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Candidates and Money.

Never before in the history of American politics has the country witnessed such a wholesale spending of money. The Wood campaign boodle is already in the millions column and still climbing, while Johnson is not very far behind.

Why such colossal spending? Who will ultimately pay the bill? The object, of course, is to secure the nomination and after this has been attained, Mr. Public will have to pay the bill.

It was thought that the conviction in Michigan of Newberry would have a wholesome influence in keeping the spending of money in political campaigns at a minimum, but until some of the culprits have been placed behind the bars we feel that mere court verdicts will avail little.

Schenck's Letter.

In this issue of The Progress will be found an open letter to the Democrats of the Eighteenth Judicial district from Mr. Michael Schenck, candidate for the nomination in the primaries on next Saturday for Judge. Mr. Schenck's letter is self-explanatory.

Just how the Democrats of the district will look upon outside influences is a matter we leave to the Democrats of the district. We do believe, however, that those who will participate in this nomination are competent of selecting the candidate for judge, and that they will cast their vote after deliberation and thought as to which of the candidates is better qualified for the office. This being the case, we believe both candidates should be satisfied to leave their fate in the hands of the people of this district and bow to their decision.

Johnson Versus Wood.

Hiram Johnson, candidate for the Republican nomination for President, is the antithesis of General Leonard Wood, who seeks the same nomination. Representing different orders, different attitudes and policies, it is a matter of interest to know how the Republican party led by prophets so essentially opposite in their teachings is going to become reconciled and united on either of the candidates.

Johnson, in laying down his policies for the nation's future, places emphasis on rationalism, rather than internationalism. He repudiates the League of Nations, and in substance proposes that this country isolate itself from the rest of the world. He would go back one hundred and fifty years if possible, and live in the so-called "good old days" of the Puritans and Pilgrim fathers. He cannot conceive of America as a great world power that she is destined to become.

General Wood is a man of good motives but not a man of strong convictions. Hampered as he is, in that he is lacking in business

experience, makes him unfit in times like these for the presidency. Being the rich man's candidate does not help his cause or make him popular with the rank and file of the American people.

General Wood, however, does attempt to interpret world conditions. He favors the League of Nations and has a vague sort of notion of internationalism. He has no well defined policy for dealing with the great questions confronting the country and the world. A good man, but not big enough for President.

The Farmer and Labor.

Statesville Sentinel

The Literary Digest quotes the Apostles' Command that "If any should not work, neither should he eat," and expresses the opinion that the cry of the farmer must be heard and heeded.

On the same page of this popular periodical is carried the cartoon of a farmer crying aloud for "help" while his ground remains unplowed, his hogs squealing for their morning's feed, the cattle lowing for feed and everything at a standstill. His cry for help is directed towards the city and town. The city parks are shown full of idle loafers who smoke and scheme for the future, but work, honest work has no place in their lives.

This is not fiction and the artist who conceived of this picture did so as a result of true conditions.

We can all talk ourselves blue in the face about the high cost of living and charge every man, woman and child from the smallest negro tot to the Wall street gambler with being profiteers, but when we get down to brass tacks we are forced to admit that at present the great underproduction of foods, etc., is largely responsible for high priced food.

It is quite evident on every hand that we have too many people in the cities and towns that live at the expense of those who labor. Too many people trying to make money by trickery and scheming. Too many people who labor barely enough to live and produce nothing more than is absolutely essential for their own comfort.

One of these days we are going to awaken to the fact that automobiles and joy rides will not satisfy the inner man. Nothing short of such a situation will cause thousands upon thousands of non-producers to bend their backs in honest toil and help produce the necessities of life.

If drastic action was justifiable and necessary during the war and was a good thing, which we all admit was the case, then why not put into effect those same stringent laws for the situation that confronts us today is equally as critical.

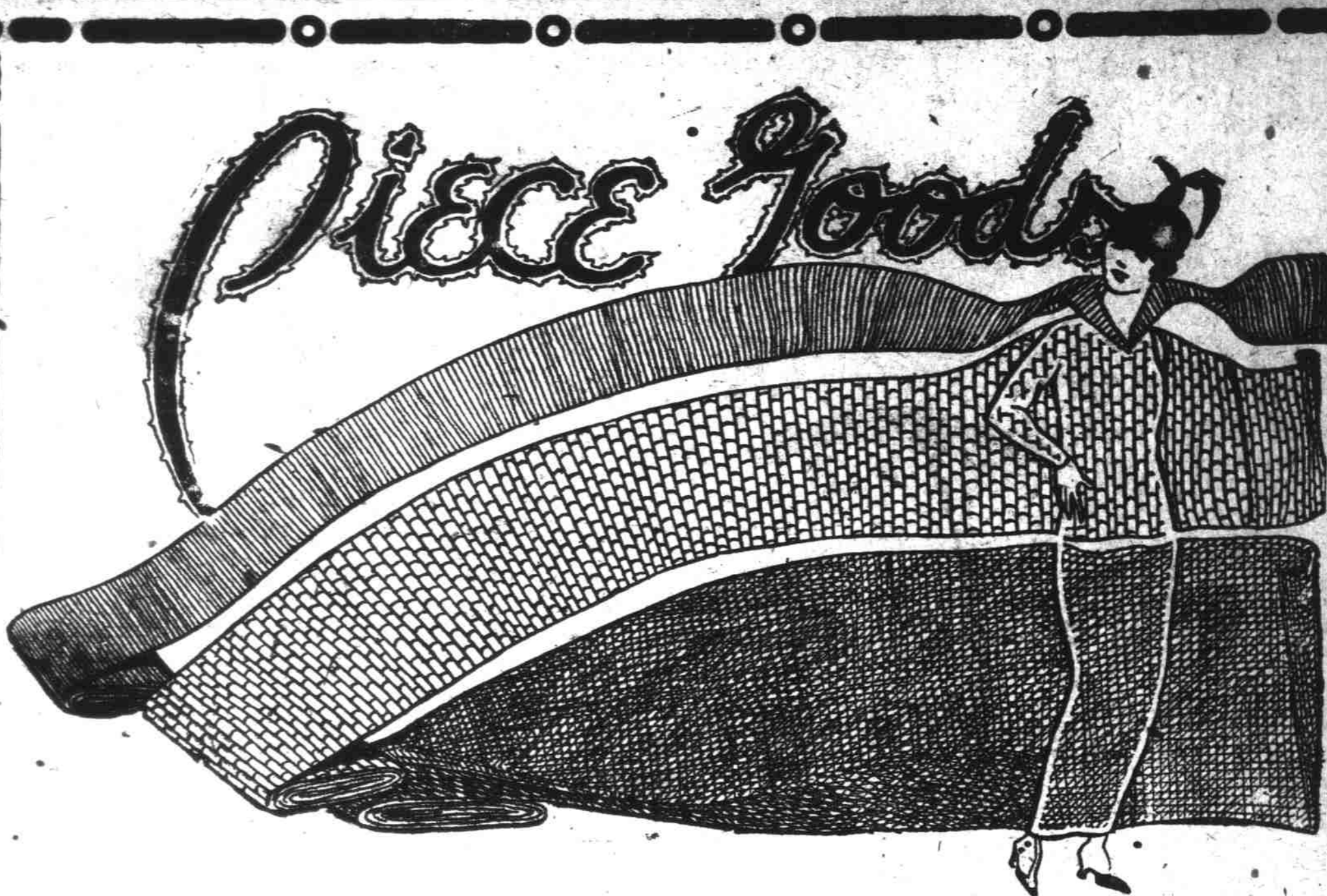
Every able-bodied person in the United States should be made to work.

Linotype Machine Has Arrived.

The Progress' linotype machine has arrived and will be installed during the coming week. The machine was purchased last October but being behind with production the company was not able to make shipment until a few weeks ago. With the new equipment we will be prepared to give better service than in the past and to give our readers more live news matter.

W. T. Woodley for State Auditor.
To the Democratic Voters of McDowell County:

Mr. W. T. Woodley, of New Bern, N. C., is candidate for the Democratic nomination for State Auditor in the June 5th primary. I wish to commend him to you and to ask your



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support of him. He is a native of Chowan county, was educated at Guilford College and the State University and is a life-long, fighting Democrat. He has served in both branches of the General Assembly, as Chief Deputy in the Marshal's department and in charge of the New Bern branch of the Collector's department in the Eastern District of North Carolina. He resigned this last position a short time ago to enter the race for State Auditor. His record and life are clean. His education and experience well fit him for the duties and responsibilities of the position to which he aspires. He is worthy of the office and thoroughly capable of filling it with credit to the party and State.

Respectfully yours,
J. W. WINBORNE,
Advt.

Hensersonville Bar Did Not Endorse Candidacy of J. Bis Ray, Statement of President.

Hensersonville, N. C.,
May 28, 1920.

Mr. Michael Schenck,
Hensersonville, N. C.

Dear Sir:

It having been called to my attention by a friend of yours that the resolutions passed by the Hensersonville Bar Association at its last term in commendation of Judge Ray's conduct of the Court is being used for political purposes, I wish to say that as a member of the Bar and as president of our local Bar Association it is customary for the Bar Association some times to pass resolutions, make appropriate comments in commendation of our Judges at the closing of the term. This custom was followed out as to Judge Ray and of course it could not have been intended to have any political bearing as many of the members of the Bar are Republicans, all voting for the resolution.

I make this statement because I think it is just to you.

Yours truly,

(Signed) W. A. SMITH,
Advt.