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How Certain the Cure?

Mr. Robert L. Johnson, former secretary of Pennsylvania's relief administration, told the Republican program committee at Chicago that the administration of relief to the needy should be returned to the States and the counties, and that "until this is done there will be no end to the present wastefulness and corruption."

All right, it sounds fine. States' rights, you know, and the old Jeffersonian principles. We are all in favor of them. But nevertheless, the fact remains that "wastefulness and corruption" as practiced in the State is everywhere the work not of the Federal authorities in Washington but of state and county authorities.

It may be that there are valid reasons for not converting industrial homes into juvenile detention camps. If there are, let the County Commissioners say so. If there aren't, let them make the change before the new budget is adopted.

Lady in Distress

For 27 years Miss Myrtle C. Heywood, of Brooklyn (we discreetly refrain from enquiring if there is anything significant in that address) and substitute teacher in the public schools of New York, has been trying to obtain a position as a regular teacher without success.

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Tempet in a Teapot

Maybe we oughtn't to pretend to take Mr. Howland Spencer seriously, but he does seem to be an excellent example of that peculiarity in the Opposition to the New Deal upon which we have remarked before. And, to state the truth, we are glad that the President looks much better in that controversy with Mr. Spencer over who shall have the use of the name Krum Elbow.

Winkful Noise

Paris, Kansas, August 6. When it comes to wearing apparel, women will put on anything or take off anything style authorities may suggest. Think what blouses inlaid come in the shape of a President Roosevelt take to power, somebody promptly unearthed the news that that estate is the same one he now owns. That promised to be a natural

for the jokesters, and the President, in an ill-adviced moment, asked the newspaper boys to speak of his place under the name of Krum Elbow.

That was where Mr. Spencer—a New York importer who is husband to the daughter of the late Oliver Harriman and the sister to Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt—came in. Mr. Spencer said loudly that Krum Elbow was properly the name of his own estate just across the river from the Roosevelt's, and that moreover he thought Crooks' Paradise was a perfectly beautiful name for the Roosevelt place. Then, to make his statement more pointed, he practically, according to his own story gave away his own estate, with the name Krum Elbow, to Father Divine, the Negro voodoo man of Harlem, in order to give him a "heaven" directly under the President's nose.

Why Not This Stump?

"Uncle Joe" Garibaldi and his grand jurors said a whole lot when they declared that little is accomplished by keeping six or seven women suffering with venereal diseases at County Industrial Home while hundreds of prostitutes roam the streets of the city. Besides, said the grand jurors, the average cost of keeping the sixteen is \$400 a year.

Well, a year or so ago someone—we can't recall offhand who it was—proposed that some prisoners be kept at Industrial Home and that women prisoners with venereal diseases be kept in old County Jail on South Main Street, where juveniles are now lodged. The reason for the proposal was that at Industrial Home the women have complete governmental regulation of all wages and hours as in Germany and Russia; or we can have a system whereby individual workers bargain individually with huge concerns such as Republic Steel.

Under the third system which is the system our big business revolutionaries are trying to preserve, there is a tendency for wages to stay at a bare subsistence level. Of course, if labor became very scarce, wages would rise. But with the spread of modern machinery, nothing but a bubonic plague is likely to make labor very scarce.

Non Sequitur

A very fair example of the non sequitur logic of the WCTU is that of the speech delivered in San Francisco Thursday night by Mrs. Ida B. Wise, its national president, in which she argued that "a rapid increase in venereal disease" has resulted from the "renewal" of the old alliance between prostitution and the saloon.

It is quite possible that there may be some correlation between intemperance and the incidence of venereal disease. Thus, the United States, Norway, Sweden, and Denmark are among the most genuinely temperate in the world, though none of them are given to retreating; and they are also precisely the countries in which syphilis has been most severely stamped out—the rate being about a fifth of that in the United States. Yet not one of these countries is a prohibition country. One of them, Norway, did indeed try it once, but, like the United States, Finland, and New Zealand, it abandoned it in a twinkling. Well, and has the syphilis rate gone up in Norway since repeal? On the contrary, it has come down most rapidly in that period.

But in reality, the correlation of intemperance, prohibition, and venereal disease is very vague and uncertain. What mainly explains the extraordinary high incidence of these diseases in the United States and their swift increase, all the authorities from Dr. Thomas Parran downward are agreed upon. It is the fact that we have squeamishly refused to face realities and to deal with them as such—that, as a people, we have insisted that because we thought a thing ought not to be we could do away with it by passing harsh laws against it, driving it under cover, and thereafter steadfastly ignoring the obvious consequences of that policy. And of that attitude the most pertinent example among us is precisely the WCTU.

What Did He Have?

Why Arthur, New Bern Tribune Douglas Corrigan's wrong direction flight across the Atlantic made history, but New Bern's got a guy who made a wrong direction automobile trip. Raymond J. Burt, a local pilot will extend their influence to either Florida, say by making it the style for women to make hot biscuits twice a day and apple pie once a day for pa and the boys.

EVERYBODY WILL LOSE

By Herbert Agar

THE Senate Civil Liberties Committee continues to unearth evidence of the most shameless warfare carried on by big business against the National Labor Relations Act. "Warfare" is not a figure of speech; the word is used literally.

Death and assault are weapons which have been used again and again. They are still being used today. They are used for the purpose of violating a Federal statute. They are used to prevent unions from being formed, and they are used to prevent unions from conducting strikes.

WHAT DO THESE MEN HOPE TO GAIN IN THIS? The question I want to raise today is this: What do those businessmen who are guilty of these tactics expect to gain by opposing unionization? Here they are, they simply oppose change with the blind stubbornness of a moth beating itself against the light?

There are three ways in which labor relations can be conducted: We can have powerful unions, capable of true collective bargaining with big business, as in England; we can have complete governmental regulation of all wages and hours as in Germany and Russia; or we can have a system whereby individual workers bargain individually with huge concerns such as Republic Steel.

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By Louise Lashley The ground fitness coming From the mills of the gods With a shout through Back into the dust to which All things return, Denouncing those who arrive by birth, Depart by death, By grudging answers learned.

And the earth, between the hellas we make,

The paradise we seek, Will freeze, and thaw, and bloom again, Repeating nothing's new, Nothing's old, through Only constant change.

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A Last Year's Editorial

By ANY OTHER NAME (From The News of August 6, 1937) Guy M. Beatty has been selected as the drive leader for the Mecklenburg Association for Law Observance, succeeding to the place which W. E. Price occupied in 1936. Price was found in Mr. Beatty's selection. He is one of those who enjoy the distinction of being called good citizens. His whole life was identified with another movement for civic betterment. That was called the Mecklenburg Civic League. Its purpose was to clean up politics, close up the town on Sunday, stamp out slot machines and the like. Politics is still with us and unchanged, and slot machines are invisible by State law, but some citizens are a few more and nobody knows exactly what went with it.

It is striking, when one comes to think of it, the similarity between the present MAPLO movement and that of the old Civic League. Mr. Beatty was a director, J. B. Ives, H. G. Ashcroft, and W. H. Bets, Mrs. A. J. Haggood and numerous others who also, are members of the committee promoting the present campaign for law observance. We draw no odious comparison, but comment merely that they either do good works or are positive realities in championing difficult causes.

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A Note About An Overlooked Correlation

When Skirts Grow Shorter Right Now They Are Going Up At A Cheering Rate

Dear Sir: Business is an automatic thing. People's stomachs and other appetites provide for that. Imagine trying to withhold a ham sandwich from a hungry man! After his stomach is filled he buys luxuries, like shoes and shirts, then gradually on up to automobiles, refrigerators, fine things for the women and so on.

Remember 1927? When skirts were shockingly short? Then business was good. People weren't thinking about business. And how it did buzz! I don't know what they were thinking about but they were feeling well, happy—and buying things. The dress skirt manufacturers had what they figured was a good business thought. Make skirts longer, they said to themselves, and we'll sell more cloth to make them.

You see, they got to thinking about business. They made the skirts longer. How long did they sell more cloth? No, they took people's minds off the contemplation of short skirts and business went to pot. It got so that you could hardly sell cloth at all. The shorts ran to cover, as the financial writers say. Now, skirts are higher again. Let them go higher, higher. And see what has happened. The stock market is up. Business is better, much better. If business people will just let business alone, business will again become automatic, provided something is provided to keep people's minds off business.

Please understand, sir, that my interest in this is only economic. I hope to get to sing, laud, generally make merry, eat, buy automobiles—sir, did you ever see a short-skirted lady getting out of an automobile back in '28? O. N. LOOKER, Charlotte.

REPETITION

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Visiting Around

Home to the Nest, We Gather (Upon Rem. Leifer News-Topic) Mr. Bernard McLean of the Morning CCC camp spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dove McLean.

That All He Did in the Big Town?

(Hampshire Item, Asheville Courier) V. C. Marley spent several days the past week in Baltimore, Md., purchasing goods for his store here.

D'ye Think It Was Kind to Mimic

Brooks Like That? (Winnsboro News & Herald) Rev. Mr. Beta of College Place gave an interesting temperance lecture with illustrating slides on Sunday evening at the League hour.

We Not Yet Did Enjoy That

(Stumpy Point Item, Dare County Times) Friday evening Miss Anne Twiford and Hazel Hooper, Claudia Twiford, Thelma Newton, Kathleen Robinson, Horace Hooper, Sydney Hutton, Earl Holloway, Woodrow Claxton and Frank Cooke enjoyed a picnic and bathing party on the shore at Manna Harbor.

Well, Why Be So Beseemingly About Naming Things? (Winnsboro News & Herald) Rumor has it that a new courthouse will be built outright. The old building, it is said, will be repaired and used for a variety of purposes.

We Get You: Figs Ain't Always Figs (Transylvania Times) A group of friends entertained Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, Hendry and children and the "Aristocratic Pig" at Lake Towaway Sunday.

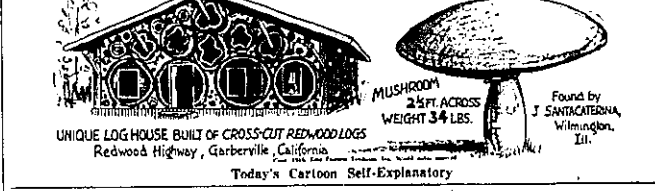
BELIEVE IT OR NOT By Ripley

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EVERY MAN HAS ANTS IN HIS PANTS PANTS GARTER SNAKE CAUGHT IN A SPIDER WEB. Court House, Duluth, Minn. Drawn by Andy Anderson

MARVIN NELSON GREATEST OF ALL MARATHON SWIMMERS CAN BALANCE A GLASS OF WATER ON HIS CHEST NELSON HAS WON 3 TORONTO SWIMS AND 2 CHICAGO WORLD FAIR SWIMS HE HAS SWAM 20 MILES MORE THAN 300 TIMES



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A Tip To Legislators

BY DICK YOUNG

WHY is it that some of those who first have the respect of nomination or election to the Legislature get giddy-headed thinking up all kinds of bills they are going to present for enactment? And that the municipal government seems to be the pet of their affections and that they propose drastic changes in the form of our City Government?

When the size of the City Council was increased, there was no public protest for a change. In fact when the bill was proposed, that was the first that any one except a small coterie knew about it. The enlarged Council has been operative for three years and so far things have run along smoothly, mainly because of the good humor of the Commissioner and the masterful diplomacy of Mayor Douglas. But there is a different temper displayed now, and the first thing we know we are going to have a battle royal. And with so many on the Council, the difficulty of making peace will be increased. I don't know whether the present Council can avoid it or not but someday we are going to have squabbles in the Council that will be comparable to those that characterized the old-time Board of Aldermen.

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Peculiarities Of People

By F. Romer

WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT THE late President Taft could keep a calm mind however drummed the little he faced. He permitted nothing to perturb him or give him anxiety. Even on election night with his Presidency pending, Taft retired at saying he wanted no rest till he awakened in the morning.

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Earlier Days

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

AUGUST 6, 1843 21 YEARS AGO CHARLESTON More than thirty days have elapsed since the Federal troops landed on Morris Island; two assaults upon Battery Wagner have been made and both were repulsed, with such severe loss that correspondents inform us there will be no further attempt to carry that work by storm. To take it by siege is a slow and exhausting process at best. It is believed, however, that although Fort Wagner may hold out for a long time to come, and perhaps indefinitely, that the heavy guns now being placed in position will be near enough to batter down Fort Sumter and that Sumter once abandoned, Charleston must fall. The complaint is that the monitors have been but of little service and that the capture of Charleston is necessarily dependent upon the success of the operations on land. If this be true, and if it be also true that General Gillmore has suffered a loss of 75 per cent of his force, it is at least a matter of doubt whether Charleston can be taken at all. Certain it is, this result can only be attained by a much larger army than is now under command of General Gillmore. —Baltimore Gazette.

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