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ACTIVITY IN REAL ESTATE

People are learning that real estate around here is valuable. The recent purchase, by the First Bank and Trust Company, of the Ficker property adjoining the bank, for \$15,000, began to make folks sit up and take notice. This was followed by the auction sale of the Smith property on Main and King streets and Fourth avenue. That property brought nearly 50 per cent more than the amount of the option which the owner had given only a few weeks before; and some of it sold for more than \$300 per front foot, which establishes a new record for Hendersonville. Fifth avenue property has been changing hands lately at big prices. Five big auction sales are scheduled for this month; three of them are advertised in The Times this week. In the county, as well as in the city, real estate is in good demand. We understand that the Hooper farm in Mills River has just been sold for \$40,000. Also, a capitalist from another State has just purchased a large tract of land in this county for stock raising. If you want any real estate here or hereabouts, you had better buy it now, before the prices jump any more.

U. S. FEEDING CHILDREN

Four million children in Europe are being fed under the auspices of the American relief administration. This work, it is said, will probably be continued through private charity under American direction, even after the conclusion of the work of the American food administration in Europe. Enough supplies are now available to continue operations for several months, and experts who went to Europe with Herbert Hoover, chairman of the inter-allied supreme food council, believe that they will be able to obtain sufficient funds from private sources to continue feeding children as long as the necessity exists. The Americans have the children subjected to an examination and feed only those who are undernourished until the doctors pronounce them strong enough to thrive on a diet which can be afforded by the home supply.

JEWS TURN TO PALESTINE

More than 1,000,000 Jews from every part of the globe are preparing to migrate to Palestine as soon as its political status is fixed, according to surveys by the International Zionist organization, of New York city. Emigration committees have been formed in many countries, it is said, while tens of thousands of young men from every occupation have organized groups for agricultural training and study of technical and scientific questions bearing on settlement of the Jewish homeland. Whole Jewish communities are preparing to leave Russia, according to reports, and they have made strong protests against the proposed limitation of emigration to 50,000 a year.

SHAMES FICTION MISERS

By displaying a stinginess that would have shamed the sordid misers of fiction, John H. Hewitt, of Chicago, has been able to accumulate an estate of \$300,000. In his youth he married, but later drove his wife and three children from his house. He would not support them, even though the courts ruled that he must. After Hewitt's wife died a few years ago, it was shown in court that he had lived on \$55 and a garden during 1915. Going to bed at sunset during all seasons to save light and heat, he was driven to the verge of insanity by the income tax. His two daughters and one son have had Hewitt declared incapable of managing his estate, and they will handle it for him.

SUPREME COURT TO ACT ON BEER SUIT

The question of the right of brewers to manufacture beer containing two and three-quarters per cent alcohol has reached the United States Supreme court. Because of the importance of the question in connection with the enforcement of wartime prohibitions, court officials expect the government to ask that the case be expedited.

INSTITUTES

Farmers' and women's institutes in co-operation with the State department of agriculture, will be held in Henderson county at the following times and places: Edneyville, Monday, August 18. Mills River, Tuesday, August 19. The institutes will open at 10:30 a. m., new time. Among the matters to be discussed are economical soil improvement, food and feed crops, live stock, pastures, marketing; good recipes for fireless cooking, how to prepare food for the sick, balancing meals on a small income, up-to-date laundry methods, convenient arrangement of the kitchen with home-made labor saving devices, beautifying home grounds, community building, etc. Everybody who is interested is urged to attend, and to bring note book and pencil.

FREE TO NORTH CAROLINA FARMERS

The North Carolina Seed Laboratory will examine and test all kinds of agricultural seeds for the farmer free of charge. Most crop failures are due to poor seeds—seeds filled with weed seeds or seeds of low germinating power. This cause of crop failure can be entirely eliminated by taking advantage of the seed laboratory at Raleigh and having all agricultural seeds—wheat, rye, oats, clovers, alfalfa, the grasses, and so on, tested before planting. Do not sow crimson clover seeds this fall without having them tested for germination. It costs nothing and may save thousands.

W. A. GRAHAM, Commissioner of Agriculture, Raleigh, N. C.

CLOVER AND CORN

Should grow on the same land the same season. Sow the clover in the fall and plow it under in the spring, just before planting the corn crop. But the clover crop frequently fails from poor seed or from lack of proper inoculation. Both these causes of failure can be avoided by having the seed tested for germination in the State Laboratories, and by securing the proper inoculating fluid from the State Department of Agriculture at Raleigh.

PARSON WINS DOUGHBOYS

Chaplain E. S. Currie, of the Second division, has become known among the American forces on the Rhine as "the wrestling parson" in his go-to-church campaign, which he inaugurated recently among the soldiers.

The parson has been putting on an exhibition in Leutesdorf every night the last few weeks, and each man he throws promises to induce five other soldiers to accompany him to church the Sunday following the wrestling match.

NEGROES KILLED THREE MEN

Angered over the result of a lawsuit concerning a stolen watermelon, Agent Brown and Ozell Anderson, of Denmark, S. C., negroes ran amuck and killed George Stevens, a negro, mortally wounded Carroll Mobley, white, and shot Henry M. Ray, son of the county's sheriff, through the neck. Ray died from the wound. Brown was shot and killed during the fight, while Anderson was captured and placed in the penitentiary.

FRENCH PLANNING TO FREE 45,000 GERMAN PRISONERS

According to official dispatches from Berlin, it is expected in Germany that the return home of German prisoners of war in France will begin about the middle of August. They will return to Germany by way of Switzerland at the rate of about 2,000 a day. The Germans still held by the French number about 450,000.

PLAN THIRTY-STORY CHURCH

A church, 30 stories high, to cost about \$4,500,000, will be erected by the Christian Scientist Fifth avenue congregation, of New York city. The total amount involved will be in the neighborhood of \$7,500,000. The skyscraper, in addition to the church, will contain hundreds of offices.

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CONSIDERING THE COVENANT

In the performance of their constitutional duty, members of the United States Senate are carefully considering the proposed peace treaty and league covenant, and are seeking light from various quarters. After obtaining detailed expressions of opinion from Mr. Root and Mr. Taft, they have just received a similar expression from Charles E. Hughes. Mr. Hughes insists that reservations must be made. We quote the following:

The question is then what, specifically, should the reservations be:

(1) With respect to the right of withdrawal (Article I). It is reasonable to provide that a member withdrawing from the league should not be released from a debt or liability previously incurred. But it should not be possible that, through a claim of the non-performance of an obligation, a member desiring to withdraw should be kept in the league, perhaps indefinitely. I understand that different interpretations have been put upon the clause in question, and I think that there should be a clarifying statement as a part of the ratification.

(2) The clause relating to domestic matters, such as immigration or tariff laws is ambiguous (Article XV), as it provides for a finding by the council whether the question is one solely within the domestic jurisdiction. There should be a clear statement of our understanding that such matters, where no international engagement has been made with respect thereto, are not submitted for the consideration or action of the league or any of its agencies.

(3) It is urged by the advocates of the covenant that Article XXI recognizes and preserves the Monroe Doctrine. But the descriptive phrase employed in the Article is inaccurate, and the meaning of the Article is far from clear. There should be an interpretative statement which will remove all doubt that the traditional policy of the United States as to purely American questions is still maintained. I fully endorse Mr. Root's proposed statement of reservation and understanding upon this point, but in the view that an alternative form of statement may be helpful, I submit one below.

(4) I agree with Mr. Root that it would be desirable to eliminate Article X, with its guaranty to "preserve against external aggression the territorial integrity" of all members of the league. My views as to this Article were stated in the address before The Union League Club (March 26, 1919) and I need not repeat them at length. I still think that Article X is a trouble-breeder and not a peacemaker.

As an appropriate form of resolution to be adopted by the Senate, he suggests the following:

The Senate of the United States of America advises and consents to the ratification of said treaty with the following reservations and understandings as to its interpretation and effect to be made a part of the instrument of ratification:

First: That whenever two years' notice of withdrawal from the league of nations shall have been given, as provided in Article I of the covenant, the power giving the notice shall cease to be a member of the league or subject to the obligations of the covenant of the league, at the time specified in the notice, notwithstanding any claim, charge or finding of the non-fulfillment of any international obligation or of any obligation under said covenant; provided, however, that such withdrawal shall not release the power from any debt or liability therefore incurred.

Second: That questions relating to immigration, or the imposition of duties on imports where such questions do not arise out of any international engagement, are questions of domestic policy, and these and any other questions which according to international law are solely within the domestic jurisdiction are not to be submitted for the consideration or action of the league of nations or of any of its agencies.

Third: That the meaning of Article XXI of the covenant of the league of nations is that the United States of America does not relinquish its traditional attitude toward purely American questions, and is not required by said covenant to submit its policies regarding questions which it deems to be purely American questions to the league of nations or to any of its agencies.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF MARKETS

The following weekly review of stocks, cotton and grain is written for The Times by George A. Ledsworth, manager of Clement D. Cates & Co.: Stocks

The past week has witnessed a very irregular market and at the moment the tendency seems slightly lower. Labor disturbances reported in many localities, together with racial troubles have had the effect of creating a very unsettled feeling in business circles and it may be that we are in for a further period of uncertainty.

The United States steel statement issued on the 29th was not as encouraging as might have been expected, but on the whole, was not so bad. When one stops to think that the recent improvement in the steel business came too late to be reflected in this quarter report, it would appear that the third quarter will show earnings entirely satisfactory to those most interested.

Lack of news pertaining to the turning back of the railroads to their owners and the dilatory tactics in Washington are not stimulating factors, and until something definite is announced from the quarter it is likely that the market in railroad stocks will be quiet.

Good securities should, however, be purchased, on declines, to be held for substantial improvement.

Cotton Conditions in the cotton market are looking up due to the improved weather conditions published in the weekly report issued at Washington today.

Temperatures are reasonable; rainfall heavy in many localities but the plant is reported to have made rapid growth generally speaking. However, it is shedding badly in sections where there has been too much rain.

Some cotton was destroyed in lowlands in North Carolina, progress was poor in Florida and Alabama. Satisfactory in Mississippi, north and west Texas and very good in Oklahoma, fairly good in Arkansas and Tennessee. Deterioration reported in east and south Texas. Much complaint of shedding there as well as in Georgia and Alabama.

This market has had a substantial reaction, and at present prices, purchases would seem in order.

Grain Dry hot weather in the southwest portion of the corn belt has caused a sharp advance in that commodity, and unless seasonable weather is reported from these sections soon, we are likely to see very high corn prices. Oats are reported as making good progress, and prospects are for a fair crop.

Wheat in the northwest continues to make satisfactory growth, and we will probably raise an average crop of this cereal, barring the unexpected in the way of rust damage, of which there is no indication at the present time.

SALE OF BEER PERMITTED IN ARIZONA

Sale of beer containing 2 3-4 per cent alcohol was permitted in a decision by Judge William H. Sawtelle, of Arizona, in the United States district court in San Francisco, Monday.

tions to the league of nations or any of its agencies, and that the United States of America may oppose and prevent any acquisition by any non-American power by conquest, purchase or in any other manner of any territory, possession or control in the Western Hemisphere.

Fourth: That the meaning of Article X of the covenant of the league of nations is that the members of the league are not under any obligation to act in pursuance of said Article except as they may decide to act upon the advice of the council of the league. The United States of America assumes no obligation under said Article to undertake any military expedition, or to employ its armed forces on land or sea, unless such action is authorized by the Congress of the United States of America, which has exclusive authority to declare war or to determine for the United States of America whether there is any obligation on its part under said Article and the means or action by which any such obligation shall be fulfilled.

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BUFFALO AND ELK

The elk out in the Pisgah forests on the government reservation, are all living and doing nicely, rangers report. The buffalo, however, have not done so well. Two of the cows died a short time ago, leaving only one cow still in the herd. The calves, it is stated, are doing well, and it is believed all of them will be raised now that the animals are becoming better acclimatized, and that the herd can be increased right along. Efforts will be made to procure another grown cow or two to place with the herd.

The government is making strong efforts to protect all kinds of fish in the waters of the reservation and game in the forests, and those in charge of the preserve say that hunters and poachers will be vigorously prosecuted, and that offenders will no longer escape with small fines.

COL. S. V. PICKENS' WILL

The will of the late Colonel S. V. Pickens has been admitted to probate. The proof requisite to admitting the will to probate was made by the subscribing witnesses J. D. Davis and M. M. Shepherd.

By the terms of the will the bulk of the estate is conveyed to Cornelia S. Pickens, widow of the testator.

In the first paragraph of the will the deceased directs that all his just debts be paid, and that a suitable stone be erected at his grave to cost not less than \$1,000 and not more than \$1,500, "Tipton to have nothing to do with it."

Besides the bequest made to Mrs. Pickens, which as already stated, comprises the bulk of the estate, the testator made other bequests as follows:

Augusta Pickens, niece, Topeka, Kansas, daughter of John C. Pickens, \$500 by reason of her kindness to the mother of the testator. To John C. Pickens, brother of testator \$50. To Ora Hunter and Dimerich Carver 1-2 to each in fee the testator's 10-room, yellow house and the lot on the west side of Main street just south of the T. A. Allen lot, of the value of about \$3300.

To three 6-room house on South Seventh avenue West, lot known as the Addie Barnett house and lot of the value of about \$1100.

To Bernard Ramsey, great nephew, in fee, the corner lot on west of above lot 75, feet on South Fourth avenue West and 75 feet on east side of church street, value about \$600.

To Bernard Ramsey of Madison county, great nephew, the McGuire 4-room house and lot 75x75 feet on Church street of the value of about \$850.

To Hendersonville Graded Schools small lot on east side of town, 60x185 feet. This lot was probably sold last year to Wm. Mitchell.

To Hendersonville hospital and Balfour orphanage 1-2 each in fee the fish pond land 1 3-4 acres bought of Butler Justice, value \$700.

North Carolina Methodist Conference in fee lot on hill on east side of Crab Creek road south of Transylvania railroad, value about \$500.

To Miss Susan Hunter, grand niece, of testator, in fee one lot north of Holiness church, value about \$150. To Douglas Wild, nephew, in fee three lots in same plot.

To the North Carolina Conference M. E. church, after death of Mrs. Pickens, to aid young men in preparing for the ministry, the Malory house and lot at the junction of Fifth avenue and King street, value about \$3,000.

To the Methodist Protestant church of North Carolina after death of Mrs. Pickens, for the education of young men for the ministry in said church lot west of above, value about \$1,000.

To William and James Pickens 1-2 each, then to pay \$25 per year to Mrs. Pickens, all of "No Such Park." Value about \$6,000. William and James being sons of the testator's oldest brother.

To Mrs. Minnie Jarrett, niece the old field between the R. and J division line and a line of the south boundary of Oakdale Cemetery, value about \$1,000.

To Thurea McCain, niece, Julia Bryant, niece, Riley Ramsey, nephew, 1-3 each all balance of grave yard tract about 5 acres, value about \$2,000.

Mrs. Cornelia S. Pickens, widow of testator, is made executrix of the will, and in the closing paragraph of the will the testator says: "Upon my dear wife, Cornelia S. Pickens, I now invoke Heaven's richest blessings and pray that wisdom may be her continued guide in all things."

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ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL

Below are the names of the committeemen who have been chosen for Blue Ridge, Upward and Hooper's Creek precincts, as a part of the Roosevelt memorial organization for this county. We published last week the names of committeemen who had been selected in the several precincts in Hendersonville township up to the time we went to press with last week's issue of the paper.

Judge J. C. Pritchard is State chairman of the Roosevelt memorial organization in North Carolina, and Hon. J. J. Britt, is chairman of the 10th district. W. C. Rector is chairman and A. O. Jones is secretary-treasurer of the organization in this county. A list of persons who have already contributed to this fund is published elsewhere in this paper, and it is urged that all who can possibly make it convenient to do so, call at the register's office in the court house between now and Wednesday night of next week and have Mr. Jones enter their names on his list so that same can be published in next week's issue of The Times.

The following are the names of committeemen so far chosen in the precincts above mentioned:

Blue Ridge
Harley T. Justus, B. A. Merrill, C. J. Edney, G. W. Morrison, Rev. T. J. Waters, D. D. Henderson, Grant Pace, J. R. Jackson, Z. V. Whitesides, J. A. Marshall, W. W. Hyder, H. O. Lively, T. C. Blackwell, L. T. Cantrell, B. F. Pace, Jonathan Case and H. K. Pace.

Upward
P. T. Ward, J. G. Justus, Henry Revis, A. H. Blackwell, F. R. Jones, L. W. Clark, J. H. Brock, W. R. Paris, James T. Staton, Lee Hill and L. L. Tabor.

Hooper's Creek
E. E. Lance, K. R. Seals, B. F. Stepp, Henry King, H. E. Lance, P. N. Souther, W. J. Baldwin, W. M. Maxwell, R. C. Beddingfield, W. J. Souther, J. J. Baldwin, J. E. Youngblood, H. E. Trantham, W. T. Smith, J. K. Williams, B. H. Youngblood and J. R. Rhodes.

The road up Stoney is fine.

SCOTTISH RITE MASONS TO MEET IN ASHEVILLE

The annual fall reunion of the Scottish Rite bodies of the Valley of Asheville will be held on September 2-4, it is announced. Indications are that the reunion will even exceed in number the record class of June, which was said to have been the largest class ever taken in at a reunion in North Carolina.

The reunion will draw candidates from all the territory covered by the Asheville jurisdiction, which extends to practically every section of the State.

YORK GETS ITALIAN WAR CROSS

An Italian war cross, awarded to Sergeant Alvin C. York, America's greatest war hero, was received at Nashville, Tenn., Monday by Col. W. M. Newman, recruiting officer, and same will be presented to York at Nashville Saturday.

PULVERIZED LIMESTONE

The North Carolina State Department of Agriculture has very large holdings of limestone in East Tennessee,—a tract of about 226 acres estimated to contain not less than 150,000,000 tons—and a small pulverizing plant that can put out about 50 tons a day. This limestone is given to the farmers of North Carolina at cost of production, plus the freight.

The stone is milled to pass a ten mesh screen and analyzes from 80 per cent to 90 per cent calcium carbonate and carries a small percentage of magnesium carbonate. It is known as a high calcium limestone.

The capacity of the plant is now being increased somewhat and is planned to run day and night, beginning about August 15 or 20. This will double the plant's present output. Orders sent in early can likely be filled in time for use this summer and fall. Address all orders to W. A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture, Raleigh, N. C.

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