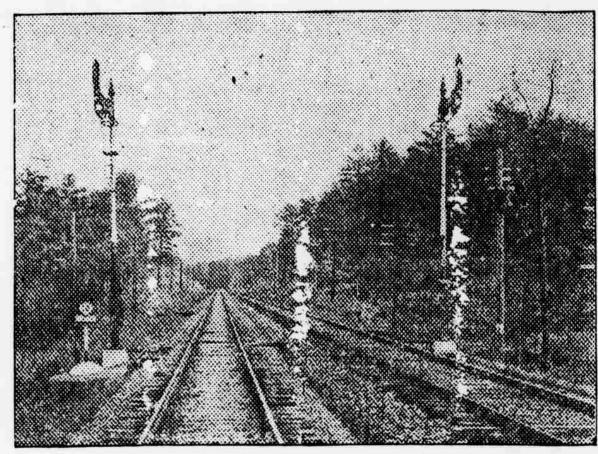
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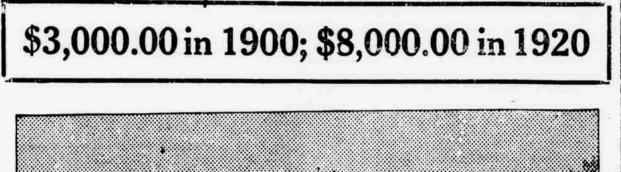
The Owner Of An Auto Who Hides Behind a Petticoat. (Charlotte Observer)

A few days ago, Editor Ashecraft. of The Monroe Enquirer, was besought by one of these fellows who seem to have nothing better to do than go about talking hard times and worse coming, to "write an article on folks going wild about automobiles." Editor Ashecraft reflected over the matter for a time and then proceeded to do so. But he did not write exactly along the line anticipated. He first set about trying to find out just how wild the poople had gone on automobiles and applying himself to pencil and pad found that there are in Union County about 1,-000 machines, the average cost of cars in that county. Editor Ashecraft figured it out that this is but one-seventh of the value of last cent of the value of the total crops of the county for the year 1919. And nov, that is not so had and folks have not gone so wild after all in the purchase of automobiles. It costs about two hundred and fifty thousand dollars a year to keep the automobiles of the county going, or about two and a half per cent of the value of the annual crop. The Observer is inclined to the belief that the Monroe editor has set his upkeep figure at the maximum. It is perhaps a broad guess and the auto owners might bring it down through a comparison of accounts, but letting it stand at the extreme figure, a good case is yet made out for the automobile. On the "one bad feature" of automobile ownership we hear so much talk about The Enquirer admits that much of the purchase price 'goes away from home-goes out West where the money for hay, wheat and corn used to go'before our people got to raising their supplies at home," but even against that we might contend there is an enormous home asset to place. The automobile brings both money and business to the town in which it is sold. It gives employment to armies of workmen and the deposit accounts in the local banks tell their own story of the prosperity brought in by the automobile. It might be an easy matter to show that the auto brings more money into a community than it takes out. One has but to reflect upon what the automobile industry has done for every city and town in North Carolina to find the counteracting argument for the out-going of the value of the automobile business to any community would be to make suggestion to any town that it drive this business away from its doors. Try it on the biggest city or the smallest town and see what would happen! Cars are a luxury but in many cases a convenience and money saver, especially so to the farmer. No, our folks are not all crazy about automobiles. But there is a type of automobile owner who is a downright joke and he takes himself as seriously as is a chapter from the book of Revaletions. He is the 'petticoat automooile owner.' The old fossil will look wise and say, 'Well, I tell you, folks are crazy about automobiles, stark crazy about 'em. My women folks kept after me until I just had to buy a machine, didn't want to spend the money fot it, but nothing would do 'em but I must buy one.' Now, that is the petticoat automobile owner. He wanted a car, was downright anxious to get rid of the old buggy and ride in the modern vehicle but he wanted to pose as a wise and a conservative old guy and he stepped behind the petticoat of the household and 'put up a holler' about being forced to buy a car. The hypocritical old cuss!"



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The increased cost of the various materials and appliances used in the operation of the railways is well illustrated by the two signal towers shown which is \$1,000, which represents an herewith, which are located on the main line of the Southern Railway, sixinvestment of a million dollars for teen miles south of Washington. These two towers are part of the electric automatic block signal system, protecting the double-tracked line of the Southern Railway System between Washington and Atlanta. Installation of year's cotton crop and is not 10 per these towers was completed May 15, 1914, at a cost of \$3,207.00. To install two similar towers in 1920 would cost \$8,000.00.

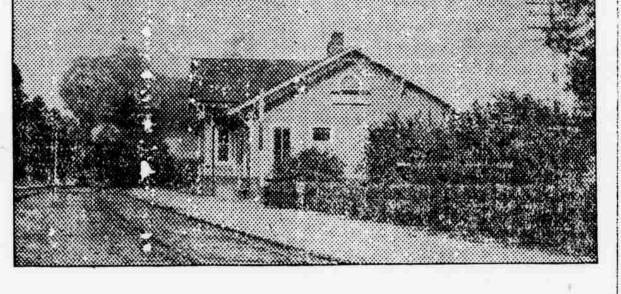


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IN JUSTICE AT MR. HARDING

(New York Evening Post) Senator Harding says that the Fed-eral Government is incurring a deficit cf about a million dollars a year. Actually the Government's income is in excess of its expenditure. Senator Harding says that the nation-al debt is increasing. Actually the national debt has been reduced by about three billion tollars within a year. But what do these things matter? As President, Senator Harding will have a Secretary of the Treasury who can add up figures correctly. Senator Harding says that China was unrepresented at the Peace Conference and intrusted her case to our representatives. But what does that matter? As President, he wil have a Secretary of State who will know that two Chinese delegates participat-ed in the Peace Conference. Senator Harding recalls seeing Pi Senator Harding recalls seeing Richard Mansfield in a war-play called "Charles V." But what does that matter? As President, he will have a Commissioner of Education who will tell him that Shakespeare called it "Henry V." In the heat of a Presidential campaign there is an unjust tendencyto which the Evening Post confesses it has occasionally surrendered-to ask a candidate what he thinks ought to be done and what he expects to do if elected. But that is one-man government. Mr. Harding has made it nlain that if elected he will not vio-late the Constitution by thinking for himself. He will get Mr. Root, Mr. Hiram Johnson, Mr. Lodge, Mr. Borah, and Mr. Penrose to think for him and if they disagree they can always toss up a coin.



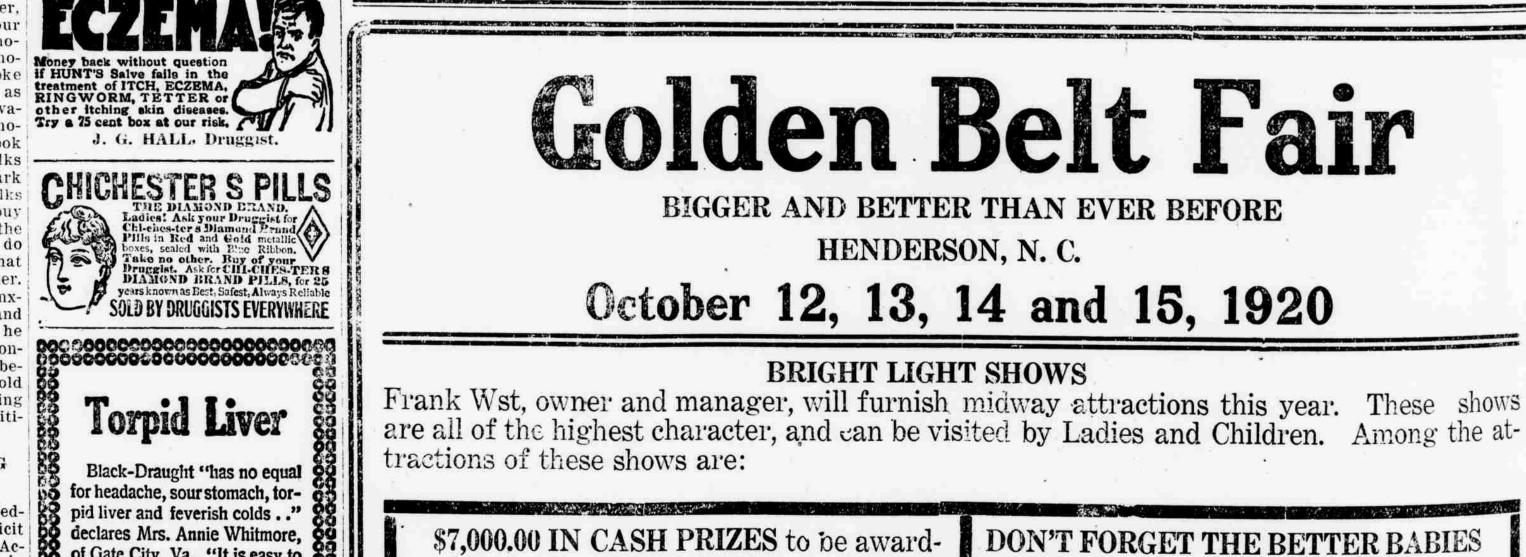
Increased costs of building material and of construction of every character are matters of general knowledge, but it is doubtful if many people have thought about them as factors in the cost of railway operation. The railways are large users of all classes of building material and their expenditures for construction are enormous. Just how the cost of buildings which the railways are called upon to construct has increased may be judged from the facts in connection with the combination station of the Southern Railway System at Fairfax, Va., on the Washington-Atlanta line which is shown in the photograph. This station, which is typical of others, was built in 1900 and cost \$3,000.00. The Southern's engineers estimate that it would cost \$8,000.00 in 1920 to replace this station exactly as it stands, and it is very doubtful whether a contractor could be found who would agree to furnish the material and construct such a building for this sum. The view was taken looking south and the train shown in the picture is the Southern's No. 38, the famous "New York and New Orleans Limited."



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