

## ON CURRENT TOPICS

(CHAS. LEIDY.)

Frank Clark got away from his keepers the other day long enough to spill himself in Congress again. This time he told Congress about a "lawmaking body, at heavy expense to the taxpayers," resolving itself into a mass meeting to "condemn the democracy of one man."

There isn't enough democracy in Frank Clark to choke a mosquito. And his regard for the taxpayers was evidenced when he voted to increase his already disproportionate salary \$2,500 a year.

Oh! how he do love the taxpayer!

The Times-Union says "the sessions of the Legislature are looked upon with increasing apprehension," and thinks a day of thanksgiving should be appointed on its adjournment.

Yessum! The evil-doer looks upon each session of the grand jury with increasing apprehension, and renders thanks upon its adjournment without finding a bill against him.

The evil-doer, be he corporation-king or bootlegger, knows something ought to be done with him, hence this increasing apprehension.

The Crimes-Onion sees no hope for the future of the nigger. He is unfit, and must follow the dodo to extinction.

But, when negroes are imported to break a strike, the C. O. breaks its neck in its eulogy of the negro and in its defense of his rights as a free and independent workman.

The Crimes-Onion's most recent offense is against the \$1.75 white trainman as a competitor of the \$1.25 negro strike-breaker.

An offense not so recent was the C. O.'s defense of the \$1.25 Italian strike-breaker who was brought to Jacksonville to supplant the \$2 nigger.

The \$1.25 Dago spent 25 cents of his \$1.25 for maintenance, and sent the dollar to Italy; the nigger spent all of his \$2 in Jacksonville. The merchants felt the effect, but the Crimes-Onion didn't—Dagoes and niggers don't subscribe

to the maintenance of the C. O., to their credit be it admitted.

In Georgia is a little town called Climax.

To Climax came a man named Oliver.

Oliver found Climax a fertile field for a skin-game, and baited his hook for all species of suckers.

And suckers came in schools—because Oliver was smooth of mouth and sleek of person, they bit.

Positively astonishing how suckers will bite at wildcat banks and similar bait. And further astonishing that some of these suckers can see no good in a depositors' guaranty law.

The failure of the Bank of Climax could never have occurred—in fact, there would have been no Bank of Climax, had there been a law in Georgia similar to the one PROPOSED in Florida:

"Any three or more persons approved by the State Auditor, a majority of whom shall be residents of this State, may become incorporated as a banking corporation."

"The State Banking Board shall levy three-fourths of one per cent of the bank's daily average deposits for the purpose of creating a depositors' guaranty fund."

It is further provided that the State Auditor shall take charge of a suspended bank and pay depositors in full out of the guaranty fund,

But, no—the depositors should not be thus protected.

And why? Is it because the optic of the objector has in view the purpose of baiting his hook for suckers, as Oliver did?

The depositor who objects to having his deposit guaranteed is on a par with the employee who objects to drastic, confiscatory and other high-sounding kinds of socialistic legislation that is supposed to reduce him to starvation wages and put corporations out of business.

The National Convention of the Travelers Protective Association, in session at Asheville N. C., went on record as being opposed to tipping in general, and particularly the tipping of hotel waiters.



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