

The Bank of Union

Capital \$50,000.00 Surplus \$90,000.00

This Bank has had since its organization, and will continue to have, the following guiding principles:

SAFETY. Safety First. Safety for the bank, and above all, safety for its depositors. The sum of \$90,000.00 has been retained out of the net earnings of the bank as a special and additional fund for the protection of its depositors. This fact puts this bank on the Honor Roll of banks; for very few banks in the United States have set aside this proportion of surplus to capital and it is sufficient evidence to convince the most skeptical that people who deposit with this bank are absolutely safe.

PROGRESS. We are not in the business for a mush room growth. We are, in fact, conservative. Yes, but our object is to be just conservative enough to be able to be truly and safely progressive. We believe in progress along all good lines, and especially progress in civic righteousness. This bank undertakes not only to make a success for itself, but to help on all its customers and friends to better things. Has it done so? The stockholders are not complaining and the number of people this bank has helped over tight and rough places and on to better things must now be counted by the thousands.

COURTESY. It is our purpose not only to safeguard and benefit materially in this world's goods all with whom we deal, but to please and satisfy all our customers to the extent of our utmost patience and ability. To this end, let it be understood that we are always ready and anxious to correct mistakes when convinced that we are in error and we will grant every favor within our power consistent with our duty. If our advice on a business proposition is worth anything, you are welcome to it, and we will take and safely keep your valuables until you call for same, and especially your Liberty Bonds. In short, we are trying to do everything for our customers and the public that any sound bank ought to do, and it is upon this basis that we invite your deposits, your confidence and your friendship.

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W. S. BLAKENEY, President.

R. G. LANEY, Cashier.

SKETCHES

Laurester is reputed to be the highest cotton market in this section. On last Friday cotton was quoted there at 29 cents; on the same day, Monroe was paying 39 cents; and, on top of this, local buyers claim they will pay more for that grade of cotton sold in Laurester! But, leaving grade out of the question, Monroe is paying the same for cotton as Laurester, and we ask the News, of that place, to kindly take note of this fact.

Once and a while the editor of the Statesville Landmark will write a scathing denunciation of the dog, but in the news columns of the last issue of his paper we read a little story that tells in few words why some people will keep three hound dogs to one pig. It follows: "A lonesome old colored woman lives 12 miles from Statesville in a little house with a dog for company. The dog is a common old hound, but his mistress loves him devotedly and clings to his companionship. She heard folks talking about the tax on dogs and saw her dog snatched from her unless she could buy a tag for him. The price of the tag was a sacrifice. But she secured the price, and one day recently she walked to Statesville and bought the tag, walking the distance home. The sole errand that brought her on the 24-mile walk was the paying of the tax on her dog."

William Bickett, son of the Governor, has set an example, by starting at the bottom in a cotton mill, that hundreds of other promising young Tar Heels ought to follow. The textile industry, next to agricultural pursuits, is the most important of all our vocations, and is still in its infancy. Northern capital is coming South, which means that hundreds of skilled mill men will be needed in the next few years to assume control of thousands and thousands of spindles; and young fellows like Bickett, who learn the business from bottom to top are the ones who are going to be selected for these jobs. Leaving Northern capital out of the question, there is still a great demand for trained mill men. Every now and then one reads advertisements in the paper stating that such and such a town will build a mill for any competent textile man of ability. Take Monroe, for instance. There is no doubt in our mind but that several hundred thousands of dollars could be subscribed here in one day for a mill. All that is lacking is the man; and if some more of our youths would go into the mills, like Bill Bickett, they are assured of a bright future.

Bishop Darlington, who is presiding at the Western North Carolina Methodist conference, in an address Friday said he once heard of a man who announced that he was going to preach on garlic and onions. His object, no doubt, was to get an audience; but there was once an evangelist who went him one better. This evangelist, who was conducting nightly services, announced that on the following evening he would speak on the subject of "Liars." He advised his hearers to read in advance the seventeenth chapter of Mark. The next night he arose and said: "I am going to preach on 'Liars' tonight and I would like to know how many read the chapter I suggested." A hundred hands were upraised. "Now," he said, "you are the persons I want to talk to—there isn't any seventeenth chapter of Mark."

Wade Harris, editor of the Charlotte Observer, is on a tour of the European battlefields, and from Flanders field in Belgium, he sends his paper the following story about one of the German long range guns: "It is in this same neighborhood that the Big Bertha, the German gun used in shelling Dunkirk, is located. Gun and emplacement with its rounding concrete protection, are in position exactly as the Germans left it. It is an enormous gun, and was brought to the spot in five sections. The location is in the only bit of woods left intact on Flanders Field, and shell holes all around the locality show how close the allied airmen came to 'getting it.' Dunkirk is 28 miles distant and many shells from this gun made 'hits' on the town. This is the gun that was holding the excited attention of the world at the time the greater German performance in shelling Paris from St. Gobain Forest, 75 miles distance, distracted public attention from it. The gun was mounted on a platform within a circular enclosure and of course was fired at a great elevation. At rest, the muzzle of the gun pointed directly at a concrete wall nine feet thick, and within 12 miles of it. When news of the armistice was received, the Germans wanted to destroy this gun to keep it from falling into the hands of the Allies, but being pressed for time they resorted to a unique expedient. They fired a charge pointblank into the concrete wall close to its muzzle, expecting that the rebound would explode the gun. But the wall was blown away and the gun and its mountings were uninjured. So it happened that this expensive bombardment outfit which cost the German Government several million dollars, became an Allied trophy. No decision has been arrived at as to what will be done with the gun, but as it is located within six miles of Ostend and is accessible over a fine auto road it will probably be preserved as the Germans installed it and turned into a source of revenue. It is now in charge of a detachment of British soldiers who turn a good many honest pennies by charging a modest admittance fee. Another reason for the preservation of this gun is the fact that there is stamped on its face the undisputable evidence of German aggression. Its breach lock bears a plate indicating that it was manufactured at the Krupp Works and finished in the year 1914. This is the 'Big Bertha' the people were reading about during the time when it seemed that the Germans were destined to capture the Channel Ports. Undoubtedly it is one of the most interesting prizes of the whole war."

TRAINED ANIMALS



Four-footed Actors Help Greatly in Rounding Out the Highly Interesting Circus Program of the Sparks Shows.

The management of the Sparks Shows have made it a study for years to give a circus program replete in all particulars, and knowing full well the importance of some high-class animal acts on the program, have this year imported from Europe several acts that cannot fail to create a sensation.

The acts imported from across the ocean this season include a spectacular equine drill and pyramid performance by a group of Arabian stallions that is said to be the most beautiful piece of horse training ever attempted. The herd of performing elephants under the direction of their famous trainer, Louis Reed, will produce groupings, pyramids, and maneuvers heretofore thought impossible. A group of forest bred African lions will also hold an important place on this interesting program on account of the wonderful control their trainer has over these really ferocious man-killing beasts.

The extensive menagerie carried by the show also affords unusual interest to those who are fond of studying animal life. In it are presented many new specimens hitherto unknown to the zoos of America.

Besides the trained animals some of the world's greatest gymnasts, aerialists, acrobats and equestrians have a place on the bill, and after the grand opening spectacle, which is brilliant in its coloring and massive in effect, the program will go forward with so much vim and vigor, the acts will all be of such a high order and classified to such a nicety, that the most critical audience cannot help but be pleased.

The Sparks Shows will give two complete exhibitions in this city on Tuesday, November 4th at the show grounds: Street parade at 10:30 a. m.



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