to see.

City Hall Topics

-By Herblock

By Dick Young

THAT was a nice gesture. The News and the Visulite Theater made when it invited the wives of police officers to attend the motion pleture performance of "I Married a Cop."



of "I Martied a Con."

Bring the wife of a polleeman is a case a polleeman is a case the public too little appreciates. With appreciates. With polleeman's wives there is the every present uncertainty of fate that hangs over their loved ones, on an officer kiese his wife goodbye, go on his belt and picks up his cap, never knows if he will return. When leaves his family fireside and turns when the control of t

ne leaves his family fireside and turns oward his duty, the policeman always toward his duty, the policeman always frace the danger of topping some criminal's builted or being struck down by an automobile pilotic by a speed-crassed mantae. Many fine outcers have thus been struck down. I've attended their funerals and I always felt a tug at my heart as I awa and felt the grief of the widow and heard the robs of the children, who couldn't understand why daddy went away so suddenly.

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on a stretch!
Surely the cop's wife is an unsuing heroine, one who should receive the plusdits of the public. But at that she would be ill at eare and would much perfect to remain hidden ways a home, minding the affairs of her family while her husband, the cop, estress not his job of protecting life and property.

A MAYOR'S STAND ON SUNDAY MOVIES

ON SUNDAY MOVIES

Councilman B. H. Baxter (the Sunday liberaliter, remember?) was kidding Mayor Douglas, who is always very politic about this Sunday question, by displaying at Wednesday's Council Jeaston a newspaper from Micral, with bold heading at ween stary a council season a messpaper from Miseral, with bold head-lines precisioning the mayor of that city as favoring Sunday movies. Replied Histories, "Sure I'm in favor of Sunday movies—in Mismi."

Condolences to Solicitor Pred Heaty whose father died last week . . . Of all the painting that the workmen of the all the painting that the workmen of the WPA removating project have done around Municipal Square their prize job is the painting of the garage at police headquarters. The monge was dangeon-like in its darkness, largely because of the dreary walls. But when the WPA painters, got through putting on that white paint, the place was bright. Now it is not necessary to burn the electric links in the daytime. lights in the daytime

HOW TO MAKE WIC BOOSTERS HAPPY

BOOSTERS HAFF'S

Erskine Beatty, quiet-spoken purchasing agent for the City Government, was
waiking around-gith expanded cheat this
wrek. Miss Ethel Louise Beatty, the week. Miss Ethel Louise Bestity, the outern of the Bestity household, arrived last Sunday night and Papis Bestity was right proud. . . The Western North Carolina Mayora Tour to Florida was for the purpose of selling the "Land of the Sty" and adjacent territory to fourists, but from reports I hear, Mayor Douglast old a swell bold of selling Charlotte to Western North Carolina. It seems that the made apseches down three, teelling the folks. "Charlotte Is the largest city in the two Carolinas; if is the Carolinas' the two Carolinas; if is the Carolinas' seven. Controve in the largest city in the two Carolinas; it is the Carolinas; streatest industrial city. We don't have much to offer to tourists but I urge you to visit Western North Carolina, where you'll see and only Nature's enwhere you'll see and enjoy Nature's en-trancing wonderland. You can stop and apend the night in Charlotte, going to and from Western North Carolina," And the mayors of the West ste that up,

Visitin' Around

What'd He Do The Rest Of The Day?

(Davie Record)

J. W. Dwire spent Monday looking over Winston-Salem.
Wild Hairs And A Pel Manituress, We Reckon
(Classified adv., High Point Enterprise)

PETS A LIVESTOCK POMMY DERMON invites you to the

Model Barber Shop. Thanks, 106 East Washington,

Ninetern Married Couples And Only Four Sheets (36 Years Aro, Transvivania Times)

They must have had a marryin time over in Pickens County during the holiday season. The Sentinet-Journal of Jan 6 contains nineteen marriages although it was only a four-page paper.

They're Got One In Their Rome

Richfield Hem, Bianly News & Press)

Mrs. Jacob W. Miller and daughters,
Virginia Dare and Fairy of Salisbury,
spent Saturday with the formers mother,
Mrs. D. D. Rijchia.