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THE NEW HOTEL—

With a secretary-less Chamber of Commerce, Ahoskie's proposed new hotel project is lying in state, or rather, it sleepeth. Plans have been drawn and await approval; architects are ready to talk business, and contractors are just running over themselves to get the job. Of course the builders have nothing on the supply men, for they, too, are rearing to submit estimates and bids.

About the only thing needed right now is a little more of that enthusiasm recently manifested here. Along with that enthusiasm and effervescence must come the finances with which to carry out the plans made and drawn under the supervision of the Chamber of Commerce. The committee to solicit stock will soon get busy, and they anticipate no necessity for argument when presenting the proposition to prospective investors.

The need of the hotel is settled; that Ahoskie people want a hotel has been pretty fairly demonstrated. But that demonstration will not be complete until the stock is subscribed for, and bids are called for on the structure.

May the hotel be one of early spring's accomplishments.

KEEP IT AT HOME—

Only by bitter experience do some people learn to shake off the foreign stock promoter. Too often, these fellows make easy victims of their prospects. Plenty of living examples of easy marks are walking the streets of Ahoskie today, and there are others in adjoining towns in the county. Highly touted stocks in some foreign corporation are now selling at one-twentieth of their original purchase value.

Hertford County money invested in corporations far removed from here reaches up into thousands, that is, for a period covering only about five years. One or two notable examples have served to take away several thousand dollars; all because the buyer thought he had a better chance to win at a chance game than he did in a legitimate enterprise in his own town or community.

Another notable thing about these fellows who make a living selling wild cat stocks is the frequency of their visits. They keep their ears wide open for news of a degree of prosperity, and they invariably make their rounds when money is known to be plentiful. That is why they are unusually active this year.

But, these fellows are right now facing a little serious opposition. The State Department of Insurance, headed by that vigilant Stacey W. Wade, is on their heels. Warnings are daily being issued against the stock promoters, and along with these warnings go that sound advice "keep your

money at home." A general statewide campaign is being conducted by this department to educate the public against the foreign stock man and lead them into the only sound basis of doing business—invest in home enterprises.

There is always a place for investment right here at home. Every town and community in this county has in prospect needed projects that should be put over; there are farms that need improving; all the county banks conduct savings departments; and, in many other ways can the investor find ready places for his cash.

One of the excellent methods of creating more thrift, and using the revenues from this thrift to promote the building up of the county and towns is the Building & Loan Associations. Late bulletins issued from the office of Insurance Commissioner tell of a growing interest in these home building associations throughout the State.

Hertford County is one of the few North Carolina counties that does not have such an association. There is a great need for one here; and it is going to come.

Arsenate Is Scarce

February 16, 1923.

Gentlemen—I have called at the office of the General Chemical Company, New York, in person, and from the enclosed letter from them it looks like the supply of Calcium Arsenate is very unpromising. This Company ought to have it as it is one of the largest chemical companies of the country.

I am very much afraid from the investigation I have made, that there will be great difficulty in supplying the cotton farmers for such demands as they may make. You have seen where a Georgia darkey, faithful to his natural attachment to both cotton and molasses, has invented the method of mixing the arsenic with molasses, spreading it on the stalk and baiting the boll weevil. This would take less arsenic, and reports that it has proven very effective. I think that the combination of the instinct a negro and of cotton and molasses, the two things he is best adapted to, may have a good result, and I suggest you let your farmers know about it. Yours very truly,
H. S. WARD.

BETHLEHEM NEWS

(Omitted from last week.)

On Friday night, February 2nd, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Overton entertained a number of their friends at a birthday party given at their home in honor of Mr. Overton's birthday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hyatt, Mrs. Joe Hyatt, Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Wilson, Mr. W. M. Askew, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Colston and children, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Brinkley, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Colston and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Overton and children, Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Godwin and children and Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Holloman and family. Misses Thelma White, Iva Parker, Lelia Leggett, Myrtha Brinkley, Fannie Mae Dilday, Julia Leggett, Erlene Simons and little Ruth Turley of Lakeland, Fla. Messrs. John Parker, Wilton Askew, John Ray Brinkley, Kelly Doughtie, Thelie Modin, Mr. Overton received many useful presents. Games were played and home made candy was served.

Mr. Daniel Lowe made a business trip to Suffolk, Va., last Saturday, returning Sunday. He was accompanied by Mrs. M. E. Godwin of Suffolk and Mrs. C. A. Turley and little daughter, Leona of Lakeland, Fla.

Miss Rosa Leah Slaughter is on the sick list this week.

Miss Susie Hill is sick at her home near Bethlehem.

Mr. Frank Green is ill with the "flu" at the home of his niece Mrs. W. G. Gowan.

Friends are congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hill on the arrival of a fine baby girl on Saturday, February the 10th.

Misses Nancy Dilday, Ruby Wiggins and Eric Slaughter spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Ray Hughson.

The agents held 6,711 meetings at which there was a total attendance of 463,374 people reports C. R. Hudson, State Agent.

OFFICE CAT



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One Ahoskie firm has started something that will beat the "bad check" law all to pieces. Those legislators in Raleigh could learn something about modern business methods if they should make a visit to Ahoskie and take a peep at the front window of Z. V. Bellamy's store on Main Street. Pasted up on the glass front are several of the memoirs of the fellows who carelessly strew their worthless checks about.

Since these "bad checks" were posted on the window, several others who had similar memoirs in the loss column of this business house have voluntarily "com up" with the money and made good their checks. There are still others whose names are in the pot.

Mr. Vann of Como is hurling some of Solomon's logic at his neighbor, Taylor, this week. The CAT is a disinterested party in this setto between Maney's Neck friends, but it does look a bit like taking a little advantage to bring the wise man of all ages into the discussion.

Having a craving for excitement and liking those things imbued with pep and a plenty of it the CAT is howling at the way these Ahoskie folks are lagging on the business of selecting a Queen for the Eastern Carolina Exposition. Is it because we haven't the proper femininity, or what is it?

Just what it takes to make a successful small town weekly in the news department is one of the graver problems facing this pen pusher at this particular season of the year. Do the people want local news, or do they want clippings of somebody else's writings, about things of no particular interest to the section in which the newspaper is published? Several persons have interrogated the CAT along those lines lately. About the best way known to settle the issue is to compare the subscription lists of the two papers each subscribing to one of the two methods. The "dear peepul" are the arbiters.

Since the departure of our townsman, Jack Barker, there has been genuine sorrow in this office. For, was it only two weeks ago that he was registered in this column as unfamiliar with the process of holding a regular job? But, on second thought, there bobs up a little feeling of self-conceit when we believe those cruel sentiments expressed herein urged him on to acceptance of a regular position—not a job. Yes, he's gone.

Among Ahoskie's most confirmed bachelors there is none who hates that fellow Hauser (of the General Assembly) any worse than does our own Abner Holloman. This wise (?) legislator sought to tax the unmarried fellows, and give the old maids a sort of subsidy out of the funds derived. No Old Maid Subsidy for Ahoskie bachelors.

In crossing the street either day or night, first look to the left and then to the right.

LOOKS SUSPICIOUS

Scout foul play in death of man found bound and hanged.—Full page headline in the Toledo Times.

Paul Dukes says after a man gets the bill for his wife's new furs he decides that the old overcoat is good enough for the rest of the winter.

When we see some husbands we have a good idea of the silent partner.

An hour spent with order saves a waste of hours lost in hunting things misplaced.

SAME OLD THING

"What did you say when Jack asked you for a kiss?"
"Same old thing."
"What'd he do?"
"Same old thing."

"I know something I won't tell," ang a little girl, as little girls do. Never mind, child, child," said the

old bachelor. "You'll get over that when you're a little older."

There is strong objection to the return to the dress of grandma's day. It is grandma who is doing the objection.

MINNIE

There was a young girl named Minnie,
By nature fearful skinny.
She grafted a pad
To each bone she had,
And today she's as plump as a guinea.

ARE THEY "COU-ING" US?

We received this greeting a few days ago.
"Day by day in every way the Office Cat is getting better and better."

AND STILL SOME BIRDS WON-ER WHY BUSINESS IS DULL

"Is the office boy on duty to keep people away from me?"

"Yes sir."

"Is there a bench in the hall on which busy men may sit while waiting to see me?"

"Yes, sir."

"Is there a hidden lock on the gate that leads into the outer office?"

"Yes, sir."

"Has the telephone girl been instructed to ask all who call for me their name and business?"

"Oh, yes, our telephone girls know all about that."

"And consult me before permitting anyone to talk to her?"

"Yes, sir."

"Is everything arranged here to make it as difficult as possible for people to transact business with this firm?"

"It is."

"Good. Then I'll go into my office and begin plans for our salesman selling other people."

HE MUST HAVE BEEN IRISH

At a dinner party Mr. Jones had been trying to say something nice to his hostess.

"What a small appetite you have Mr. Jones," she remarked.

"To sit next to you, Mrs. Smith," he replied, "would cause any man to lose his appetite."

And then he wondered why he wasn't invited to the next affair.

Rosh Askew says remember the steam kettle the' up to its neck in hot water it continues to sing.

This year like most all others that have gone by, will be just what we make it.

Jim Sessions says making money is a fine thing—it is so fine you can't see it.

WHY IS THIS THUS?

The alarm clock jingles on the stand—
She sleeps.

The phone rings out in wild demand—
She sleeps.

The neighbors dance on the floor above—
The cats outside shriek their midnight love—
She sleeps.

In silence my key unlocks the door—
She sleeps.

In stocking feet I tread the floor—
She sleeps.

With noiseless steps I cross the hall,
From the bedroom rings the clarion call—

"John, march right in here and explain why you're coming home at this hour of the morning!"

We have learned that one of these cheese cloth dancing academies has been opened in the Yosemite and it assumed that there is no objection to letting a mountain peak.

NOTHING ELSE MATTERS

Give a girl a string of beads and a pair of earrings and she feels all dressed up.

"Oh, you skid," remarked the chainless auto as it left the road and turned over.

A firm in Maine has discharged two girls because they used lip sticks and rouge. What is this firm intending to do—hire male help exclusively.

Some of the new servicable hate look as if they would be quite servicable, in case a man expected to fall from a second story window head first.

A TOUCHING MATTER

Pastor—"Don't you think I touched them rather deeply this morning?"
Deacon—"I don't know, sir. I haven't counted up yet."

The people protested when commissioners in eight counties wanted to discontinue home demonstration work and now all but one have decided to support the agents.

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M. L. OREBAUGH, Manager.

NORFOLK—VIRGINIA

"Queen Ahoskie"

Ahoskie, N. C., 1923.

The undersigned hereby casts one vote for

to represent Ahoskie at the "Queen Contest" at the Eastern Carolina Exposition, March 22.

Name _____

Address _____