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TO OUR READERS.

With this issue of the Gastonian it announces itself a candidate for the favors, patronage and good will of the people of Gastonia and of Gaston county. It comes feeling that the field is large enough for it, that it can succeed without encroaching on anyone, and that in a small measure may be of some service to the people of this good county.

The Gastonian is issued from the office of the old Progress and goes to the list of subscribers carried by that paper at the time of its suspension. The mechanical department has been improved by the addition of a new press and other machinery necessary for the issuing of an up-to-date paper. The publishers are practical men and have had many years experience in the newspaper and printing business, and with the aid of the citizens feel that they can issue a paper that will not only be a credit to the county, but a valuable asset, as every well conducted newspaper must be.

The Gastonian will strive to be independent in thought and treat all alike. Its advertising columns will be open to both political parties at exactly the same rate. The editorial columns will be conducted on the principle of the greatest good to the people, regardless of party, though the editor has always been a follower of Jefferson. The principal object of this paper will be not to push some individual to the front on account of his political or other views, but it is to be run for the upbuilding of Gastonia and Gaston county, and to furnish the necessities of life to the publishers.

Its columns will always be open for the discussion of subjects that are of interest to the people, and we are anxious that the people take advantage of this privilege and help us to keep Gaston county in the place she has earned among the counties of North Carolina.

This paper goes as a sample copy to hundreds of people in the county who are not subscribers and it is a personal invitation to them to become a member of the Gastonian family. We have made the price within the reach of all. We did this believing that the people would appreciate a semi-weekly paper at such small cost. It is under the cost of production, coming to its subscribers 104 times a year for \$1.00—less than it would cost to mail it, less than the cost of a one-cent postage stamp. We stand ready to make this proposition on the outset; and that is, that if there is anyone in this county that will make an affidavit that they are unable to pay \$1.00 a year for the paper their name will be added to our list as a gratis subscriber. The lack of one dollar shall not keep this paper from going into a home. The secret of publishing a \$1.00 semi-weekly lies in the fact that "Jones pays the freight" and in this instance "Jones" is the advertiser. This is the man that supports every newspaper, and on account of this the subscriber is naturally under obligations to him. Knowing that the people of Gaston and surrounding counties will meet every obligation they should and will patronize the merchants that make it possible for them to secure a newspaper at such a small price.

We will be handicapped for some time in the matter of local news from the fact that this work will fall to the lot of a total stranger, and realizing this we ask the citizens to call us up and give us all the doings of themselves and friends. Many people have a delicacy in doing this, thinking that the local man will think they are egotistical, but this is not a fact. If they could realize what these small items mean to a man who has worked several days to get up a readable paper they would not hesitate a moment. The tramp at the back door appreciates the lunch less than the local man does the item, and surely you would not think of treating a newspaper with less charity than the hobo.

The latchstring is always found on the outside of the newspaper office door, but we do not even have a latch-

string—the door will always be found open, and if we fail to give you a hearty welcome it will be because you do not get in the right place.

With a strong, steady pull we are now ready to go up against the real things in the newspaper business and all we ask is that the people will assist us by giving us a little shove as we start over the rise. And if you have any criticism to make, come to us, and if you see fit to "boost" pass that on to your friends, it will help us more there.

THE RELATION OF THE NEWSPAPER READER TO THE ADVERTISER.

This paper is going to 2,000 people in Gaston county, some are regular subscribers, while others are not, but are to regard the receiving of a sample copy as an invitation to subscribe. The price is low enough for anyone to have the paper. The price is low because the merchants who use its columns have made it possible. On this account the readers of this paper should patronize the business men who make it possible for them to receive it at such a small cost. They will appreciate the business and will no doubt give you value received for your money. In this issue we are carrying the advertisements of a number of Gastonia's leading firms and they are making some attractive offers, while others are announcing their willingness to serve you in their special lines. We want to make a small and simple request of our friends, and that is when you go into a business man's place tell him you saw his ad in The Gastonian, this cost you nothing and is worth money to us. Money to us means a better paper for Gaston county, and that means a better paper to you for the same money, showing that the bread cast upon the water is returned to you in better value for your money.

The size of the Gastonian will depend from time to time upon the amount of advertising. We hope to keep the amount of reading matter about the same every issue and not let the advertisements crowd it, and have prepared ourselves to print any size paper that our advertising patronage will require.

We have in the past heard complaint about papers carrying such an abundance of advertising, but looked at in the right light it is a splendid thing for the subscriber. A case came under our observation several months ago where a gentleman dropped into a store and priced several articles of a well known brand of wearing apparel. Not having the money in hand he told the merchant he would call in some time later and buy. The next day in looking over the advertisements in his local paper he found the same articles advertised at a cut price, and he bought. He took advantage of the reduction and saved enough to pay more than a year's subscription to his paper.

This demonstrates that the advertiser is not a nuisance, but a benefactor.

His advertising helps the publishers in getting out a better paper; helps the subscriber to get his paper at a reasonable price; helps the subscriber also to keep in touch with the values offered, and to save money for his family.

With this in view we earnestly ask our readers to co-operate with the merchant and the newspaper and all pull together for the upbuilding of Gastonia and Gaston county.

The decision of the Chamber of Commerce to hold a county fair this fall means much to Gaston county. It will bring the people together in competition along the lines of agriculture and live stock. This is a great incentive to people to do better. Let some farmer bring in an extra good animal, raised in Gaston county. His neighbor knows that he has no advantages over him and next year he will have an animal to compete with the first man. It will be that way all the way through, with farm products, fancy work, etc. Every citizen should get behind the movement, not for the purpose of seeing what he can get out of it, but what he can put into it for the good of the fair. No doubt there will be large crowds here on these days and naturally they will spend a large amount of money, but that is not the object of the men behind the project. The prime object is to get the people to mingle together, swap ideas and see what can be done in the way of live stock raising and agriculture. Let every man give the Gaston County Fair a boost and if you have occasion to knock take a hammer and go out behind the woodshed and enjoy yourself, don't "knock" where anyone can hear you.

Here's hoping that the "old vets" will enjoy every minute of their stay in Richmond. The men who marched through four years of privations will not let rain interfere with their plans. Many will never get to another reunion and they are having the time of their lives.

ALL GERMANY IS NOW TRUCK GARDEN AND FARM.

Every Foot of Land Cultivated to Keep of Starvation.

Berlin, June 1.—Germany is one immense truck garden and farm this spring. Not in the entire history of the empire has there been such a wholesale reversion to agriculture.

Within the course of a month a correspondent had the opportunity of crossing Germany from the most remote northeastern Prussian frontier at Nimmersatt to the Swiss boundary in the southwest of Leopoldshöhe, and traveling through almost every section of the country except the southwest.

The story without exception was the same. In unprecedented numbers Germans have turned out in the cities as well as the country, and have plowed and planted every available acre, almost every square yard of land, in anticipation of a crop that shall put an end to rumors that the country can be starved out.

The casual visitor to Germany leaves invariably with the impression there are unusual numbers of young men still in civil life who have not been called to colors. The impression fades once one gets into the country, however, and it is the exception to see men of military age working in the fields.

In the places are large numbers of women and boys ranging from 6 to 16, and old men, all industriously plowing, planting, or sowing. In place of the horses that have been requisitioned for military purposes, one sees many oxen, and even milk cows, attached to plows, harrows and wagons.

So keen has the agricultural contest become that plots of ground that formerly went to waste are now being prepared for gardens. For miles and miles the plowing extends right up to the railroad tracks, and in places, especially in the central and southern parts of Germany, miniature truck gardens lie between the rails—the gardens of crossing watchmen and minor railroad officials.

The approach to every city of any size in the land is heralded by acres of tiny gardens, planned and cared for by city residents, who in every spare moment make for the suburbs and spend their time in working. To maintain at least a small plot of ground has become almost a patriotic duty.

Great Berlin, in common with dozens of other cities, today presents an unprecedented appearance. Tennis courts by the dozen have been ripped up and transformed into gardens. A trip through the suburbs or any afternoon reveals hundreds of persons busy over their work.

With the intensive German thoroughness, the gardening impulse has been carefully fostered for months in the winter when the field for instructing women in the agricultural arts, and now that spring has arrived the female relatives of men in field are more than doing their share to words raising a record-breaking crop.

SPIES ROAMED AT WILL OVER PUGET SOUND FORT.

Visitors Barred Now After Discovery of Attempt to Ruin Big Guns.

Port Townsend, Wash., June 1.—An attempt to put out of commission the big guns at Fort Worden and Fort Flagler, guarding the entrance to Puget Sound, was made today, and as a result all visitors have been barred from the forts in this district. It is reported breech locks of four guns were removed and the loading mechanism damaged.

The discovery followed a report that Fort Worden had been photographed in detail by persons who had surreptitiously entered the grounds. The photographs gave the relative locations of the big guns and the hidden batteries.

Up to the time of these discoveries automobiles with sightseers were permitted to visit the elevation where the batteries are located, but new orders have been issued forbidding any person to visit the batteries without a special permit from the commanding officer, and those who receive them must be accompanied by a guard.

British Women Making War Munitions Now.

Barrow, Eng., June 1.—At the Vickers Sons and Maxim works 600 women employed in the manufacture of munitions have given such satisfaction that the firm has decided immediately to employ an additional thousand.

It is expected that the example of Vickers Sons and Maxim will be extensively followed by other firms.

"German Note Irresponsible and Inconclusive"—Taft.

New Haven, Conn., June 1.—Former President William H. Taft, when asked to comment upon the German reply to the American note said: "I think the reply of the German government is irresponsible and inconclusive."

MINE SWEEPERS FACE PERIL.

Their Task One of the Most Dangerous of Modern Warfare.

The feet of mine sweepers is clearing a path through the Dardanelles for the great battleships which are battering down the forts with their powerful guns. These little vessels are engaged in hauling to the surface the deadly mines which bar the path to Constantinople. The vessels engaged in this task work in pairs.

A strong cable is stretched across from one boat to another, and a huge triangular weight, known as "kite" keeps the line well down in the water as it is dragged across the mine field. The purpose of the cable is to snap the mooring rope which holds the mines 16 to 18 feet below the surface, where, if exploded, they can do great damage to the vital parts of a ship, such as the engine room, coal bunkers or magazines.

As the two mine-sweeping vessels slowly steam apart sailors at each end of the cable watch for the connecting line to tighten. When a mine is located the cable vibrates and no longer sags. Then slowly above the water appears the glistening sphere whose 700-pound charge of explosive material could sink a dreadnaught in 10 minutes.

A blast of a siren warns a waiting torpedo boat that a mine has been discovered. Then the vessel speeds within a short distance of the floating metal case, the trawlers fall away and a well-placed shell explodes the mine, whose purpose has been frustrated.

Sometimes a mine explodes when it is caught in a dragging cable, and the vessels on either side run grave risk of being swamped. The plucky mine sweepers, however, are mostly North Sea fishermen, have from boyhood been schooled to face danger, and take huge risks with a light heart.

While maneuvering over mine fields their crafts may at any moment strike a death-dealing sphere, and then there is a vacancy at one end of the drag tackle. The British authorities prepared North Sea fishermen for mine sweeping by forming some years ago, the trawler reserve numbers of which signed on five years, and in peace time went through a fortnight's training every year.

Few Japanese Can Vote.

Thursday Evening Post.

The population of Japan, exclusive of colonies, in 1909 was 50,225,000 and at the present time is probably 53,000,000 or 53,000,500,000, as the annual rate of increase is about 650,000. Figuring, as we do, that one in five is a male of voting age, there should be a voting population in Japan of about 10,600,000. Instead, suffrage is not universal; it is largely restricted.

In round numbers about 1,500,000 of the Japanese have the franchise; and of these at a general election like the one held in March of this year, about 80 per cent. vote. Before a Japanese can vote he must be at least 25 years of age and pay 14 yen a year or \$5 of direct taxation. There are other restrictions also; but these are the general terms.

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