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Another "Farmers' Movement?"

The letter of C. P. Hodges which appears in the State today is intended, one supposes, "to start something." That "something" appears to be an imitation of the movement, or "move-ment," of 1890. Two years after the more or less celebrated "March Convention" of 1890, the anti-Tillmanites, or Conservatives, so-called, held a convention to "suggest" a ticket and it was then, we believe, that the late Col. J. L. M. Irby, a lawyer whose remarkable abilities were indispensable to the success of "Reform," told the story of the "Lulu hand." A stranger in a game of poker held four aces but, at the showdown, a man with a pair of fours raked in the fat jackpot. When the stranger remonstrated, the banker of the game pointed to a placard on the wall, saying that in poker, as played in that house, a pair of fours was a "Lulu hand" and beat anything. A little later the stranger held the "Lulu hand" and, when about to take the pot, had his attention turned to another sign which read "a Lulu hand wins but once in one night." The aptness of the story was confirmed by the result in 1892.

Next year 32 years will have passed since the first success of the "Farmers' Movement" and it may be that Mr. Hodges reckons that it is time to open a brand new game in which the "Lulu hands" will be again recognized.

Of course The State does not sympathize with the unmitigated attack on the poor benighted lawyers. The State does not believe in class government. If the lawyers have had and have too large a part in shaping legislation and administration in South Carolina, they ought not to be subjected to cruel and unusual punishment for it. Their whole company numbers 1,000 or 1,200 in South Carolina and not a few of them are saints of the Lord. One doubts if any of them ought to be hanged and, if there be two or three who ought to be in jail, we are not prepared to prove it or to make an accusation. If 1,200 lawyers can outwit 200,000 men and women farmers, whose is the fault and where is the harm if the farmers must needs reduce taxes, must have a reformer to lead them and would hire a professional "Reformer" from the ranks of the attorneys? That would be a tribute to the attorneys which no generous person would grudge them. Perhaps the farmers can not find a Moses among themselves and perhaps they would not agree upon him if they did find him. Lawyer politicians are among the greatest conveniences to farmers when they become excited, especially about taxes, which are invariably imposed by the "white collar crowd."

If any of the farmers sympathize with Mr. Hodges' proposal, The State will be glad to hear from them and print their letters, provided they write briefly and to the point. The State will certainly not oppose an upright and capable man for governor merely because he is a farmer. Nor would it oppose a man of that kind for no better reason than that he happened to be a "movie" actor or lawyer.—The State.

Potato "Cure" Returns
 Detroit News.
 Potatoes sold the other day in a Michigan town at eighteen cents a bushel. They will be back presently to a point where a fellow can afford to resume carrying one in his pocket for his rheumatism.

THE GRAY AND THE BLUE
 (By D. H. Magill, Richmond, Va.)
 The Southern smiles of peace now flow
 Triumphant over tears,
 Announcing war shall ever go,
 Dispelling rueful fears;
 The direful days of Seven Pines,
 Of Gaines' Mill, Frazier's Farm
 And Malvern Hill, depart with lines
 Of cruel strife's alarm.

Immortal brave, for whom we weep!
 Unwavering was thy test,
 At quiet Hollywood some sleep,
 At Oakwood others rest;
 Tho' many lie, unrecognized,
 Where courage was their shield,
 They are asleep, immortalized,
 Who fell on valor's field.

We chant sweet requiems for the brave,
 Who fell for Southern rights,
 South Carolina lilies wave,
 Virginia's rose unites;
 In peace we'll evermore abide,
 The South, so brave and true,
 The North, in faith will stand beside
 The Gray in living Blue.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Baptist Church Regrets Loss of the Rev. Louis J. Bristow.
 The following resolution was adopted by the members of the Abbeville Baptist church upon the resignation recently of the Rev. Louis J. Bristow:

"Whereas, The Rev. Louis J. Bristow, who has been our beloved pastor, and under Shepherd for eight years, has tendered his resignation to accept the superintendency of a Baptist hospital in Selma, Ala., and

"Whereas, Since coming to us in 1910, for five years, and in 1918, for three years, a new and modern house of worship and parsonage have been built and paid for, and are now free of debt, and

"Whereas, The membership of the church has grown from 167 to 466 the greater portion of this increase being under his wise and enthusiastic leadership, and is now one of the largest churches in the city, and

"Whereas, The attendance at the preaching services, Sunday School and prayer meetings have shown wonderful growth and interest since his last pastorate with us, and all departments of the church are working in harmony and good fellowship and with enthusiasm,

"Therefore be it resolved by the members of the Abbeville Baptist church that his resignation was regretfully accepted believing that the call to Selma opens up new field of usefulness to him.

"That while fully appreciating his great work and usefulness, among us, we pray that under Divine guidance he may be the means not only of healing the physical infirmities of many, but that he may be enabled to hasten the coming of the kingdom in a larger measure than ever before.

"That our best wishes and prayers go with him and his family that an all wise Providence may take care of them and guide them in all their undertakings.

"That these resolutions be inscribed on a page in the minutes of the church, and be published in the local papers and the Baptist Courier, and that a copy be sent to the Rev. Louis J. Bristow."

GIRL INSTANTLY KILLED

Winston-Salem, N. C.—While walking on the roof of the new twelve-story hotel here this afternoon Miss Lillian Mitchell, 24 years old, daughter of Edgar Mitchell, of Walnut Cove, fell from a high parapet to the roof of the ball room, ten floors below, and was instantly killed.

At the coroner's inquest one of the witnesses said that Miss Mitchell had asked her, "If you loved a man and he loved you and you knew that the marriage could never take place, what would you do?" The witness stated that she advised Miss Mitchell to continue and to trust to hope. "But," replied Miss Mitchell, according to the witness, "suppose every future moment made things worse?" At another time Miss Mitchell remarked to the witness, "I could scream until every one in the building heard me."

Not being able to arrive at a decision from the evidence the jury adjourned until tomorrow, when it will view the building and seek to obtain other evidence.

BILLY SUNDAY SORRY

Laemnts Plight of Fatty Arbuckle and Blames Booze
 Sioux City, Iowa, Sept. 18.—I feel sorry for "Fatty" Arbuckle and do not see how any court in the land could convict the fallen idol for murder or for manslaughter. He has suffered enough in my opinion.

How can you punish Arbuckle unless you punish Mrs. Bambina Maude Delmont and the others who were his guests at the St Francis and have told their story to District Attorney Brady?

I blame booze for the whole thing. Had there been no liquor at that party Virginia Rappe would not have lost her life. But there were intoxicants and I see by the papers that forty quarts of whisky and other hard liquor were consumed by "Fatty" and his guests.

"Arbuckle realizes that the way of the transgressor is hard. He was the movies' best comedian. He was the favorite of old and young alike when they went to the picture shows to get a laugh. He drew because he was good, because his plays were not suggestive of immorality. He did a lot of good in the world because he made folks laugh and forget their cares and sorrows. He was the sun that shined on filmdom.

Now his pictures are barred. And while they are banning his pictures they should quit showing Miss Rappe's.

Without a doubt she went to that party of her own free will and accord. From what I gather from the papers, Miss Rappe also went into the bedroom with "Fatty" not because he forced her to go, for it seems that he did not, but because she wanted to go in there with him.

The girl died; but I believe her death was caused by an accident and not by Roscoe Arbuckle.

That party was as wild as any I ever heard of. There are many others going on that are just as wild, however, and that is because immorality is increasing.

And immorality will increase as long as people disregard laws, whether they be laws of the churches or of the government. At that, I consider prohibition has been successful.

How do I figure that prohibition is a success if immorality is increasing? you will ask.

Well, the Volstead act has taken away the saloons, for one thing; and has made communities more prosperous. But as I have just said, there are violators of all laws; what the prohibition act needs is bigger funds for its enforcement.

That party of Arbuckle's was just a case of a modern Belshazzar, entertaining in the St. Francis Hotel. Fatty fell for whisky and wild women. Old Belshazzar had a party that was most disgraceful, but that party had nothing on "Fatty's."

PROF. GUNTER RETIRES

C. C. Ross Takes Furman University Faculty Vacancy.

Greenville, Sept. 15.—Friends throughout South Carolina of Prof. Luceo Gunter, head of the department of education at Furman University, will regret to learn that the condition of his health is such that he has been compelled to retire temporarily from his active duties. Prof. Gunter has been under observation of a specialist in an Atlanta hospital for several days and news from him is to the effect that he will be forced to take a leave of absence until the first of the coming year, at least.

To fill the vacancy caused by the illness of Prof. Gunter, the administration at Furman University has secured Prof. Clay C. Ross, of Powell, Tennessee. Prof. Ross comes to Furman highly recommended and splendidly equipped for his work. He is a B. A. of Carson-Newman college, holds a B. A. degree in education from the University of Tennessee and an M. A. degree from the teachers college of Columbia University. He has had considerable experience in teaching.

LOWELL SHERMAN, GUEST OF 'FATTY' LOSES OUT

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 17.—Lowell Sherman, motion picture actor, guest at the Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle hotel party in San Francisco, on Labor Day, was released from a contract with a large motion picture production company here, it was announced yesterday.

MANY JEWELS FOUND IN DESPERADO'S LAIR

Atlanta Negro, Professional Burglar, Killed by Officers Who Try To Arrest Him.

Atlanta, Sept. 17.—Large quantities of valuable jewelry have been found in the haunts of Frank Cooper negro desperado, thought by the police to have been a professional burglar, who was shot to death early Friday morning by Officer J. W. McWilliams, after a pitched battle.

Four negro women have been arrested, charged with being accomplices of Cooper. They are Mattie Byrd and Ruby Russell, 306-A West Fair street; Roxie Jones, 181 Bell street, and Mary Wilson 9 Old Wheat street.

Detectives went to the scene of the shooting of Cooper, which occurred at 308 West Fair street, just after daybreak. They entered that house and number 306-A, next door, and as they mounted the steps a negro woman, one of the four under arrest, threw a box from the window. When recovered, it proved to contain diamonds, and watches, and brooches of considerable value.

There is, somewhere, say the negro women, a cigar box full of gems and jewels of great value. They say they do not know where it is. Cooper showed it to them a day or two ago and went away with it, they said. The police department is hunting for it.

Searching Cooper's pockets after his dramatic death, the officers found eight gold watches of considerable value. They have not been identified.

The jewelry recovered from the box in Cooper's room consisted of the following:

A diamond-studded gold watch embellished with sixty pearls, and a pistol, believe to belong to Mrs. H. L. DeGive, of 665 Peachtree street.

A gold wrist watch and a diamond ring, identified by Mrs. S. Franks, of 260 Rawson street, as her property.

A pearl-studded sunburst, a gold and pearl brooch, a gold wrist watch and a ruby ring, identified and delivered to Miss Rose Bloom, 210 Washington street.

A quantity of gold chains, diamonds and jewels yet unidentified.

"Cooper was an expert burglar," say the police, "and if we can find all his hidden loot we will be able to return much of the valuable jewelry which has been stolen in the past few months. We will not rest until that cigar box is found."

Cooper, a negro desperado well known to the police and a romantic figure in the underworld of Darktown, said to be an escaped convict, and a generally bad man, was shot to death early Friday morning by Police Officer J. W. McWilliams.

"You'll never take me alive," he had sent word to headquarters.

A year ago, it is said, he was given a sentence of fifteen years for burglarizing the home of Mayor Key. He served two months of this sentence and escaped, and Atlanta police have been searching for him ever since.

Prior to 1910 the pink boll worm so destructive to the cotton fields, was unknown in Egypt.

MURDER UNSOLVED

Man in Car Shot By Party in Passing Car.

Akron, O., Sept. 17.—More light on the circumstances of the murder of Harry Sinclair, 40, Akron sportsman, early Thursday, is being sought today by Cleveland and Akron police. Two leads were followed yesterday in an effort to run down the identity of his slayer, but county prosecutor A. W. Doyle reported little progress.

Sinclair was driving the roadster of a friend, R. E. (Red) Smithers, who was also in the party with two women, when, according to the story told by Smithers, a car raced up behind from which two shots were fired which struck the body of the roadster. The third shot fired as the pursuer was passing killed Sinclair instantly.

The two men in the party substantiate Smithers' story.

Friends of Sinclair state that he was a former Philadelphia man and that he had no known enemies. He was known to police as a gambler, and police believe that he may have made some bitter enemies in his profession. The police have discarded the jealousy theory on which they worked yesterday.

WEEKS AND FORD CONFER

Will Discuss Offer of Lizzie King to Buy Power Plant

Washington, Sept. 17.—Secretary Weeks will confer Monday at 10 a. m. with engineers representing Henry Ford on the offer submitted by the Detroit manufacturer for the purchase and lease by him of nitrate and water power projects at Muscle Shoals Ala.

After the discussion with the engineers, it is understood that Mr. Ford personally will come to Washington to talk with Secretary Weeks. The conference Monday was believed to center upon certain objection raised by Secretary Weeks to provisions in the Ford offer. These will be explained by the secretary to the engineers who, it was said would advise Mr. Ford, probably before his conference with Mr. Weeks.

SMOTHERED TO DEATH

Newberry, Sept. 16.—The six year old son of G. B. Ellison of Spring Hill, Lexington county, was smothered to death in a pile of line cotton Monday at a gin house on the James C. Duncan plantation in Cromer township. The lad was visiting a family on the plantation and with the children of the family was playing in the cotton when the accident occurred. The little body was shipped back to his father's in Lexington county for burial.

TO RESUME STUDY OF LAW AT CAROLINA

James S. Cothran, Jr., popular deputy clerk of the United States District Court, nephew and private secretary to Associate Justice Thomas P. Cothran, leaves Greenville today to visit his sister, Mrs. Julian D. Holstein, Jr., of Edgefield. After a short visit in Edgefield Mr. Cothran will go to Columbia, where he will pursue the study of law at the University of South Carolina.

"Jimmy" Cothran, as he is popularly known in this city, has made a host of friends during his residence in Greenville, and all wish him a most successful term at the law school.—Greenville Piedmont.

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