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WHERE THE CITY'S MONEY GOES.

Mr. McCoin Points Out Several Instances Where the Public Funds of the City Have Been Wasted.

The Editor of the Gold Leaf,
 With your permission I want to point out in this letter some of the places where I think the town's money has been unwisely spent. I hope to say in the outset that I have never charged that any of the town funds had been stolen, neither do I think that the board of town commissioners is now constituted, as an emergency board, as it has been for ten years. My greatest objection to the board and to the administration of town affairs is that they have gotten into a rut and are trying to run an up-to-date progressive town under the same laws and in the same manner as they ran a small village twenty years ago. This is a progressive age and the town that does not make progress and keep up with the spirit of the age is a backward and a dead town.

In this letter I shall attempt to point out only a few of the many places where I consider the money spent without getting full value for it. A few years ago the town commissioners bought a nice, up-to-date sewing machine at a cost, as I am informed, of about \$1,500. They used this machine some three or four times, then stored it in a shed rented from the mayor of the town, paid storage charges on it for three or four years, and finally loaned the machine to the county to be worn out, and the town has never received anything for this machine and it has long ago been thrown on the dump heap. I consider this \$1,500 unwisely spent.

While later the town commissioners bought an up-to-date street roller at a cost of \$3,000. This roller was unneeded, paid for and loaned to Mr. Carrin and once to Mr. Taylor, and up to this good day it has never been used one hour by the town. It is not desired that our streets are in bad condition, and many believe that the roller could be used to great advantage, especially in repairing the macadam on main street. But when our street commissioner was a boy, street rollers were not then used, and therefore he is opposed to using it now, and for that reason this \$3,000 investment of the town has been allowed to stand idle in the open weather, taking the sun, rain and storm just as they come, and it is generally understood that this roller has already rusted or soon will rust, and the town is out \$3,000.

How about the cost of lighting our town? The Bible tells us that "Some love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil." Has it ever occurred to you that the unusual love of darkness on the part of your town commissioners was responsible for Henderson being the only town of its size in North Carolina, South Carolina or Virginia running on a moonlight schedule? Of course you understand that on a moonlight schedule the lights are turned out when the moon rises. And under this arrangement Henderson consumes only two thirds the amount of current, and gets only two-thirds the amount of light as it would get under an all night schedule. Do you know that your commissioners are paying for 37 lights to be run under the moonlight schedule the sum of \$3,225 a year, and do you know that all other towns in this State, South Carolina and Virginia are getting the all night schedule for the same price that your commissioners are paying for the moonlight schedule? This information was furnished me by a good reliable party who knows what he is talking, and you can substantiate this if he will take the time to investigate it. Now is it right for Henderson to pay as much for a moonlight schedule as other towns are paying for the all night schedule? If this is not right and just, your commissioners are annually paying \$1,075 more than other towns are paying for their lights, and I think this money is unwisely spent.

"The laborer is worthy of his hire." This applies as much to the policeman as any other laborer, and like any other commodity labor is worth what it will bring on the market and no more. My experience has taught me that when a man goes out to employ labor to be paid for with his own money he gets it as cheap as he can, and when the employer goes up on the price of labor he expects either more labor or better service. This is true with business men, but it is not true with the commissioners of Henderson. In May 1910, when we went to elect the police, we fixed the salary of the chief at \$70 a month, three assistants at \$10 a month each, the town furnishing the uniforms and hats and other paraphernalia, and in addition to this allowed the police to divide among themselves all the costs they collected for making arrests and summoning witnesses. This I understand would amount to \$10 a month a piece. This made the chief's job worth \$70 a month and the other \$50 together with the clothing. I thought then and still think that the pay was adequate for the services received, and in proof of this there was some two or three applications for each position. The big five of the board selected four of these men, two of whom I thought were the best men applying, and two the worst. This however is only my opinion. Anyway, the men selected were asked for the job and accepted, knowing what they were to get and were satisfied. Notwithstanding this fact the majority of the town commissioners all of a sudden became so big hearted and liberal with the town's money that they raised the salaries of these men \$5 each per month and in their liberal mood paid to these men, without legal authority or moral right \$220 more money than they hired them for. I say give it away, the men were satisfied and after increasing the salary the town kept the same police and got no better service. I said then and maintain now that not a single man who rotted for this increase would have done so had the money been coming out of his pocket. It is amusing how liberal

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES AT M. P. CHURCH.

Below we are giving the readers of the Gold Leaf a good cut of Mr. Charles U. Butler, who with his wife are to have charge of the singing at the Methodist Protestant church during the revival services beginning the 17th. The Spartanburg Herald, in speaking of the work of Mr. Butler in the revival services just closed there, said of his first appearance there, it soon became apparent that Mr. Butler is a master in the vocal music art and a fine director of a choir. His style of work and peculiarly beautiful and appealing qualities of voice have placed his services in great demand. He was for a number of years the soloist with Dr. Torrey, and later with Dr. Chapman, who in many respects is the greatest evangelist of the world today.

INTERESTING STORY TOLD BY HENDERSON WOMAN.

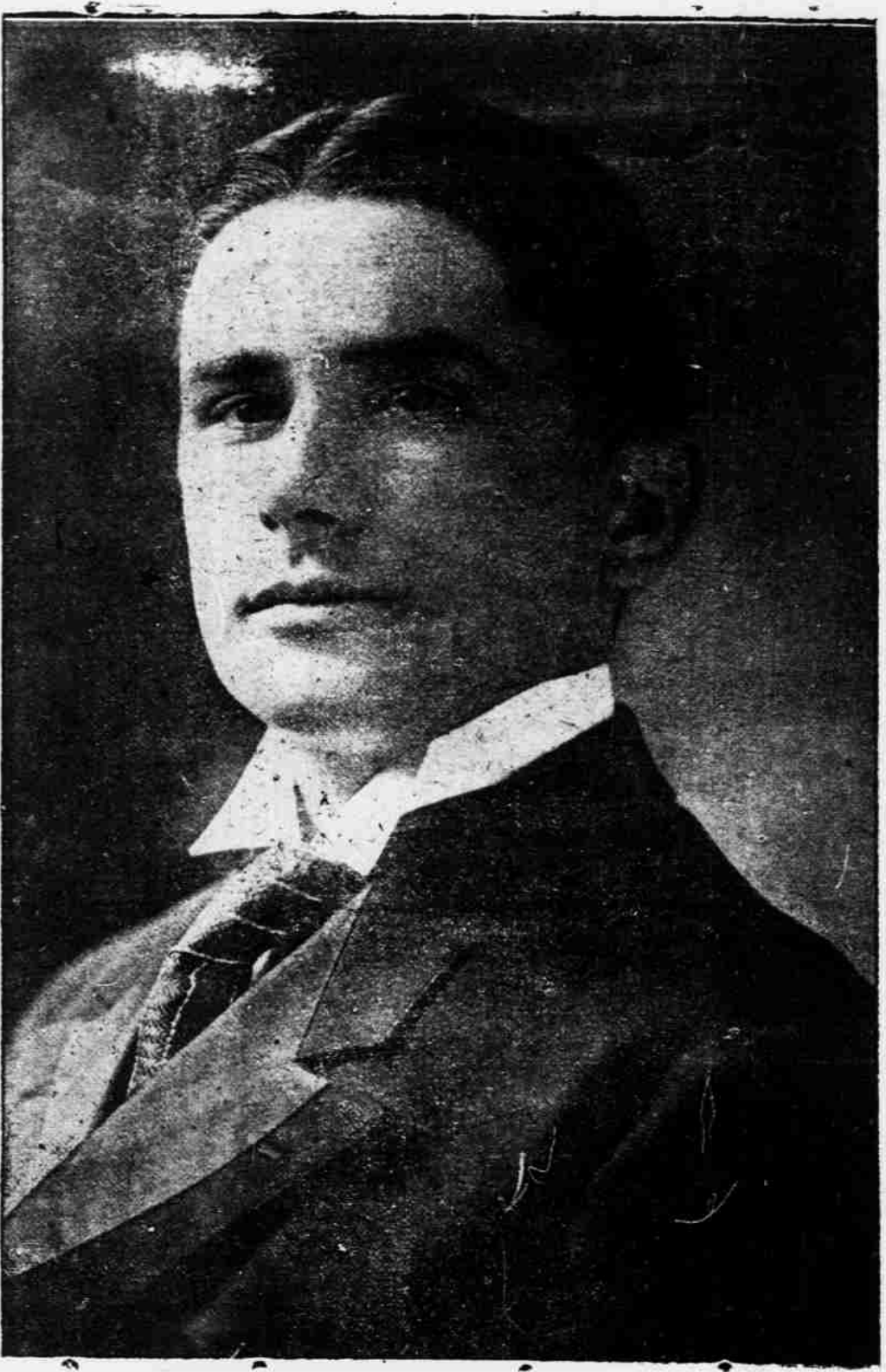
There were several young ladies in a local store a few days ago buying their paraphernalia to go away to college this fall and were talking about what they were going to get. Mrs. L. C. Edwards, of this place, says: "I want to tell you young women about my paraphernalia that I took with me to college when I went in 1863. It was during the war and of course I had to make everything myself with little to make it out of. My outfit was two cotton and one woolen homespun dresses that I spun and wove myself and paid \$100 for the cotton, which amount I received from a lady for making her a palmetto hat. My woolen dress and my cloak were trimmed with large brass buttons which I cut off of my dead brother's Confederate uniform. I made my hat of palmetto that my soldier brother had sent me from the coast at Wilmington. Our old colored slave made my shoes out of dog skin and my fur cape was made out of the rabbit and possum skins that I had saved and tanned myself. My collars were crocheted out of the ravelings of India cotton stockings. I had one bought dress. It was purple worsted and cost one dollar in our little store. I packed my clothes in an old homestead leather trunk that belonged to an older member of the family and started to Yadkin College in the western part of the State. My railroad fare was \$10, and the school term was eighteen months long."

HAAG SHOWS ARE SEEN BY A PLEASED CROWD.

Despite the threatening weather many hundreds witnessed the Haag Show parade this morning and a tent full of pleased patrons testified their approval of what proved to be one of the best real-estate performances witnessed here in several years. The program included many excellent acts, seven or eight of them among the best seen here; in fact, the best in the business, as the manager announced. The show is conducted evidently by real business men, who do not permit gambling in any form and not an oath or impropriate remark was heard on the grounds. The parade was the finest for its size that has been seen here. On the whole it is a good, clean, clever show, and those who saw the performance this afternoon will join in the hope that the Haag Shows will come again.

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AN EPOCH IN SHOWDOWN.

When Mr. Haag decided to inaugurate his 15th year as a successful purveyor of first class amusements to the public he mapped out his route from coast to coast, opening his season in early March at Shreveport. Since then the show has traversed the states of Texas, California, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma, Illinois, Indiana, West Virginia, Kentucky, Virginia, Tennessee, Ohio, North Carolina, South Carolina, and part of Georgia; and before closing will make Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana, establishing a transcontinental record never attempted by any show in any one season. The show has used 56 railroads so far this season, exhibiting twice daily with the exception of Sunday.

Nature has been very good to the mighty Haag show; this season, having been exceptionally so in the wild animal department. The baby camel, Lula, is easily the favorite baby, with the baby elephant close behind. Daily you can witness the children of the different cities picking their favorite baby in the big menagerie, which is most always the baby camel.

The mighty Haag shows will exhibit at Henderson September 16th.

Mrs. T. C. Pate moved from Falcon to Henderson last week. Mr. Pate has a position at the garage and has been at work there for the past few weeks. They have taken rooms in the home of Mr. Pate's brother, Mr. A. W. Pate, on Arch street.

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