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was applied with equal force to the employer as well as to the worker.

He cited the need for a wage-payment law, to require the worker to be paid his full wages in cash rather than in receipts from some contractor or subcontractor, which, he believes, is dying out anyhow. He hoped that the next Legislature would pass an arbitration and conciliation law; and, most noteworthy of all, he came out strongly for a state anti-trust law that would be patterned after the Federal law and extending its provisions to employees in purely interstate businesses.

How the Press Association reacts to this legislation, he said, was of the proceedings do not tell. We ourselves are not ready to move its adoption in part or in toto without the fullest examination. Nevertheless, Major Fletcher did for the state's convention, what a guest speaker rarely does—he gave them, we say, something to think about.

**The Only Way Out**

In his survey of the hospital situation in Charlotte, Dr. Walsh brought out clearly that the City Government and the community as a whole are deficient in their provisions for the care of the indigent. The City Health Department's appropriations last year were only \$15,000, which Dr. Walsh called "totally inadequate." Furthermore, neither the City nor any of the local hospitals provide for the aggregation of communicable disease with the result, according to Dr. Walsh, that both the morbidity and mortality rates are increasing. "Certain phases of this project," he concluded.

"Are the direct responsibility of the City and County, and it is reasonable to expect these corporate bodies to contribute towards the solution of communicable disease, syphilitic cases and out-patient service. At the same time it would be expedient to have a special influence to induce the public authorities to enter into an agreement with the Memorial Hospital, where by the City and County shall contribute in the future more adequately to the cost of hospitalizing the indigent."

The demands upon our local governments have increased at such a rate in the last several years that it is difficult to find a single department of schools and roads and the Federal Government's shouldering of the larger part of the relief burden, taxes are beginning again to go up. Taxes on real property are racing. If they have not already reached the point at which a law of diminishing returns takes effect. Therefore, it becomes essential to the extension of health and hospitalization services that a new source of revenue be found.

It was an available source of new revenue which Mr. Robert Taylor, vice-president of the Hospital Savings Association, was pointing out in Sunday's News. Conservative estimates are that the City and the County would share some \$300,000 revenue annually merely by taking a 1 per cent levy on the value of the worst elements in the community and putting in a new system—a system which has worked so well in those North Carolina counties which have tried it, that, except where Mr. Robert Taylor, the prohibitionist, they people wedded to it. At one blow this would knock the pins out from under the Robert Taylors, whom prohibition

**Let the Dead Speak**

The discussion of an up-to-date comfort station is taking an un-desirable turn. An amiable argument is on solely as to where a comfort station shall be built, if anywhere, but a much more important aspect, it seems to us, is what kind of comfort station it shall be.

Our idea, of which we are increasingly firm, is that it should be a combination of the necessities and resting place, so to speak, with benches built circularly around the trunk of shade trees and placed along flower-lined walks and grassy slopes. There should be a small fountain — by all means there should be a fountain, and it, rather than the purely utilitarian features of this proposed facility, should set the style of its architecture and landscaping.

For such a tranquil retreat in the midst of the city, there is only one possible site. That is the old graveyard. Care may be taken not to disturb those who sleep there. In fact, they have authorized us to say that, far from looking upon such a conversion of the former last resting place as an intrusion and a piece of disrespect to their ashes, they would welcome a little cheery company for a change.

**Labor's Spokesman**

North Carolina's Commissioner of Labor certainly gave the Press Association something to think about. He was quite positive that lower living costs in the South, which is the favorite argument in extenuation of a wage differential, was only another way of saying that the South was content with a lower living standard. He thought, besides, that most of the reasons why labor should accept a lower

**Intra-Sanctum Argument on Free Speech**

Vice Chancellor Leon Berry of the New Jersey Judiciary has issued an order forbidding a CIO union from distributing circulars in the vicinity of certain stores in Newark by way of sectarian picketing. It is, picketing designed to dissuade people from trading with establishments which the union has a quarrel. Ground on which he bases his order is that property is an absolute and inalienable right, that free speech is only a contingent right, really a privilege, granted by the constitution, which is necessarily accorded to accord to the property interests of the establishments at which they are aimed, and therefore that it should be enjoined.

**An Absolute Right**

This argument that property is an absolute right, inherent in human nature, and that all others are subordinate to it, is one that has often been made. But it is not borne out by the findings of anthropology and history on every-day practice, which is to make property less than absolute at every turn. Its roots are in medievalism, and its chief elaboration in modern times has been in the hands of English jurists of the 19th century, bent on justifying laws forbidding strikes and labor organization.

In point of fact, all rights are contingent one upon the other. No man has a right to force himself into another man's house or upon his personal privacy by way of exercising the freedom of speech. But if the handing out in public streets of circulars which nobody need accept or read can be forbidden on the ground that it injures the property interests of those at whom they are directed — why, then, it is plain that you can do exactly what the nineteenth century labor agitator, Jurate, claimed, and forbid all strikes, labor organization, since they certainly can be argued to be injurious to the interests of the factory owners. More, you could forbid all freedom of speech whatsoever which bears the name of criticism of any property interests.

supports and makes powerful, would receive a prime cause of political corruption, would enable the two local governments to undertake services which are vital, and would raise great gobs of money painting and whitewashing the walls of home-ownership. It is such a logical proposal in every sense that we do not see how the people of the community can fail to endorse it and to insist upon its adoption.

**A PROPHET CHECKS UP**

By Hugh S. Johnson

**BETHANY BEACH, Del.**—This column threw one clear over first base and into the right-field bleachers in predicting that Gomez Smith would beat Elmer Thomas in the Oklahoma primaries. It is true that of 443,000 Oklahoma Democrats, 65 1-2 per cent of them didn't want Elmer in spite of Mr. Roosevelt's pat on the stivvy head of his "old top" who, while he is about as close personally as Little Bo, the banker's son, with the kids across the tracks. But only about 33 1-2 per cent wanted Gomez. It was a three-way race and Oklahoma doesn't have any runoff primary elections. Elmer is a minority choice but his number is up. He is the candidate.

His contributions to statecraft have been a proposal to enticulate 200 billions private property and divide it up and to use paper currency for money. This need alarm no one because Elmer really isn't Oklahoma's senior representative in Oklahoma. He will vote for whatever the administration tells him. It is quite true that "a vote for Thomas is a vote for Roosevelt"—but let's say a vote for Oklahoma unless the administration plans it that way.

**CLINK UP A WRONG BET ON BILL, TWO**

That is all right too, if Oklahoma wants to surrender more of her statehood to Washington. Oklahoma hasn't said that. On the contrary, 65 1-2 per cent of her voters declined to say that. If they could be added to such as Republicans as remain conscious, it would seem that less than a third of Oklahoma wants to take any more of the peculiarly tangy flavor out of this spiky state.

The contest for governor didn't add any laurels to this column's reputation for political prophecy, either. It was close. WPA had its own candidate—Key—and he got 150,000 votes. The old Southrough, when I thought would win. Alfilled Bill Murray, the sheep in the plum felt, by 150,000 votes, to Leon Phillips, who will be a good governor. But here again is a minority choice. Only 34 per cent of the Democrats yearned for Leon.

**BUT ANYHOW THE CONTEST DIDN'T PROVE ANYTHING**

Altogether, this Oklahoma primary didn't indicate that Mr. Roosevelt's intervention had any great effect in that direction. He cooed at Elmer but he also wooed Governor Marland who was hopelessly liked.

It is true that he kicked Alfilled Bill Murray in the shin, but he didn't indicate any preference for governor, and General Key, the WPA candidate, was beaten.

As a matter of fact, except for Alfilled, the whole state was radical. Non answered the President's denunciation of "conservative" and, as for Governor Smith, he fired Mr. Roosevelt's denunciation of "liberals" so well that the President hinted that, if he isn't lunatic, it wouldn't take much to make him so. No effect was marked enough to prove that the administration can dictate candidates to the states.

**A Little Discouraging**

(Staunton Daily)

Assigned to the task of giving a history of Lipstadt's activities, C. A. Paul, Charlotte News reporter, produced an interesting resume of his offenses against the law, a record that is threaded through and through with court consciousness that brought no greater inconvenience to C. A. than the paying of a few stragler fines and some pretty heavy lawyer fees.

And how comes this latest vindication, or is it? McKeeburg officers will have to continue their hunt for Robert Taylor. They were told that the trait was but a thought that they had to get out of place, but for some reason or other couldn't make their allegations stick.

**Visiting Around**

News of the Tribe of Noah (Ararat Item, Mr. Arny Times)

There were some birthday dinners and family reunions that called some of the people of Ararat away last Sunday but there was a very good congregation at church.

How Old is Intermediate? (Midway Item, Lexington Dispatch)

Rev. Charles Stokes, son of Dr. M. B. Stokes, well known missionary to Korea, has been singing his way to the hearts of Midway people this week. The intermediate group of the vacation Bible school report an interesting time spent with their guest teacher.

**Letters To The Editor: What Are Cops In Lexington For, Anyhow?**

Their Claim That They Have Nothing To Do With Elefonsa Sounds A Little Strange

Dear Sir:

Officials investigating illegal election procedures in Lexington had their records checked from them. The police advised them to leave town. On the road home they were attacked, their bodies assaulted. And the police say that elections do not concern them.

If guarantee of fair elections does not concern the police, what does it like to know? Our entire system of government is constructed around the free and unobscured use of the ballot. When the ballot is improperly used, the guarantee for fair elections should be discovered and punished. Police protection should be guaranteed anyone investigating charges of election fraud. What has happened in Lexington may spread. It should not be allowed to do so.

Charlotte. VOTER.

**New Deal Has Created Only Fiat Values**

Dear Sir:

In our negligent, careless and lazy mood we learned out of our civics that money represented a fiat value as much as a real value. A fiat value is like this: The only property A owns is a cow and all the property B owns is \$25. A gives B a mortgage, due in 8 months, on his cow for B's \$25. That night the cow dies. The next day B trades the mortgage to his groceryman, the grocerman to his wholesaler, the wholesaler to the jobber, the jobber to the bank.

All the while these people were entering the mortgage as an asset in their cash books and ledgers it was in fact non-collectable and worth nothing. For all the value the mortgage carried was in the cow, and when the cow died, the mortgage became fiat value to be entered as an asset and make a deceiving balance sheet.

All this spelt of property the New Deal has brought about has been made with fiat assets and credits. But when the New Deal received business and it carried fiat credits and assets on ledgers and cash books, it made a balance for Federal taxing. Though this fiat part was worthless to the business it gave the tax laws a chance to tax the fiat part of the business and charge it to the real business.

These periods of prosperity the New Deal claims are nothing but the New Deal circulating fiat values through business that it may increase its taxing estimates from what little good business was left in the land.

WAVERLY RUDISILL, Iron Station.

**THE ISLE OF PALMS**

By Madeline Waldell

Clear against the eastern light,  
 A palm tree lifts its frond,  
 And paints the clouds for sheer de-light,  
 With nature's magic wand.

Pink from off the rose's blush,  
 And white of lilies born,  
 A painting done in twilight's hush,  
 A rose without a thorn.

But on this island of the sea,  
 Bright with and the sea's blue,  
 The eastern sky in radiant hue,  
 Shines forth its own sweet charm.

In radiant glow its brilliant blue,  
 Finds answer in the waves,  
 Where lippins in white their app-  
 The western sunset waves.

The white sands shine, their humble way  
 So like the great of earth,  
 Cloth in humility, whose future day  
 Shines forth their glorious worth.

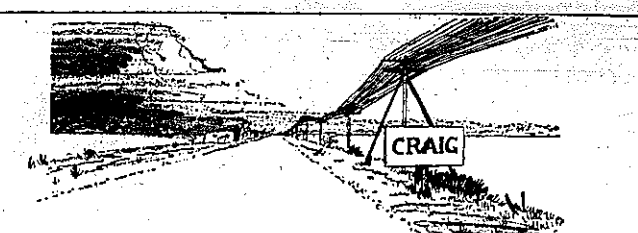
Here clouds and sky and waters blend,  
 And shores and fowers give  
 Their sweet refreshment to the end  
 That it is joy to live.

**Slight Error**

(Macon Telegraph)

A Chicago fellow says this really happened: Three men, two of them quite tall and the other quite short, appeared at the gate of a Chicago railway station. They were told that the train was but an hour late. To kill time they wandered into a ginney across the street and put the gin clock to work for a spell. When they returned to the gate they were told that a hot box had caused another delay and they still had an hour to wait. They went back to the ginney. When they returned to the station again the gateman called to them "Hey, fellows! Here's your train! You put have to hurry! Here's your pulling out!" At three dashed after the train as they could dash under the circumstances—and the two tall men managed to catch the rail of the observation car and swing aboard. "Well, Mister," concluded the gateman when the short man came back, "most of your party made it, anyway." "Yeah," puffed the short man, "but the hell is it, those two fellows come down to see me off."

**BELIEVE IT OR NOT By Ripley**



On request, sent with stamped, addressed envelope, Mr. Ripley will furnish proof of anything depicted by him.

**TOWN BUILT ON A HIGHWAY**  
 INSTEAD OF THE HIGHWAY BUILT THRU THE TOWN  
 CRAIG IS BUILT ON OVERSEAS HIGHWAY, Florida

THE WATER ON THE LEFT IS THE ATLANTIC OCEAN ON THE RIGHT IS THE GULF OF MEXICO.

**MRS. LEONA CHENEY WINNER, WOMEN'S WESTERN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP 1934**

PLAYED THE 7<sup>TH</sup> HOLE Par 4-237 Yds. 7 CONSECUTIVE TIMES SCORING 4 EAGLES AND 3 BIRDS FOR A TOTAL OF 17

**BOULDER HEAD**  
 NATURAL FORMATION IN LIVING STONE  
 LEETE'S ISLAND, COLO.—PETER DA ROS

Today's Cartoon Self-Explanatory

**Fooley To Omar, Ma'am**

By REYWOOD BROWN

IT is, of course, presumptuous for a columnist to offer unsought advice to any other craftsman engaged in the same pursuit. In writing an open sermon to Mrs. Roosevelt my sole excuse is the fact that I am a veteran in the business of turning out daily inspirational literature, while she is a newer recruit to the industry.

Accordingly, I wish to warn her against the danger of giving even qualified endorsement to carp diem content. Imagine my surprise at finding in "My Day" the statement, "If I lived in my own house, I would develop the philosophy of Omar Khayyam and live for the day and its pleasures."

Such talk is dangerous. Almost I seem to see a waiting queue of citizens at Hyde Park each murmuring, "Say it ain't true, Mrs. Roosevelt."

**ENTER OLD EXPERIENCE TO GIVE A LADY A TIP**

To be sure, the First Lady is dealing only with a hypothetical, but I can assure her that Omar was wrong. His teachings are not useful in any person. In any land, at any time. Pull half a century I followed the precepts of the Persian poet. I knew the cup that cheers and gave no heed to the rumble of a distant drum. I, too, have heard the sighing of the siren in the wilderness and poured light wines upon the bread to make it palatable.

All this I did, and by a miracle I am still here to testify that it gets you nothing. In times gone by I used to match my private life with that of any man, however reckless, nor was I ever ready to cry "quits" when doubled.

A columnist is under no moral obligation to account for all his off hours to the public, but generally he does. And, went of all, if he is no more than a shade of collecting his autobiographical accounts of high jinks are likely to grow in the telling. That was my own little mistake. As burghers go, I was moderate and reliable in most things, but I could not resist the temptation of making myself a gay dog in an effort to gain readers and syndication.

**WHEREIN MADDEN'S BRUDDERS BEFORE THE BROUW LER**

This way madness lies. A kind of auto-hypnotism, or even auto-intoxication, may set in. In the beginning the vine leaves in his hair were merely a fragment of frustration and imagination. It took me almost ten years to learn to leer with my eyes at my wife. But once a man begins to play a part the role becomes increasingly exciting. In the beginning I could satisfy my ambition to be among the playboys merely by sitting at public places and loudly shouting to the waiter, "Bring me a glass of beer." Presently, for the sake of the shock impact, my distinctly audible order would run, "Make it another scotch."

The years rolled by, and as they did it became necessary to stoke the furnace with more inflammable fuel. Before I quite realized it I found myself drinking white wine and seltzer. The legend of loose conduct which I had built-up for myself began to plague me, like that monster of the man in the story whose name I can never spell. When I aucterized into a night club debutants shattered and looked to their escorts for

**Earlier Days**

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

JULY 18, 1863  
 35 YEARS AGO  
 ANOTHER CALL FOR CONSCRIPTS

We copy the President's proclamation calling out all men not exempted by law, between the ages of 15 and 45. This call is rendered proper and indeed indispensable by Lincoln's call for 300,000 conscripts. His army, whatever force they may amount to, must be met, if it should require every man and boy in the Confederacy. It is a hard duty, but it is a duty which cannot be avoided but with the loss of everything that as individuals and as a community the people of the Confederacy hold dear. The Yankee Congress has already passed laws to confiscate the property of the people of the Confederacy and to emancipate their slaves, and the savage malignity of their conduct wherever they have secured a foothold in the South shows beyond peradventure that those laws will be enforced if they err get the power to enforce them.

—Parrsville Observer.

JULY 18, 1858  
 100 YEARS AGO  
 THE DENVER RESORT

We noticed in another column the attempt made by some of the loco loco party to excite jealousy against all men of property and standing in society. This charge cannot be denied. The spirit of agrarianism is abroad in the land. There are politicians base enough to attempt the subversion of society and the protection of law and order to accomplish a political object. These men baw out "aristocrats" against all who differ from them in opinion and call on the "Democratic Party" to unite with them in overthrowing the established order of society, in disregarding the rights of property, and overturning the very principle on which government is founded.

—Parrsville Observer.

**Peculiarities Of People**

By F. Romer

APICIOUS

To please his palate, the epicure Apicous sent a Roman palley hawk around the world to find a shellfish whose flavor he had heard extolled. Squandering one of the world's largest fortunes upon feasting, at last he slew himself because he was reduced to "poverty"—finding a swine equivalent to \$200,000 insufficient to provide for his table.

