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 FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1918.

**County Democratic Ticket.**  
 For Sheriff, J. M. HARRIS.  
 For Clerk of Superior Court, J. M. HARRIS.  
 For Clerk of District Court, J. M. HARRIS.  
 For Justice of the Peace, J. M. HARRIS.  
 For Constable, J. M. HARRIS.  
 For Assessor, J. M. HARRIS.  
 For Tax Collector, J. M. HARRIS.  
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Like the Texas' gun, the post-office back-stamp is seldom needed; but when it is needed it is needed mightily bad.

The big Philadelphia bank failure grows worse and worse, the estimated losses having now reached the sum of \$10,000,000. This is the bank whose directors hadn't met in two years. It was broken by folks on the inside, who talked about ratings, and collaterals, and gilt edge paper when their better case to borrow money, but were not so particular with other people. Now it turns up that about all the resources the bank has is what these better people happen to own it.

Elaborate preparations, the dispatches say, have been begun for Mr. W. J. Bryan's reception at Salisbury on the night of the 17th of this month, at which time he is to make a speech. If our Salisbury friends are not particularly interested in the government ownership of railroads they might ask their distinguished guest to substitute a few remarks on the lynchings and arrange to have him introduced by Senator Tillman with a few suggestions on the government ownership of railroads. As a burning question of the hour in these parts, neither pale its intellectual fires in the luminous atmosphere which hangs about the government ownership of railroads.

**GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP OF RAILROADS.**

It is hardly a live question, no matter if Mr. Bryan has set people to talking about it. There are too many folks who thought it out in stormy days now past and have set their minds against the thing. It will take a great deal to get a second to the motion to reconsider and a great deal more to get the motion carried through the parliamentary apartments of the people's dome of thought.

But it won't do to argue that the government hasn't the right to buy up the railroads and operate them if it wants to. The government operates great mail carrying systems and is just now getting into the business of digging, paving, and operating a very great canal.

And it's so use to tell the people that their government couldn't operate the roads after it bought them. They know pretty well that the government could operate them and do it a little better than it is doing now.

The great army, the awful array, of office holders that would be created by government ownership—there is no need to overlook this objection. There is more in it than in some of the others, but not as much as it seems folks would like for it to contain. The inclination and the power of the law to keep themselves in an empty well developed already, but we get along. The law means to stay in until the cuts give them leave; and when the cuts get in, then it is their leading with the other fellows, since these laws. And as for national influence in politics, the railroad follows are not

likely to be more classish under government ownership than they are now. They generally flock together and take their chances in legislation just like the rest of us would if we were in their shoes. Then, again, if you press too far this objection that the awful army of office-holders would usurp the government and purify the helpless people under their ferruginous caresses, it would be so easy for Mr. Marion Butler to throw you down by saying, "We'd allow no office-holder to vote during his term of office."

No, no. The marrow of the matter isn't in any of these things.

The moral of the situation is this: Go slow.

The proposition that the government should buy and operate the railroads is revolutionary. It is not wise to embark in revolution unless necessary to obtain freedom from intolerable political conditions.

It is not necessary for the government to own and operate the railroads if it can fix and control the rates which the railroads shall charge, and determine the other conditions under which they shall operate.

If the government can and will fix, control, and regulate these rates and conditions, then the people have within their reach, without resorting to revolutionary measures, a sufficient remedy for all the ills they suffer at the hands of the railroads, though it may require time and the exercise of some patience to secure an effective application of the remedy.

Again.

The government should not think of buying up the railroads except at a fair and reasonable price.

If it can fix the price it will pay for railroads, it can certainly fix the price the people shall pay for freight and passenger fares.

If the government cannot fix the price it is to pay for the railroads when they are bought up, then we had better go slow about closing the trade yet awhile.

It is a good time for Democrats to stand pat by the old landmarks.

Just let Mr. Bryan go ahead and talk. He is a mighty interesting talker. With the exception of Tom Dixon, he is about the most strenuous talker that comes along the pike.

There are lots of mighty interesting things that we do not take up with, and lots of interesting people whom we are delighted to hear but seldom follow. These interesting people are, as a rule, quite happy if they know simply that we are delighted with hearing them. They do not care so much about a following, else they would stay closer to the crowd with their thinking.

Yes, the weather, and the railroads form convenient and interesting topics of conversation but there can be no harm in our going slow about taking charge of either just yet.

**THE NEW LOVE BUILDING.**

Elegant Store-room and Offices to be built by Mr. Jas. F. Love.

The new brick building, for which ground will be broken Monday morning by Mr. Jas. F. Love, will join his present store on the west and will be 2500 feet, and two stories high. The first floor will contain one large room, a row of columns along the middle, with clothing store on one side and Mr. Love's offices on the other. The second floor will contain the millinery department over the clothing store and large modern offices on the other side.

The first floor will be laid on the slabwork embedded in tar concrete. The second floor will be of heavy mill construction showing beam finish on under ceiling. Plate glass fronts will be used in all of the stores making the entire frontage as nearly uniform as possible.

North Carolina has led in the production of men for 40 years. Last year's output was 185,000, valued at \$5,375. The total in the United States was worth only \$15,000.

**PRECINCT CHANGES.**

**Board of Elections Establish New Precinct at McAdenville—Judges and Registrars Appointed for Coming Election.**

The Gaston county board of elections, which is composed of Messrs. S. M. Robinson, S. N. Boyce and L. L. Jenkins, met in Dallas last Saturday and in addition to the election of registrars and judges of election, made a number of changes in polling places. The towns of McAdenville which has heretofore been a part of the Lowell precinct was made a separate precinct to include the incorporate limits of the town. The town hall is to be the polling place.

The polling place of Carpenter's precinct was changed from Carpenter's store to Lander's chapel.

The polling place of Gastonia No. 2 was changed from Regan's store to E. P. Rankin & Co's store.

The boundaries of the South Point precinct were changed in order to give the precinct more voters. The precinct is bounded as follows:

Beginning at Union precinct line on Catawba Creek, at the point where the present South Point precinct line touches said creek and run up said creek to covered bridge, cross said creek to Union and Lowell road, along road passing J. N. Hanna's house to the public bridge, across a branch on Hanna's plantation, thence down said branch to Dew Hart creek, down said creek to South Fork river and along South Fork to Catawba river. Thence with present line to beginning.

The registration books will be open twenty days, including four Saturdays, closing on Saturday previous to election day which is the 6th day of November.

The tickets are to be the same size as those used in last election.

The following are appointed, the first named for each precinct to be registrar, the other two judges of election:

Baker's—J. R. Carson, W. S. Mauney, E. B. Weir.  
 Belmont—R. M. Gaston, J. Q. Hall, W. S. McKee.  
 Bessemer—J. T. Oates, E. L. Froneberger, A. G. Gantt.  
 Canaler's—W. T. Connell, Edgar Davenport, John Allen.  
 Carpenter's—L. L. Carpenter, L. H. Kiser, Sylvanus Smith.  
 Cherryville—L. E. J. Houser, M. L. Radcliff, G. Lee Beam.  
 Dallas—E. L. Mason, H. G. Rhyne, C. S. Stowe.  
 Dilling—J. L. Mauney, J. Thomas McGill, T. L. Payne.  
 Gastonia No. 1—M. H. Shuford, B. T. Morris, J. N. Hanna.  
 Gastonia No. 2—E. P. Rankin, A. C. Stroup, W. M. Robinson.  
 Glenns—J. W. Hill, J. J. Wilson, Emmett Dixon.  
 Kiser's—Caleb A. Kiser, Jacob Kiser, S. L. Kiser.  
 Lowell—Thos. Rankin, S. J. Gaston, E. A. Teague.  
 McAdenville—J. N. Roberts, R. H. Merritt, G. W. Ruffelt.  
 Mt. Holly—W. B. Rutledge, P. E. Lentz, M. W. Abernethy.  
 Stanley—C. F. Smith, V. A. Lineberger, Thos. Cannon.  
 South Point—G. B. Stowe, W. R. Ford, Joe Ford.  
 Union—J. R. Henderson, W. T. Ford, R. E. Johnson.

**Yesterday's Fire.**

One of the Orank cottages occupied by Mrs. Minnie Baker took fire yesterday about 1:30 p. m., from the kitchen stove fire. The roof of the house was partially burned. The timely arrival of the fire company saved the cottage from destruction.

**"Snow White" in Union.**

The operetta shortly to be given in Gastonia for the benefit of the J. D. Moore Chapter of the Children of the Confederacy was given last June in Union, S. C., for the benefit of the Ladies' Aid Society of one of the churches there. The Columbia State's correspondent says that it "was a delightful occasion and enjoyed by a large audience. About fifty children and young people participated, and with their flower-decked costumes, graceful figures, and bright music, made the stage most attractive."

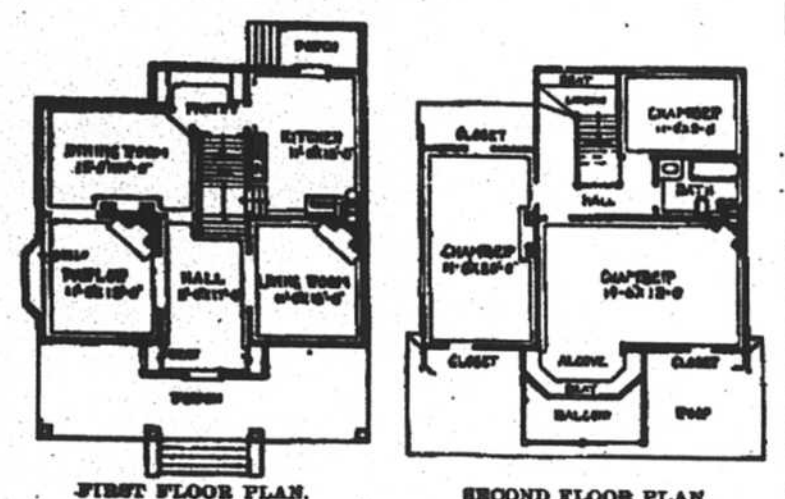
**Found Dead on Track.**

Mr. Erasmus Spurlin, a white farmer of Cleveland county, was found dead on the railroad track near Grover Wednesday night. Spurlin's head and body were crushed by the train. From evidence of a young white boy who saw Spurlin tussling with two negroes, Bill Jones and John Allison, several hours previous to the time his body was found. It seems that he was the victim of foul play and was placed on the track to prevent suspicion. A brick bat covered with blood was also found. Jones and Allison were both arrested, charged with committing the murder. They were given a hearing before a Grover magistrate yesterday and were sent to jail to await the coming term of Cleveland court.

**GAZETTE'S HOUSE PLANS**  
 No. 2

**PRETTY DESIGN FOR COTTAGE**

Broad and Shady Front Piazza One of Its Features.  
 Estimated Cost \$1,775.



Here is a very pretty design for a cottage house with a broad piazza across the front and a long sloping roof reaching out over the piazza. There are four nice rooms in the first floor and three rooms in the second floor. The upper portion of the house is shingled, lower portion sided. Painted up in colors, this makes a very attractive design. The entrance is in the center, and each of the two front rooms has a nice fireplace; also the dining room and each of the two chambers. This house is well adapted to a warm climate, but makes a pretty home for any location. Size 22 by 30 feet. Cost \$1,775.  
 GLENN L. SEXTON.

**Linwood by Telephone.**

Linwood College is now on the rural line known as the Bradley line, and may be called by phone direct from the Gastonia office. Of course this makes the Linwood connection free to all Gastonia subscribers. Hitherto Linwood has been on a long distance line and tolls were charged for each call.

**Will Go to Mooresville.**

Mr. W. L. Cook of Gastonia, has bought a half interest in the business of J. M. Deaton, and the new firm name will be Deaton & Cook. They will run a general livery and sale stable. Mr. Cook formerly lived in Mooresville, but has been in the livery business at Gastonia for the past three years.

**Athletics in Reason is Good.**

Why run athletics into the ground? Boys need to be bright, happy and healthy. They work and study better if they are so. Athletics in its proper place and if wisely conducted, not only develops the body, gives health, saves Doctor's bills and keeps the mind clear, but it has a religious value, in as much as it makes boys pure in thought and more manly in every way. At the Bingham school, near Mebane, N. C., it is emphasized for the above reasons and many healthful sports are enjoyed. The institution publishes an interesting catalogue, containing full information which will be sent free upon a postal card request, addressed to Preston Lewis Gray, B. L., Mebane, N. C.

**REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Citizens National Bank, GASTONIA, N. C.**

At date of inspection on the 6th day of September, 1918.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and Discounts	\$240,308.67
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	1,000.00
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	964.32
Furniture on U. S. Bonds	30,000.00
Reaching house furniture and fixtures	2,303.24
Due from Nat'l Banks (not reserve agents)	11,950.00
Due from State Banks and branches	18,268.72
Due from approved Reserve Agents	1,530.14
Cheques and other cash items.	10,000.03
Notes of other Nat'l Banks	2,482.58
Fractional paper, currency, nickels, and cents.	1,600.00
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, viz:	261.94
Specie	3,225.00
Legal-tender notes	2,500.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5% of circulation)	10,225.00
Total	\$350,574.74

**LIABILITIES.**

Capital stock paid in	\$60,000.00
Surplus fund	2,500.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	2,067.82
Accrued Interest Reserved	1,177.23
Nat'l Bonds notes outstanding	30,000.00
Due to other National Banks	4,717.41
Due to State Banks and branches	2,938.48
Due to Trust Companies and other banks	1,581.45
Individual deposits subject to check	110,054.24
Demand certificates of deposit	74,725.80
Certified checks	107.87
Customer's checks outstanding	308.85
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	20,000.00
Total	\$350,574.74

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF GASTONIA, ss:  
 I, G. O. Myers, Cashier of the above named bank, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct statement of the condition of said bank as of the date hereof.  
 G. O. MYERS, Cashier.  
 J. P. HARRIS, Notary Public.  
 Commenced August 1, 1918.

**Lenoir had a destructive fire Wednesday morning, originating in the dry kiln of Builders' Supply Company. This company lost \$15,000. Mr. J. V. McCall being the largest stockholder. The Coffey Wagon Company also suffered. The total loss is about \$20,000, less \$4,000 insurance.**

Judge Justice wrote out the issues for a jury to try a case on and sent that great bulwark of freedom out of the Union county court house to find a verdict. As the jury did not return as soon as the judge expected, he sent a runner to find out the trouble. He discovered that the hitch was due to the inability of the jury to read the judge's hand writing.

Henry Bailey, colored, was hanged in Newbern Friday for the murder of John Lancaster, white. He admitted the crime but stoutly claimed self-defense to the last. On the scaffold he soundly berated the courts for unfairness to the negro in trials, and asserted that had Lancaster killed him under the same circumstances, there would have been no hanging. He was the first man hung in Newbern in 30 years.

In Judge Neal's court at Halifax last week a negro was indicted for selling whiskey without license. A white man was witness. Before the white man went into the courtroom to testify against the negro, another white man intimidated him, and promised him that he would catch it when he came out. He also told the witness that he himself had "not errors" a. Judge Neal heard all this and sent the intimidator to the gaol for six months.

**BOOKS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

The List Revised, Showing Recent New Adoptions, and Prices.

The State of North Carolina Text Book Commission has given out a statement of the exchange and contract prices of text-books for use in the public schools of the State, under the provisions of the text-book adoption made a few days ago. Briefly stated it follows:

Orthography—A Spelling Book (Foust Griffin), exchange price 7 cents; contract price, 15 cents.

Reading—Graded Classics, first reader (cloth), exchange prices, 10 cents; contract price 20 cents; second reader (cloth), exchange price, 13 cents; contract price, 27 cents. Classics, Old and New, third reader (cloth), exchange price, 17 cents; contract price, 33 cents; fifth reader (cloth), exchange price 17 cents; contract price, 35 cents.

Arithmetics—Colaw & Elwood's primary (cloth), exchange price, 12 cents; contract price, 24 cents. Colaw & Dukes intermediate, (cloth), exchange price, 12 cents; contract price, 24 cents. Colaw & Elwood's advanced (cloth), exchange price, 22 cents; contract price, 44 cents. First book in Business Methods (Rand & McNally, publishers), 60 cents.

Agriculture for Beginners, by Hill, Burkett & Stevens, price 60 cents.

Geography—Maury's Elementary, exchange price, 20 cents; contract price, 40 cents. Maury's new complete (cloth), exchange price, 40 cents; contract price, 88 cents.

Language Lessons—Hyde's two book course in English, Book 1, exchange price 13 cents; contract price, 25 cents. Smith's Our Language, Book 2, exchange price, 17 cents; contract price, 34 cents.

Buehler's Modern English Grammar, contract price, 35 cents.

History—White's Beginner's History of United States, exchange price 20 cents; contract price, 40 cents. Chamber's Higher History of United States, price 70 cents.

Physiology—Culler's First Book, exchange price, 12 1/2 cents; contract price, 25 cents. Culler's Second Book, exchange price 17 1/2 cents; contract price, 35 cents. Culler's Third Book, exchange price, 22 1/2 cents; contract price, 45 cents.

**LOONS HATCHED IN SUIT CASE.**

Eggs Deserted in Canada—Chicks Thrive in Bronx Park.

A few days ago two loon eggs were resting on the water soaked platform, which answered all the requirements of a nest, in a small lake near Georgian Bay, Ont., Canada. After discovery many people visited it, and the mother loon apparently deserted her eggs, leaving them damp and cold on the soggy leaves, says the New York Post.

Im E. Veall of Columbus, O., put them in a dress suit case and brought them to New York. On reaching a hotel he was astonished to hear sounds coming from his bag, and it being opened, a fluffy black loon chick tumbled out and scrambled about on the carpet.

The second egg was pipped, and the next morning, having nothing but muskmelon rind to offer the chick, which it did not seem to relish, Mr. Veall carried his collection to the curator of birds in the zoological park in the Bronx.

There chick number one was given a good swim in a tub of water and a hearty meal of live fish, and chick number two was helped out of his shell. Both were thriving recently and were being closely watched, the opportunity being a unique one for testing the development of the various instincts of these birds which, having never seen their parents, of course, learned nothing and knew nothing of wild loon life, loon calls or loon ways.

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Thoroughbred pigs for sale.

**SPRINGDALE FARM,**  
 L. F. HARRY & CO., Props.,  
 LOWELL, N. C.

A Big Shipment of Hides.  
 Charlotte Observer, 5th.

Messrs. Yarborough & Bellingier yesterday shipped to Eastern tanneries, three solid car loads of skins, valued at \$22,000. In the shipment there were about 5,000 skins, their combined weight aggregating 150,000 pounds. This is the largest single shipment of its kind ever made by a Carolina firm.

George Stokes, a negro indicted for peddling jewelry without license, got the better of Solicitor Hammer in Rowan court one day last week. He claimed he made his own jewelry and the solicitor demanded proof. Whereupon the negro made a ring in the courtroom, fully demonstrating his contention, and the case was dismissed.

**Corn Mill and Cotton Gins For Sale!**

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