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DRUNK DRIVING ACQUITTALS

DOWN in Dunn the other day, Solicitor Jack Hooks had what he thought was an open-and-shut drunk driving case. Asja matter of fact, he thought it was the strongest case on the whole week's docket.

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ene."

Every solicitor in North Carolina has doubtless felt the same burning frustratica at one time or another. It is extremely difficult, to find twelve men in North Carolina who will convict a man for driving drunk except in unusual circumstances.

THE NEW KERR SCOTT

gram.

What he said added up to an impressive story. He found the people working and prosperous. Business is bounding up

I Jury lists are selon cuiled to select the best qualified citizens. Mr. Hooks found wn last week's Harnest panel one man who had been convicted of a felony, two who had been convicted for drunk driving, one who had been arrested several times for drunkenness.)

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2. In any group of twelve juroes, you are apt to find at least one man, probably more, who at some time in, the past has driven an automobile home from a party, a dance, a football game or some other special occasion with a few drinks under his belt. He made it successfully, and has the limit of the defendant of the defendant.

Also, there is no sure way to pleasure.

Also, there is no sure way to measure in-toxication. Various intoximeters have been devised, but their findings are not ac-cepted by the courts as conclusive evi-dence.

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The net result is that many of our citisens escape the rizorous punishment they
deserve for driving while intoxicated.
Mr. Hook± duty was to prosecute if he
thought his remaining cases good, even
though he felt the Harnett jury would not
convict. But his decision to noiprosse, even
though we believe it wrong, points up this
distressing deficiency in our jury system.

It was a new and different Kerr Scott
I who sat down before a microphone in
his office Friday night.
He spoke slowly, with great care, and
sasdicously followed the prepared text before vinn. There was none of the bombask the sarcaman, the anger, the recrimination of past Scott speeches.
The standard he calmy rected the rogers in
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and the people including those who had opposed various parts of his Go Forward proposed various parts of his Go Forward prosecurity for the proposed various parts of his Go Forward proposed various ahead.
It was easily the most effective and most statesmanike utterance since the fine Scott inaugural address, and it gave rise to the hope that the man has finally realized that an essential ingredient in a healthy democracy is an articulate opposition, and that those who do not always ditten, and that those who do not always more with him are, more apt to be convenied by logic than by demanquiery.

chairmanning
The seniority system sometimes produces
good men like Mr. Doughtóm. It also, all
too frequently, places a McKellar in charge
of Senate appropriations, a McCarren at
the head of Senate Judiciary, a Rankin
to rule House Veterans' Affairs.

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Seniority provides advancement only by retirement, defeat, or death, ability and merit mean nothing.

Furthermore, the seniority system weakens pasty reagonability which is the very heart of our two-party system. The party leadership should have more power on leadership should have more power on the control of the c

to the press, cited the case of a girl born, without tegs. Through physical medicine, she has learned to walk, he said, and "now she's going to make legs for other people.

. . I saw people who had never walked take their first step. And they're still taking them."

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There are many such persons living half-lives because of accident or birth. in-valids without hope or interest jn living, Mr. Baruch has conflidence that the techniques of physical medicine will help many of them to active lives.

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"You know," he said, "the great prob-lem is to get these people to feel useful to themselves and the community. That ap-plies to older folks.

Mr. Baruch's financial support and pub-licly-expressed interest in physical medi-cine will be of great value in this import-ant field.

CONGRESSIONAL SENIORITY

OME of the papers around the state. Shave taken umbrage at a suggestion by the Washington Post that Robert L. Doughton resign his chairmanship of the Hodse Ways & Means Committee to make way for a younger man.

They seem to agree tacity that the rigid seniority system by which. Farmer Bob' and the state of the seriority system by which. Farmer Bob' clim that the 48-ye of Med, but they clim that the 48-ye of Med, but they colim that the 48-ye of Med, but they more alert and vigorous than many men much younger.

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Perhaps he is. We are not disposed to argue the point. But we certainly find no quarrel with the Post's observation that:

"No congratulations are in order, however, for the tradition-bound Congress which continues to permit a man of 85 to ngeside over what is probably its most powerful committee. In fairness to Mr. Doughton himself and

THE BARUCH BEQUEST

BERNARD M. Baruch says he will leave .

In is entire fortune to be used in the promotion of physical medicine. Though the amount of money Mr. Baruch has accumulated over his 70 years is not known, it is believed to be large.

As important as his money will be to research, the public attention brought to research the public attention brought to research the public attention brought to the field. His sincertanse equal value to the field. His sincertanse equal value to the field stage, water, leaering to produce the work of the field of the sincertain to result in further incentive to other philanthropists who otherwise might never have considered the importance of the field.

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From The Baltimore Evening Sun

CHANGE THE CONTRACT

If THE members of the Board of Estimates had any doubt about changing the SPCA contract to provide dogs for medical research, the hearing vesterday at the War Memorial should remove it. The case for the doctors was overwhelming.

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Speaking for the medical schools were some of Baltimore's most distinguished citizens both physicians and laymen. Each of them spoke with convincing logic directly to the point at issue—whether some stray, unclaimed dogs should be destroyed at the city pound or released to the medical schools for use in vital research.

search.

The proponents of the medical schools rause, without exception, were greeted by the boos and ners of the anti-vivisectinglyiss. Even the children who were former blue bables and their mothers were notspared the ordeal of cat-calls and hisses.
Wild applause and cheering replaced the clamor when the SPCA took the floor. The case, fit in may be called that for the case of the c

ment and misinformation, Some of the speakers were well-known and respected Baltimoreans, but the leading lights in the battery of SPCA orators were imported for the occasion. When they rested their case, they had not presented a single logical, reasonable argument to support their position. Only one decision is possible for the Board of Editmates to make. The medical schools clearly demonstrated their need for the dogs which the SPCA; is going to kill. They need the dogs to help them in their efforts to prevent human suffering and death. The SPCA could offer no valid reason for depriving the medical schools of the dogs. The contract should be changed to provide any adequate supply-of animals for medical research.

There is still one truthful man left. When he renewed his subscription the other day, he said: "You people get out the sociest newhaper of anybody in this entire section."—Meriuether (Ga.) Vindicator.

'Tut Tut, My Good Man-Don't Mention It'



People's Platform

Republicans Have No Leadership

-ROYT H. EAVES.

On Graham's Shelby Speech

CHAPEL HILL

Zition. Total News.

IN PERENTIA, your editorial on Frank Grahapin a

Shibhin-speech. I found grounds fee a question or

two. Your comments were good right up until the

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university predicted. The questions brought to my

mind by this statement are: One, are you referring

to Communism and I so, do you really believe that

Frank Graham never recognized the true nature of

styl; and Two, do you really believe that Frank Gra
ham ever folerated the Communist creed while He

was president of the University of

Council Action Criticized CHARLOTTE

Stewart And Joseph Alsop

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Robert C. Ruark

Old Days Live On

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Europe Kowtows To Junketing Senators

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CENERAL EMERITHOWER: who ence had the best view out
of the Pentagon building, has been crowded out of nis
plush office overlooking the Potomac.
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has the tangane permanent of the conference of offices—reserved for his shots only—is an crowded with brash
that Emelmower has been squeezed out. Ind a room
for Emenhower but Lieut. Gen. Willia Criticaberger, a workmag general age of tirth priority.

Emenhower is out in the cold.

Lewis Won't Defy Low

I's an oddson hat hat John L. Lewis will not again defy
the law, as he did in the Mysis strike, by continuing the
coal strike in opposition to the Taft-Hartley Act.
Those close to him say that Big John Le certains to
keep the mine workers on the job when the three-week

Those close papers Doc. J. Thore are averall good res-

slapped on him for refusing to obey a back-to-work injunc-tion fast year.

There has been considerable rank-and-file grumbling among the destitute miners, who haven't received a full pay check since June 30—and no pay checks at all in almost two months. They say they could have used some of that \$1,420,050 to feed their families.