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Nice (Relief) Work

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For whelly unaktiled labor, WPA
is now paying in Mecklemburg County 20 cents an hour, raised from 26.
The mention monothly were for
The standard monothly were for
The standard relief employee is fixed
\$151.12, which works out to 128
beins a month or about 30 a week.

And as Mrs. Bingham brought
ewit in her story in The News some
weeks ago about the Household Service Demonstration Project underway here, this wage and these hours
also work out to far better jobs for
Negro women in training under WPA
than for doenestics with jobs. To
a cook who puts in twelve hours a
day six days a week for a wage between \$5 and \$10. It must seem an
invitious comparison that novices
are being paid \$8.70 a week for five
days of a leisurely six hours each.
This seems all wrong and horribly
unfair, and yet we know of nothing
that can be done about it. The Pedgrail Covernment is consecrated to
the principle that all men are fesse.

principle that all men are free the principle that all men are tree and equal, and it could never in the world afford to pay one was to white and another to black. But it is paying a relief wage higher than the average of private wages, for hours of work less than half of pri-vate hours. Patently, relief work is holes work if you can get it, and who nice work if you can ger is, acce can blame them if they try?

The Law and the Profits

Al Smith is hardly the popular Al Smith is hardly the popular flagure to champion unpopular causes these days, but he makes great gobs of sense in his remarks on gambling to a convention engaged in re-writing New York State's 1894 constitution. Smacking his first into his palm, Al told 'em:

m, At total em:
"Take this clause out of the conitution, let the Legislature make a
use and sensible definition of gaming, and you will be able to enforce
because the people are behind you:

But you want to be mind you.

With a sensible law, you'd be allo to do vastly more than to enforce it. You take the butter n'eggs racket alone in Charlotte: If it were either regulated or run by some suthorised agency, the odds against the players could be brought down from two-lo-one fless 10° commission for the runners to more of an even break, and the profit left over would still reduce the tax rate or would still reduce the tax rate or would still reduce the tax rate or sermit indulencies which our local governments cannot now afford. You take gambling at eards or at dreverploofy know at that the rule against such pastitines is freely ignored in the more polite circles and nored in the more polite circles and that violations only in the lowest elrefes or in gambling joints bring the cops on the run to break them

up. You take betting on horse races, such as went on at Sportland before the place was pinched. Why, now, to come right down to it, shouldn't a man be privileged to put two dollars on Menow's nose if he feels like. it? Please, somebody, tell us why.

Justice Cardozo

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The death of Justice Cardozo is a serious loss to the nation. Atter Brandels, he had the most luid, if not the most powerful, mind of the nine justices. And he was perhaps the most learned of them, for he had given his whole life to the study of the law with a singleness of purpose which is rare.

Moreover, he solidly merited the little of liberal — not after the fashion of Mr. Justice Black but after that of Brandels and the law-lustice Hollmen. The prest general factor of the condition have a content and a significance that vary from age to see. The method of free decision (that is, of treating previous decisions; and precedents as not always processorily, binding; sees through the iterationy particulars at Tax-solid what is permanent be-

THE CHARLOT an essay published some years ago, and it was from this position that he approached all cases that came before the court. There was danger in discarding precedent in favor of the judge's own reasoning, but it was social conditions call for new laws. And the personal bias of the judges, he thought, prefit well canceled listelf out.

In fine, he was admirably fitted to att on the bench at a time when the most fateful cedants in the most process of the proce

A Net Gain

There was a lynching, a lynching in extremis, so to speak, but nevertheless an utterly merciless lynching near Cordele, Georgia, Saturday, But there was no murder in Charlotte last month; and the second statistic more than offsets

the Itrat.

For while lynching in the Bouth is a matter of national concern, consuming the attention of Congress for weeks on end, having whole societies formed to suppress it, splitting political parties wide open; and while a lynching is always front page news; when it comes down to imple mortality, which is what counts most with the corpse, enuders in Charlotte take an annual toll of the colored population three and four times greater than that of the mobs over the entire nation. It is quite true. In 1937, for example, eight Negroes were lynched in the United States, whereas AT Negroes met violent death in the city of Charlotte. Bo far this year, the lynching in Occupia Saturday is the only one to have taken place, but there have been, by actual count, 21 murders in Charlotte. And so, horrible as was the lynching in Georgia, where a sadistimoba administered a fiendish unction (which means, ilterally, to anoint with oil) to a dying Negro, the violent mortality tables show a net gain by reason of the absence of any murders in Charlotte in June. And that is something. For while ignihing in the Bouth is

Pot and Kettle

The passing allusions to "Dear Alben" which the President let fall like rosebuds in the path of that Kentuckian are as nothing to the bunch of stinkweed he now has

Kentuckian are as nothing to the bunch of stinkweed he now has handed to rival Governor Chandler. Governor Chandler the President said in a letter to Benator Logan, had wanted him "to traffic in Judicial appointments — i.e., to make Logan a judge so that Chandler could appoint himself to the vacated Senate seat. And at Bowling Green, distinguished mainly as the place where the black cat hopped on the sewing machine and as the residence of Senator Logan, the Presidence of Senator Logan, the

Oh hol So to its contemptible, the darg the judiciary into political campaigns? And who, pray, dragged the judiciary into political campaigns? And who, pray, dragged the judiciary into Towa's political campaign, where the scale of Senator Gillette was sought by the sidentification because he had the efformery to vote against the Supreme Court bill? And who, pray, was about to drag the judiciary into Indiana's campain, to get Senator Van Nuys scalp for the celfanne reason — until somebody had the set to wonder if Van Nuys mighthin win as an independent or his togs be handed over to the Republicans? Trafficking in judicial appoint-

Trafficking in judicial appointments is bad, but bearing a grudge against Senators for refusing to against Senators for refusing to traffic in whole courts is far worse. The President, if he is wise or were well-advised, would do better to let the whole business be forgotien. It is perhaps the least praiseworthy chapter in the variegated story of the New Deal.

To a couple of good newspaper publishers in North Carolina came, this past political season, the siren call of public office. Over in the Eighth District Roland F. Beasley of the Monroe Journal cast his hat of the Monroe Journal cast his hat into the rine of Congressional candi-dates, and up in Burke County Miss Bratrice Cobb of the Morganton News-Herald consented that her name be placed before the Demo-cratic convention as a candidate for the State Senate.

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What happened to Mr. Beasley is of record. He got licked. And Miss Beatrice — the convention turned Miss Beatrice down in favor of a man named Hatcher. And the vaunted power of the press does not, it is plain to see, extend to the operators of the press.

But perhaps it is as well, for most politicians, if they lose, have no alternative trade to return to, whereas a mewpaper man can always go back to newspapering. And besides, those fourth-extaters who are something on a stump and can make the wellin ring, generally become contaminated and let the stump attice treep lind their type-writing, which is fatal.

CAMPAIGN ARGUMENT

By Hugh S. Johnson

DY RUGH O. JOHNSON

DETHANY BEACH, Del.—Jim Farley
went nobly to bat for his boss at the
University of Virginia's annual forum.
On the same day, Alf Landon was shelling him from Council Blurk, Jowa. Both
were keynole speeches for the Congres-

were keynote speeches for the Congressional companies. Inductors at least understanding what the Government has been trying to do for them. Thus themed, he insagines industrial big-shole at least religing to the Third New Deal. It is not a "government of vidinarsies." The President is no more to be awayed by externials of the left than by "financial giants." There is no danger to the system or any American institution. At usual in all recent administration speeches, there is a catalogue of blessings, reforms and benefits to the mass of the people which the Third New Deal has brought.

ALF HAS SOMETHING IN WHAT HE SAYS, TOO

Mr. Landon wants to know just what permanent blessings there are. He sees unemployment no less after five years of effort and 20 billions of spending. He rails to see any improvement in any of these economic conditions within make for continued property, except such temporary apurts as can be purchased through spending, debt and taxes, leav-ing the underlying conditions worse when the spurt is over. He doesn't agree that what is being done is in accord with the American system and he does see danger to one American Institution— "liberal democracy—in favor of one-man government."

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man government.

Mr. Landon aligns himself with the "yer-butters" by pulling the old one witch the Treatfert to much protestation. The state of the treatfert to much protestation of the treatfert to much policies. "But Alf gives it a new and secreting statis—after five years. You haven't truly reached any of your objectives and the reason is that you have used the wrong methods and policies.

It is difficult to question Alf's asser-tion that nothing fundamental in our halting economic system has been per-manently repaired. No informed permanently repaired. No informed per-ion can doubt that the trend is toward one-man government.

BUT HE DOESN'T SAY HOW HELL CURE IT

BUT HE DOZENT SAY HOW HELD CURE IT The trouble with All's speech is that it is sterile of auggestions. If you are going to say: "OK on objectives—thumbs down on methods." you should propose better methods. This Alf fails to do except in the vaguest generalities. The trouble with Jains effort is a doubt of his accuracy. The new co-peration he sees with business is the steel industry's liberalizing its price and basing-point system without wage cuts. The truth is that this was a ransom it paid at a pistells point when some of its leaders were brought to Washington and told that if it didn't do that, the monopoly investigation would put it first on the operating table. There is no love feast yet. That kind of hi-jacking down't beget love.

A Last Year's Editorial (From The News of July 11, 1937) HOW LONG?

There is no end. Receipts at the Treasury on July 7 were large, soating up to \$67,943,26838. But did it come about that even for a day they were allowed to exceed expenditures? the thought. the thought. On that date the sums paid out totalled \$54,962,139.22.

And on Thursday, July 8? The record went monotonously on its accustomed and changeless way. The score for that

(Up-to-date note: Receipts for July 7, 1938; \$11,448.052. Expenditures: \$26,892.346.—Editors, The News.)

Visiting Around

Yeh, a Little Wettin' Don't Scare Bapilats

(Erlanger item, Lexington Dispatch)
Attendance at the M. E. Sunday School
esterday was off because of the showers. There was no preaching services there yesterday. The Baptist church reported a good congregation yesterday merning.

Paying Her Back Double (Spring Carden, New Bern Tribune) Mias Eatells Murphy spent the week-end with Miss Marie Buck in Kinston, Miss Marie Buck is spending some time with Miss Eatelle Murphy.

You Ain't Doing So Bad Yourself.
Brother

(Along the Risite, Controod Tribune)
But soon the clouds retreated and the
sun burst feeth upon a panorama of inpiting beauty-lotty innountains trecowarne, viewly hiblides and pastoral
scenes of which poets and painters go
into evalues. into ecstasy.

to That the Dest You Can Say for Her?
(Chester Reporter)
Miss Marguerette Walker, Singing
Evangelist from Gastonis, N. C. Miss
Walkeris well known in the city of Gastonia for her much ainqing. She began
singing in refresis at the age of seven.

Letters To The Editor:

Passage With A Little Pal Of Humanity

A Glib Book Agent And How He Sold A Lady Against Her Will

I am glad to note that Chief Little-john has been warning the people against dishonest solicitors. I should like to sid the good cause by telling of an experience with one of the glib-

As I had been a subscriber to a maga

AA I had been a subscriber to a magine published by the firm he represented, and had been a victim of irregular dealing by the editorial department, I admitted the man so that I might report the matter to him.

Once glued to the chair which I offered him, however, he took I upon himself to do all the talking, and interrupted me if I ried to put in a world. He ratited off a set speech about the wonderful free gift which he had come to present to the.

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to present to me.

The gift, he explained, consisted of an eight-volume encyclopedia of health, priced at \$45, a subscription to the magazine, and a membership in a health bureau, priced at \$180 a year. The ofbureau, priced at \$180 a year. The of-fer was made for adtertizing purposes, he said, as it was cheaper to give the encyclopedia and membership to a few people who would recommend them to others, than to spend large aums for magazine advertizing.

He talked in a suave monotone calcu-lated to dull the attention of the listen-er; and after he had talked on and on for quite a long time, he dropped a very unobirusive remark to the effect that the mere trifling sum of \$49.50 was all that the fortunate beneficiaries of the wonderful free offer were asked to pay.

wondertun iree once were known to play. Finally I did get in a word about my difficulty concerning the manuscript which the editor of the magazine had held for ao many months; and used without remuneration to me and he

neid for so many months; and used without remuneration to me and he nuckly replied that I needed the encyclopedia in order to write for the magazine; that would solve all difficulties. Every word that I could inject into his monologue was defily turned into an argument in support of his sates talk. Even when I spoke casually of having given a couple of health lectures, he used a form of blackmall by threatening, me with persecution if I did not "tick hy with his organization. When I told him that I did not have the stop of health in the house; and there was no end of his situated him a down atrice last of the case. I could not go and leave him in the house; and there was no end of his situated him a down atrice in prospect unless I came across. So in sheer desperation I handed him a down payment.

I thought when I gave him the money he would ask me to sign something, but he did not. He mrrely said, "There's your receipt," and laid on the table (instead of handing to me) a small slip of paper on which he had written my name about two hours previously.

As zoon as the man left, I came to my senses and realized that I had done the wrong thing. So I wrote at once to the company, telling them that their salesman had constrained me against my will, and asking them not to send the books, as I could not pay for them.

books, as I could not pay for them.

A week later, after the company had
had ample time to receive my letter,
the books arrived. A neighbor who saw
them told me that a friend of hers had
and \$34 for the identical sell. They
are worth barely \$10. A five-volume set
containing the same material on thinner
paper and in smaller type is advertised
in the magazine for \$25.00 a. two-volume
art is affered for \$650. The sight-volume act is heavily padded, will large
type, thick paper and many illustrations.

The books published by this company all cerry a money-back guarantee, as advertised in their magazines which cir-culate through the mails. So I wrote culate through the mails. Be I wrote to the company that I whiled to return the books COD for the amount of my down payment. They replied that the books were non-returnable and that I had signed a non-revocable contract.

Then I looked at the "receipt" which the salesman had given me, and found that it was a contract, printed in very small type, in which I agreed to make monthly payments until the balance of the \$49.00 was paid. The salesman had the \$49.50 was paid. The salesman had obligingly signed my name and his; and he signed my name wrong, having made a mistake in copying it from the sub-

Chief Littleighn wants to contact this Chief Littlejohn wants io contact this man when he come to Charlette sgain. Will say person upon whom he call please hold him not a heat thing to do—the difficult task is to get rid of him still be Chief can, be notlined?

Chief Littlejohn says there are two ways to distinguish an honest book salesman from a dishonest one; (1) The honest book salesman does not ask for a down payment. (2) The books may be returned if unsalitatetory.

ALICE MOTARLAND.

Chactolies.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT 0. & Textual COTO. By Ripley To request, sent with enamped, addressed envelope, and Bulley will foundab proof of anything deploted by bins.

EVERYBODY KNOWS 5 BABIES ARE CALLED QUINTUPLETS - BUT WHAT ARE 9 BABIES CALLED ? **NONUPLETS** HANS OHRT FAMOUS CYCLING STAR DE A BICYCLE 2 BLOCKS
FILLMORE ST. HILL IN SAN FRANCISCO 29"AND 32"GRADES ANDERSON SPRING CITY Utah WRITES ALL CORRESPONDENCE

Today's Cartoon Self-Explanatory

Note on Justice

for trial. It was Best's boat. The Negro, Nat Belby, who said he went

the argro, cat being who and in weah with them for a days work, went to prison. He was promised \$7 but never paid. He was promised \$7 but never paid. He was promised \$7 but never paid. Again at the terms of November court, Best did not come to trial, and the case was

postponed.
This week he sent a letter he was sick, Judge Burgwyn didn't like the looks of it. He sent to Stumpy Point, had him brought here, and made him stand trial. And another twelve white men this time decided and said Best was not guilt a second of the looks o

ty. According to all testimony, all men were in the same boat. But strangely

enough, the Negro has done time, and

Testing a Name

That Doubling In Brass

UPSIDE DOWN AND BACKWARDS

By HERBERT AGAR

DITORS and cartoonists are having a lot of fun out of Mr. Roosevelt's attement, in his last "fireatise chat." the lot of the United States and a leader of the Democratio Perty. They seem to think the President made a danger to think the President made in the president made and the president made and the president with the president was the president with the party that carry a double plob-President of the country and itender of the party at one and the same time.

amision, however, is a measure of their own ignorance. Since 1001 it has been a feature of our political system that President has to carry a double job—President of the country and leader of the party at one and the same time.

(Bare County Times).
Twelve white men a year ago, and down in a jury room, and figured that Nat Setby was guilty of stealing fish. Nat Setby is a Negro. He contensed to being fish a boat with Alten Best and Rubert Sawyer in March and had fabled neits belonging to others.

Best, sat in the courtroom and heard the Negro sentenced and sent to prison for eighteen months. He didn't rake his voice to help the Negro, because he too was charged with the same crime, but was not tried at that term of court. Robert Sawyer has field the county, and it was desired to have them both together for trial. It was Best's both together for trial. catching on.

The men who wrote our constitution did not foresee the party system which would grow up, or the effect which political parties would have upon our form of government. As a result, we now have an extra-logal party system, operating outside the constitution yet influence to the party of the property of the party of the property of the p aling outside the constitution yet infl encing the whole of our political life.

SCHEME OF THE FATHERS WOULDN'T WORK

WOULDNY WORK
In some cases the party system has
proved so much more compelling than
the constitution that the constitution
has undergone an unwritten amendment to make it serve the party axistem.
An example is our total disregard of
the constitutional plan for electing the
President.
According to the constitution servi-

President.

According to the constitution, "each atate shall appoint, in such manner as the Legislature thereof may direct, a momber of electors equal to the shale number of Senators and Representatives to which the state may be entitled in Congress." These electors were to "meet in their expective states and vote by ballot for two persons."

"meet la their respective states and vole by ballot for two persons." According to this system the people were to have nothing to asy about electing a President, and no political party could offer the nomination to any one candidate. The electors would vote for whomever they chose, no matter what the party might have premised in advance.

By 1800 the system had broken down. It had been discovered that no party could hold together onless it could offer to its chosen leader the full Presidential vote of the party. So the electors in 1800, for example, were piedged in advance fugureheads. The Democratic electors in 1800, for example, were piedged in advance to said their we votes for Jefferson and Burr. SO EVER SINCE PRESIDENT

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SO EVER SINCE PERSIDENT
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And then, between 1800 and 1822,
every sate but one shotbland the system or having the electors appointed
by Blake Legislatures. They all, with
the exception of south Carolina, arranged to have the electors chosen by
popular rote. The constitution had not
been semended. It has merely been
made to mean the opposite of what it
originally meant.
As soon as the free choice of the electors was abolished, as soon as the office
of President became a fift conferred
by a political party, the Piersident insetiably became the head of the politieat party which had chosen him.

Earlier Days

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

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JULY 11, 1838

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180 YEARS AGO

WAR UPON THE MAY?

The Maditionin takes a just view
of the late gross and malignant sitack
upon the may by the official government paper, as follows:

"We believe to be untrue, and the whole
descrives to be untrue, and the whole
descrives to be treated as a gross
appearing of the character of as brave,
chivalrous and high minded a corps
as erre honoverd a country or graced as ever honored a country or graced the annals of fame." —Fayetterille Observer.

Salute--American Style

Peculiarities Of People By F. Romer DANTE

VANITY so passessed him that Dante not only de-clared all poets of the day his inferiors, but affirmed that this was so because God had ningled him out for greatness. His dream-love for Beatrice, at nine years of age, inspired him through his life.