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**Learning To Live At Home.**

The people of the nation are fast learning that they cannot afford to be dependent on the other man, for the other man is too much disposed to gobble one up. Take the sugar situation, for instance. Speculators have gone to Cuba and the other countries that produce raw sugar and bought up the supply. In turn they have gone to the big factories that refine this raw sugar and have paid attractive prices for having their private stocks refined. Now they have in their control millions of pounds of granulated sugar and are offering it to the world at a price that will get it to the consumer at about 35 cents the pound. Plenty of sugar can be had right now if one cared to pay \$35 for a hundred pound sack. Wholesale grocers in this city have decided that they are not willing to buy this sugar from these speculators, and yet they are able to get only a very small quantity at prices that are lower and run about 25 cents per pound. These speculators are making millions of dollars by being able and willing to buy up this raw sugar and put the price up so that a million can be made on one deal.

Now the sugar situation only represents what is taking place along other lines. The same thing is being done in a hundred ways. They are speculating on wool, clothing, cotton goods, and all kinds of supplies. The remedy is to so manage affairs as to not depend on the man who will fleece you. In a very large way one can be independent. People all over the nation are beginning to make their own clothes. A very large percent of the men who work in the big clothing factories are foreigners who have put their price for labor up to a point in keeping with other lines of labor. Now the sensible people are beginning to buy their cloth by the yard and make their own shirts and underwear and many other kinds of garments. If one will only use a little judgement one can be independent in many ways where we have been looking to the man a thousand miles away to provide for us. Take the matter of seeds, for instance. Is there any reason why a citizen here should depend on a millionaire seed dealer for his garden seed, peas, beans and other vegetables? People can save their own seed if they care to be independent.

The disposition to be extravagant and not take care of the little things is beginning to have its effect on the nation. Food products are mounting higher every day and all signs point to a continued rise. Take potatoes that are selling right here in Mount Airy for \$2 the peck as a sample of what we are facing. Snap beans shipped here from the south are being used at 50 cents the gallon.

Now the man who will use his judgement can in a very large way change all this by managing his affairs so that he will be the producer of his own potatoes and beans and many other things that he has been buying.

**THE PASSING OF GOVERNOR GLENN.**

In the death of Governor Glenn the state loses one of her first citizens. For forty years he had been before the people as a public man, and he was able from early manhood to take front rank with men of ability in public life. He lined up for the best that society stood for, and was always found in the ranks of those who were fighting for better conditions. As a lawyer he was a power when he served his country as District Attorney and made it uncomfortable for the violators of the Federal laws. As a Governor of his state he was considered one of the ablest; but it was as a national lecturer on prohibition that he possibly did his greatest work. From one end to the other of this great country he was called to help carry prohibition elections, and he devoted many years of his life to this work. He was a power as a platform speaker and his services to the country in this line were possibly equalled by that of no other public man of the nation.

**Miss Johnson Graduates As Trained Nurse**

Invitations have been issued by the board of directors and the graduating class of the School of Nursing, Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte, N. C. to their graduating exercises to be held Monday, May 24th, and the baccalaureate sermon to be preached on the hospital campus 4:30 P. M. May 23rd.

Miss Kate Johnson, daughter of the editor of the News is a member of the graduating class.

**Sanitary Conditions A Live Subject**

When Surry county decided some months ago to put this section in the front line so far as sanitary conditions go and invested the sum of \$4,000 annually in the work, it made the subject of some importance to our people. Every home in the county under the new regulations must provide a sanitary privy. A whole time officer will go from home to home about over the county and see that conditions are such as to make living as healthy as possible.

The interesting thing about all this work is that the Town of Mount Airy is not included in the effort, rather is Mount Airy doing all that can be done to be left out. Last year Elkin and Pilot Mountain both invited the health officer of the county to visit their towns and see that the state laws were put into effect. They tell us that in both towns the people readily met the state requirements and erected sanitary privies and did other things to meet the requirements of the state laws. While these towns were doing this work Mount Airy was on her knees begging the authorities at Raleigh to NOT enforce the laws as to this town. And we succeeded. The officials agreed to allow us to go dirty for a whole year and to not begin to enforce the state laws in this town until the beginning of the good year 1921. Now if we are any judge this is a sight for the gods. We suspect that Mount Airy is all in a class by herself in being able to show that she is in possession of a written agreement that the state laws NOT be enforced here.

The Chamber of Commerce is interested in the situation enough to discuss it and on last Saturday night at a meeting a committee was appointed to see if something can be done. In the meantime the local ice factory created a sensation on the streets of the town on Wednesday of this week when they served notice that the local ice factory was shut down and that no more ice would be sold here this season, for the reason that the town officials recently made an ordinance requiring that ice made here must be produced from city water. Later the local ice company decided to continue to operate their factory. But they have been given permission to continue to use the present source of water for the factory.

In the course of time it will all work out right, but just why we as a people are not able to solve these problems without so much unnecessary delay and confusion is an interesting part of the problem.

**Two Try For Post Office.**

Only two citizens stood the examination required by the Civil Service for the post office in this city last Wednesday when the examination was held in the post office building in the city of Winston-Salem, Marvin Ellis and Capt. George Snow being the two who cared to show their hand. Thus the contest narrows down to these two gentlemen, but it does not naturally follow that either will be appointed, though we are of the opinion that either should get by with the examination so far as that goes. It is interesting that only two cared to take the test when one remembers that a very large number was supposed to enter the contest. Just why all the others talked of as prospective postmasters dropped out of the race we are not informed.

The examination began about 9 A. M. and it required each candidate about two hours to prepare his papers in which all questions were answered. A composition of 150 words was required and most of the other work was in arithmetic.

One problem that was given will be of interest to the younger folks who have not yet forgotten their school days. Take this and see what you can do with it. It is not the example that was given but is practically the same. A piano dealer sold 170 pianos for \$80,000 and thus cleared profit of 20 percent. The dealer he bought them from made a profit of 15 percent at the time he sold them. What was the cost of each piano to the first dealer?

Or take this one: A retail merchant sells a barrel of flour for \$13 and thus clears 4 1/2 percent. The jobber he bought it from cleared 2 1/2 percent after paying freight to the amount of 37 1/2 cents a hundred. The manufacturer realized a profit of 21.5 percent after paying a bill of 1.5 of one percent for insurance. If you can work these two you might have stood a chance at the post office had you tried for it.

Now that the examination has been held the papers will go to the office of the Civil Service at Washington where they will be examined and passed upon. Later a man will come here and look over the field to see who is the most competent man for the job. And so after a few weeks of one kind and another of investigation a man may be appointed to fill the vacancy which will be June 30 next coming.

Chautauqua tickets are transferable. \$2.50 will admit some member of your family to every entertainment.

**Are You Willing To Pay 35Cents For Sugar?**

The question now is, are you willing to pay 35 cents for sugar? The situation is about this, as we understand it. In a way the Lever act controls prices. This act was passed by Congress some months ago and was an effort to keep down profiteering. Now acting under this act the Department of Justice has ruled that a jobber of sugar is not allowed to make more than one cent on a pound of sugar. The retail dealer is not allowed to make more than two cents the pound.

Months ago the big business men of the nation went to Cuba and other sugar producing countries and bought up the stocks of raw sugar from the planters. Now these capitalists have in their possession much of the sugar that is in existence. And they are holding it for high prices. The sugar refineries of the country are able to secure some raw sugar that they are refining and sending out to the country, but what they are sending out is not nearly enough to meet the normal demands and needs of the people. What does come to the country from refineries comes at about 25 cents to the customer.

A jobber here at Mount Airy gets his allotment from refineries and his allotment is so small that it hardly gives to each retail store as much as a pound apiece for his customers. Now the jobber here can get sugar from speculators if he cares to pay the price. These speculators are quoting sugar at about 28 cents the pound in New York by the car load. It takes about \$18,000 to pay for a car of sugar and for the jobber to have to sell it for one cent a pound profit is a dead loss to him, is the way jobbers figure it. And then again last winter when no sugar could be secured here jobbers bought the Cuban granulated, but because it was not quite so good as the granulated that had been coming to this section the people actually refused to buy it and it was a drug on the market. Now the question in the minds of the jobbers is this; if they should be willing to tie up money enough to get a car load of this high priced sugar will the people use it at 35 cents? There is some doubt about whether the people will be willing to pay this high price. But it appears to be a fact that the country for months will have to get along with but little sugar unless somebody ships in some of the sugar that the speculators have bought up. The plain truth is the big business men have cornered the sugar market and have brought about the corner in such a way that no existing law will reach them.

We suspect that if a hundred men would go to a wholesale merchant in this city and ask for 100 pounds of 35 cent sugar somebody would get busy and order a car, but until there is a demand for this high priced sugar it will hardly come here.

**Death of A Young Man.**

Tom Saunders died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Saunders, shortly after mid-night Sunday after an illness covering about three years. He was about 24 years of age and was a sufferer from tuberculosis. He returned to his home several months ago from a sanitarium after all efforts to cure him had failed.

The funeral was conducted at Salem Methodist church at 11 A. M. Tuesday by Rev. West assisted by Rev. Williams, and the remains laid to rest in Salem cemetery. He is survived by his parents, three sisters and one brother.

Among those from a distance attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Saunders of Winston and J. W. Bondurant and son of Guilford College.

**FAINTING AND DIZZY SPELLS**

**The Cause of such Symptoms and Remedy Told in This Letter.**

Syracuse, N. Y.—"When I commenced the Change of Life I was poorly, had no appetite and had fainting spells. I suffered for two or three years before I began taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and the Liver Pills which I saw advertised in the papers and in your little books. I took about twelve bottles of your Vegetable Compound and found it a wonderful remedy. I commenced to pick up as once and my suffering was relieved. I have told others about your medicine and know of some who have taken it. I am glad to help others all I can."—Mrs. R. E. DEXING, 437 W. Lafayette Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.



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**Chautauqua Begins Next Wednesday.**

The Swarthmore Chautauqua to be held here May 25 to 31, inclusive, is by far the largest and finest that our people have ever had the opportunity of attending. The reports of those who have attended this chautauqua in Eastern North Carolina towns this season are very complimentary.

It is a high class and a high price chautauqua. In order to secure a date for Mount Airy fifty of our public spirited men and women personally guaranteed the sale of over four hundred season tickets. The guarantors have agreed to sell these tickets before the opening of the chautauqua and unless they are sold these men and women become liable for any deficit. There are those who are doubtless expecting to wait and purchase their tickets when they attend the first entertainment. This cannot be done. No season tickets can be purchased after the opening of the chautauqua. It is nothing but right to these men and women who have obligated themselves without the possibility of making a dollar that you purchase your tickets from one of these guarantors before the opening of the chautauqua. The single admission tickets to the afternoon performances will be fifty cents and for the night entertainments seventy-five cents. The season ticket for the whole five days is only \$2.50. These tickets ARE TRANSFERABLE and may be used by any member of your family or any of your friends.

A list of those who have guaranteed this chautauqua and who have tickets for sale appears below and you are urged to see one of them immediately and purchase the tickets you will need:

F. P. Sparger, W. W. Christian, G. C. Lovill, J. B. Haynes, A. V. West, J. M. Hill, L. M. Epps, Mrs. James Bray, L. I. Martin, H. M. Foy, R. F. Clarke, L. H. Swaim, J. D. Martin, J. E. Carter, John L. Woltz, W. H. Marion, J. H. Folger, E. C. Bivens, W. Fulton, F. D. Holcomb, A. G. Bowman, J. W. Lovill, A. E. Steele, J. H. Carter, E. H. Kochitzky, C. R. Merritt, O. H. Yokley, Beasley & Teah, S. C. Stewart, A. K. Sydnor, Arnold Quesinberry, A. E. Tilley, J. E. Ayers, W. M. Jordan, Dr. H. R. Hege, W. W. Thomas, G. A. & M. J. Kittrell, E. T. Patterson, U. G. Belton, S. A. Lewis, E. M. Linville, Mrs. N. C. Marion, C. C. Creveling, Dr. M. S. Martin, D. E. Hoffman, Dr. H. B. Rowe, T. C. Barber, B. F. Sparger, O. K. Merritt, J. A. Atkins.



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**Bank Officers Elected**  
 The new bank recently organized in this city will be known as the Farmers Bank and Trust Company. A meeting of the directors was held this week and J. A. Jackson, clerk of the Superior Court and prominent merchant of this city was elected president, J. B. Sparger, vice-president and J. W. Lovill second vice-president. A committee was appointed to select a cashier and to secure a building for the new institution. The work of getting the bank in operation will now proceed as rapidly as good business methods will permit. It may be that it will be necessary to erect a new building, though more than one store room has been offered to the directors for rent. So far no building has been found that seems to meet the needs and it may be that it will later be decided to build.

**Mandolin, Guitar, Banjo**  
 O. A. Sutton, of Detroit, Mich. who recently located here to teach mandolin, guitar and banjo, has secured a large class in this city, but finds he could teach a class in Pilot Mountain, Dobson, White Plains and other points. Any of our readers who are interested can write Mr. Sutton at 129 Elm street or see him personally at W. L. Steel's jewelry store. He is willing to demonstrate his ability to play these instruments as well as to teach. Adv.

**Overstocked on Tires**

For the next 30 days we will give an Inner Tube with each casing at the following prices:

- 30 x 3 Casing and Tube, .....\$17.15
- 30 x 3 1/2 Safety Casing and Tube,.....23.20
- 31 x 3 3/4 Safety Casing and Tube,.....27.65
- 32 x 3 1/2 Safety Casing and Tube,.....28.05
- 33 x 4 Safety Casing and Tube,.....38.60
- 34 x 4 Safety Casing and Tube,.....39.60
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