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BUSINESS SITUATION.

Times are now getting better every day. The slump of business began with the opening of the European war, and reached its worst stages the middle of November. Then business men began slowly to adjust themselves to the conditions, and the start upward was begun again. This is according to figures compiled in the post-office department at Washington, gathered from the following dispatch:

Postal revenues, which are an unailing barometer of business prosperity or depression, as the case may be, have been steadily increasing month by month. The March reports, just received by Third Assistant Postmaster General Dockery, indicate a return to normal conditions by midsummer.

The war started July 28 last year. In the month of July there was an increase in postal receipts of 4.7 over the corresponding month of 1913. The effect of the war was indicated when a decrease of 1.2 was noted in August. The decrease grew in September and October and reached the high water mark in November.

Then the business interests of this country began to readjust themselves to the unprecedented conditions and the tide began to turn. The November decrease was 5.71. In December the decrease was only 4.87. January reports brought the decrease down to 4.73, February to 4.59, while March figures show a decrease of only 3.95.

While these percentages are based upon the fifty largest offices of the United States, which furnish the great proportion of the postal revenues, they are said to be typical of conditions in all post-offices throughout the country with remote exceptions.

Postoffice receipts always have been used by the experts to get a line on the commercial situation. They show that this country was enjoying the greatest prosperity when half the world went to war. They likewise disclose that the United States, although maintaining the strictest neutrality, felt the war depression in a business way.

Inadequate shipping facilities and the almost complete failure of the cotton market, despite the great southern crop, were only two of the elements that hit the American merchants. These and other conditions injured business for six months as the postal revenues accurately show.

Then came the reversal of the European trade balance, now in our favor, and the revival of business industry temporarily paralyzed by the war. The tendency is now upward and, in the opinion of shrewd observers, will continue in that direction permanently.

Cotton has reached 10-3-4, money is easier and cheaper than for many years, and with our new currency law we are assured that we can never experience any more financial panics.

SOME LESSONS OF 1914.

Reports from the farms indicate the largest acreage for bread-stuffs in the history of the county. There is an honest effort on the part of the farmers as far as practicable, to produce their supplies at home this year.

As long as we are dependents of the supply houses, we will never be able to bank any money. The old idea that "I can make more money on an acre of tobacco than you can make on 10 acres of corn" is an exploded bubble. It is a proposition that won't figure out. We must learn that it is not what we handle but what we hold, that makes us prosperous. Here is a farmer with two mules and twenty acres, and practically all of the land devoted to tobacco. Yonder is a one-mule farmer who raises his supplies at home, and then just all the tobacco he can cultivate well. The 2 mule man's crop brings \$1,500 cash, but it all goes to the horse dealer, the daisy middling merchant, and the supply store. At the end of the year he compares accounts with the one-horse farmer and finds that while he has handled, he has not held. The 1 mule farmer owes nobody, and is enabled to bank the proceeds of three or four barns of tobacco.

The one-crop system is fatal to any country, or any individual. We must first fix for our living, and then devote what land we can attend well to our money crop.

If all the dogs and half the mules in Stokes county were torpedoed, the folk would be better off at settling time next fall. It is alright to own two, four, ten or twenty mules, provided they can be kept busy. But mules are like steam engines. They must be continuously at work. Rest means rust and ruin. A machine that eats a bag of daisy middlings at war prices every six days, is an expensive proposition.

If you will open a scientific system of books and for one year keep a strict account of the outgo on one side and the income on the other, counting your time at fair wages, the interest on your investment, taxes and wear and tear, and all the incidental expenses, you will be one of the most severely disillusioned somebodies along certain lines that ever came down the pike.

The impression is slowly gaining ground that 1914 was a blessing to the country. It showed us that we were living too fast; gambling on tobacco; buying too many buggies and automobiles on credit; and neglecting to keep ourselves on the safe side of business.

THE LACISUM CLUB

Entertained By Miss Annie K. Jones Thursday Evening—A Pleasant Occasion.

Walnut Cove, April 5.—On Thursday evening, April the first, Miss Annie Kate Jones was hostess to the Lacisum Club. Besides the regular members, the following guests were present: Mrs. E. J. Poe, Mrs. Stone and Miss Frances Jones of Winston, Misses Thelma Neal and Nannie Jones of Salem College, Messrs. Eugene Dodson and Reeves Jones.

After a short business meeting the following program was rendered:

Piano solo—Valse Caprice, Engleman, Bernice Woodruff.

Piano solo—Daphne, Engleman, Lillie Joyce.

Vocal solo Longing, Smith, T. J. Covington.

Reading—Memoirs of the life of Engleman, J. W. S. Crogs.

Piano solo Cupid's Appeal, Engleman, Stella Rierson.

Vocal solo—Elaine, Bartlett, Sallie Fulton.

Duet—On the Stage, Engleman, Laura Weddell and Kate McPherson.

At the close of the program the hostess passed tiny sealed envelopes, allowing the guests to choose one bearing the inscription which best suited the chooser. There was much laughter and many crest-fallen countenances among those who had selected such titles as "the most talented musician," "the brainiest members," etc., when at a given signal the envelopes were unsealed disclosing a card with what might have been expected "April Fool."

Next, the hostess passed white cards surmounted by cunning rabbits and Easter chickens, with tiny yellow pencils and the guests were told to answer the questions on the card by naming some part of a chicken. The contest resulted in a tie between Miss McPherson and Mr. Reeves Jones in which Miss McPherson was the fortunate winner of a hissing goose in a nest of feathers.

The hall and music room were tastefully decorated with carnations and daffodils.

Assisted by Misses Frances and Nannie Jones, the hostess served a most appropriate chicken salad course with olives, wafers and pimento sandwiches. Further carrying out the yellow color scheme came orange jelly in faint orange baskets with cake, followed by nests of Easter egg candies.

The next meeting of the club will be with Mrs. T. J. Covington.

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JIM AND SAM CORN

Give Patrick County Officers Much Trouble—Both Men In Jail.

Stuart, Va., April 5. The quiet of an Easter Sunday was rudely disturbed by the entrance here yesterday of Jim and Sam Corn. Heavily armed with a slot gun and pistol they were seen by a number of citizens as they walked into town offering their defiance to the officers and any one who would attempt to arrest them.

Both of these men were fugitives from arrest, having already escaped from the officers earlier in the day.

The matter was reported to Mayor Morris Bailey, who immediately telephoned officers. After arming himself the mayor left for the scene to assist officers in making the arrest but before the officers had time to arrive the fugitives were making their way out of town. The mayor repeatedly demanded their surrender and upon their refusal to stop opened fire with his pistol which was replied to by the Corns. After exhausting his ammunition he returned and organized a posse who immediately set out in pursuit.

The fugitives were overtaken about a mile from town where they had barricaded themselves behind a fence which was situated on a hill. As the posse grew nearer the fugitives opened fire which was heavily returned by the posse. It was decided that the Corn boys had too much advantage to be taken alive at this point so the posse divided in an attempt to surround them. Again they escaped and were making their way towards the mountains. When seen the

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fugitives had come to the river. They plunged in. Sam, the youngest, was completely submerged in the cold water.

As most of the posse were on foot they were compelled to ford the river. It was then but a matter of minutes before they were surrounded and the desperadoes made their last stand during the exchange of shots. In their last desperate effort to escape Sam Corn was wounded in the leg. He then threw down his gun and made another desperate outbreak to escape but was soon rounded up and captured.

Jim also attempted to get away but was discovered on the bank of river and taken into custody.

Both were brought into town and lodged in the county jail.

Among those composing the posse were: B. H. Mayes, Flen Ross, C. E. Simmons, R. E. Light, Ed Martin, and J. W. Fulton.

Sam and Jim Corn, aged 25 and 30 years respectively, had given the officers considerable trouble in the past.

Dr. M. S. Martin, who attended Sam Corn who was wounded, states that the prisoner is doing nicely and is not dangerously hurt.

News of Mizpah.

Mizpah, April 6.—The many friends of Mr. J. H. Ferguson will be sorry to learn that he continues real low.

Several from this section are attending court at Danbury this week.

Mr. H. W. Carroll spent Easter with his daughter at High Point.

Several from this section attended the birthday of Mr. D. F. Tillotson Sunday.

Misses Cathrene Smith and Vallie Moser spent Easter at Mr. R. C. Carroll's.

Misses Lizora Neal and Trula Tuttle and Messrs. Jas. Moore and Chalmer Neal went to the pinnacle yesterday.

Miss Charlie Johnson is spending the week with her grandparents at King.

Miss Sadie Carroll and Mr. G. R. Lewis spent a short while with Miss Gertrude Gordon Sunday evening.

Messrs. J. T. and L. O. Carroll made a business trip to Danbury today.

Miss Ethel Sally spent Easter with relatives near King.

Mr. Wallace Webster is expected to return from the hospital this week where he underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Miss Blanche Neal gave a party last night. A large crowd was present and all seemed to enjoy themselves very much.

The Sunday School at Hawpond is progressing nicely.

Rev. W. H. Wilson will preach at Quaker Gap church Sunday at 11 o'clock. Hope to see a large crowd out. SCRIBBLER.

Will Be Good Fruit Year; Severe Weather In Ashe

Jefferson, April 5. The mountains are wrapped in snow and ice and the thermometer registers around 26. This is rather unusual for this season of the year in Ashe county. It is regarded, however, as an omen of plentiful fruit again this year. The fruit trees are showing no signs of life as yet and the grass has not begun to show green, as is usual by this time of year. This is all looked upon generally by the farmers as a sign of bountiful crops and the fields are being prepared for planting when spring opens up.

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