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### Taking the Home Paper.

Do you know of a person in this whole community who would be willing to go through life month by month and year by year without a knowledge of the news features of the township in which he resides? Would you like to be that person? It is difficult to convince the average reader of the real value of the home paper unless he has at some time or other been forced to do without it. Then it is that its value is brought home to them. Most people subscribe for the home paper, read it, enjoy it, and absorb the news it contains as a matter of course, giving scarcely a thought to the vast amount of labor entailed in the production of the issue. And yet that issue means a tremendous concentration of thought and energy and perseverance on the part of both the editor and his entire force of employees. The work thus represented on an issue of this paper, for instance, cost the reader less than two cents.

### Keep the Town Clean.

A clean town attracts attention whenever and wherever it is seen. A dirty one catches the public eye in even less time. When the streets and alleys and yards and vacant lots in a town are clean and sanitary it bespeaks a like condition on the part of the residents with regard to their personal habits.

If each person in this town would use just a little more energy and thoughtfulness we could make this one of the cleanest spots in the country and our reputation would grow apace. Not only would we benefit thusly, but the health of the community would be vastly improved and the physical capacity of the people would be greatly increased. A clean man works with pleasure and with a definite object in view. Generally he gets there. The dirty one labors from necessity only, has no ambition, and is the black eye that kills the town in the eyes of other people. Keep the town clean.

The merchants doing the business in Marion are those who are going after it. Letting the people know through the columns of the newspaper what they have to offer. Advertising is no longer an experiment—it is an absolute necessity in all lines of business. If you don't believe advertising will help, just place an ad in The Progress.

The next big attraction for Marion will be the chautauqua which comes for three days and nights, August 10, 11 and 12.

If you know a few things and know them well you are a wiser man than the fellow who "knows it all."

Young man, you can never reach your goal so long as you spend your time resting on the way.

They say a cat has nine lives, but at that it is a mile in the rear of Villa.

## U. S. OFFICIALS SEE NO CONTROVERSY

SOON CLEAR NEUTRALITY QUESTIONS RAISED BY ARRIVAL OF GERMAN SUBMARINE.

### PURELY A MERCHANT SHIP

Preliminary Report From Collector Ryan Indicates Purely Merchant Ship Devoid of Peculiar Status Caused by Her Trip Across Atlantic.

Washington.—Federal officials say that the questions of international law raised by the arrival of the German super-submarine Deutschland will soon be cleared away.

A preliminary report from Collector Ryan at Baltimore indicated that the vessel was purely a merchant ship, devoid of any peculiar status because of the unprecedented manner of her trip across the Atlantic. Should this be borne out by the more detailed examination that will be made, officials see no reason for diplomatic complications. There was no prospect that the Allied Governments were preparing to protest in the event that the Deutschland is held to be a merchantman.

The Navy Department detailed Captain C. F. Hughes to aid the Baltimore collector in examining the submarine. Another officer familiar with submarine construction will accompany Captain Hughes but they will act merely in an advisory capacity and the attitude of the Government will be determined by the collector's report.

Rumors that objection might be raised by Captain Koenig or by German officials to a closer inspection of the submarine on the ground that she is of a secret type of construction were not generally credited by officials. Such opposition would probably result in the recall of Captain Hughes and it would then be incumbent on the German Government to offer convincing evidence of the submarine's peaceful character.

Permission was not given for unloading any of the cargo, for shore leave for any of the submarine's crew, or for transmission of the documents described as diplomatic papers brought by Captain Koenig until the State Department had finally passed on the vessel's status.

### PRESIDENT FOR PEACE THROUGH UNDERSTANDING

Wilson Tells Michigan Audience He is not Champion of Force, if There Are Other Ways.

Detroit.—President Wilson urged peace reached by mutual understanding rather than force and defended the Democratic party as a friend of business in speeches to enthusiastic Michigan audiences. Thousands of persons shouted greetings at him wherever he appeared, the hall in which he spoke to the World's Salesmanship Congress was jammed and an audience estimated at 50,000 greeted him at the Ford Motor Plant. At night in Toledo another throng listened to his brief rear-platform address. "Peace" was the shouted response of the salesmanship audience when the president asked them what they desired when the present world struggles are at an end. And he added that permanent peace was his desire.

### CONFERENCES WITH MEXICO TO BEGIN SOON

Washington.—Acting Secretary Polk of the state department and Eliseo Arrendondo, Mexican ambassador designate, conferred briefly but no definite steps were taken toward beginning the proposed negotiations for settlement of differences between the two governments.

### STREET CAR STRIKE AT WILMINGTON SETTLED

Wilmington.—Through the offices of the citizens' committee working in an effort to settle the strike of motormen and conductors on the local traction company lines, it was announced that the strike had been settled and the men return to work at once.

### GOVERNMENT WILL HELP FLOOD SUFFERERS

Washington.—With thousands of persons homeless and destitute and a growing list of dead the Federal government took official notice of the serious flood conditions following the hurricane in the Southern States. At the request of Senator Underwood, the war department has ordered an engineer to investigate conditions in the Cahaba and Alabama River valleys, where 2,500 families are reported without food or shelter.

# JULY SPECIALS!

We have to make room for our Fall stock of Shoes and must close out all Low Cut footwear. We are offering our entire stock of Ladies' and Children's Oxfords, Pumps and Sandals at a discount of 10% for cash.

Ladies Patent Leather, Vici Kid and Gun Metal Pumps, worth \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50, reduced as follows: \$2.50 value at \$2.25, \$3.00 value at \$2.70, \$3.50 value at \$3.15.

We have Children's Ankle Strap Pumps in Patent, Tan, Kid and Gun Metal. All sizes and prices up to \$1.75. All reduced 10%. This is a mighty close price considering the real market value of shoes today. We would not make this reduction but must have the room.

Special prices on Boys' and Men's Summer Hats. We have a good assortment of Men's everyday Straw Hats at 20% off. Also Boys cloth, silk and Palm Beach Hats at reduced prices. 35c Hats for 25c, 65c Hats for 50c.

Trunks, Hand Bags and Suit Cases. We have a nice line of these at special prices. If you are going to take a trip treat yourself to a new piece of "Luggage" and you will enjoy your trip better.

New Waists! We have just received a beautiful selection of Ladies Silk and Muslin waists. We have the Jap silk waists at \$1.00 and the new "Pussy Willow" Silk waists at \$2.25. New Muslin waists at 50c to \$1.00.

New Silk Hose! We have just received a supply of "Gordon" and "Buster Brown" Silk Hose for Ladies at 35c to \$1.00 the pair in all colors.

Men's and Boy's Sport Shirts! Look in our window, you will see the prettiest Sport Shirts in town at 65c and \$1.00.

Gent's Furnishings! We have a good selection of Gent's furnishings in the following reliable brands: "Emperor" Shirts, "Triangle" Collars, "Buster Brown" Socks, "Cleveland" Ties and Suspenders, "Paris" Supporters, "B. V. D." and "Poros Knit" Underwear, "C. T. C." Suits and "Walk-Over" Shoes. We can fit you from head to foot in reliable merchandise.

We have just received a fresh supply of Summer Dress goods, Laces, Corsets and Notions of all kinds.

Don't forget this is the Profit Sharing Store. We give you back about 10% on your purchases in valuable premiums.



## Gaston & Tate, Inc.

"The Square Deal Store."

## FARMERS' UNION SELECTS RALEIGH

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF STATE ORGANIZATION TO BE HELD IN RALEIGH.

DATE NOV. 11-14, LIKELY

Council Specifies Lines to Which Lecture Activities Shall Be Confined—All Officials Present.

Raleigh.—The State Council of the North Carolina Farmers' Union, after meeting in here announced that the next meeting of the Union would be held in Raleigh in November, probably November 14-15. All the officers were present as follows: Dr. H. Q. Alexander, president; Dr. J. M. Templeton, vice-president; E. C. Faures, secretary-treasurer; J. Z. Green, state organizer; executive committee, W. B. Gibson, chairman, Clarence Poe; W. H. Moore, C. C. Wright. The entire body of state officials compose the State Council.

Mr. C. T. Weatherly, one of the most prominent and progressive farmers of Guilford county, was elected to the executive committee to succeed R. W. H. Stone, who resigned some time ago in order to become a candidate for the legislature in the recent primary. The requirement of the Union constitution is that no officer of the Union may become a candidate for political office and retain office in the Union.

The Council resolved that in future all lecture work, public addresses, etc., shall be confined as far as possible to promoting the following definite lines of rural co-operation.

Co-operation in buying fertilizers, supplies, or farm machinery.

Co-operation in marketing cotton, tobacco, cottonseed, etc.

Co-operative cotton gin, grain mill, or creamery.

Co-operation in marketing poultry, eggs, butter, vegetables, or fruit.

Co-operation in purchasing pure bred livestock.

Mutual fire insurance.

Credit unions or land and loan associations.

Co-operative telephone companies.

Forest fires in the state last year did \$512,000 worth of damage.

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