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GASTONIA, THE SOUTH'S CITY OF SPINDLES.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1921.

IF YOU HAVE THE MONEY-

Manufacturers Record, Baltimore, Md. Build that needed house now. Paint that dwelling, that church, that school. Repair that fence and make the farm look more tidy. Build that highway. It is badly needed. Pave that street. It will help your town. Improve the water-works and extend the sewerage system, for they will better the health of your town. Build that church, that school, that courthouse, and go ahead with every thing that shows you are a red blooded American, with faith in your country. Now is the time for men—real men—to lead off and do things. Cowards only are slackers. The patriot can do as much in this time of peace for his country as he could do in war. Let's play ball!

ALL AGREED.

The universal opinion of all the business men interviewed by The Gazette is that business is picking up at a healthy rate. The only point on which they differ is as to the time when the pick-up will be felt appreciably. Some say it will be felt by March or April. Others more conservative put the date further along into the summer, while others, still more careful and cautious say that it will be early fall before the mills are on a profitable basis again. However, on one point they are all agreed, and that is, that the worst is over and that good times are on the way.

PROPOSED CHANGES.

In the expensive campaign of road building mapped out for the county of Gaston there is need for a directing head of the county administration to be on the job. The job is one that requires more time and attention from the county commissioners than has been given to it. There are also many other reasons why the chairman of the board of county commissioners should devote more time to the affairs of the county, and he paid a salary commensurate with the job. The business of the county is too big, too complex and varied to be handled in a hurried meeting once a month.

As for the matter of lowering to the fee basis from the salary basis which has been in vogue for the past several years, we fail to see how the county will save anything by the change.

SITUATION WILL IMPROVE

"We are looking for fair business right along, and believe that this stage has already started," remarked a market factor recently. "A situation of this kind today must be considered with due respect to prevailing conditions. There has been some business in converted goods this week, in centers where it was not possible to move any merchandise, a short time ago. And this has been spreading to some extent. Merchandise stocks in jobbers hands are very small, generally speaking, and orders for \$5, 10, 20 or more halves or cases are coming in from all parts of the country. This situation will continue, and will unquestionably show improvement. I recognize that we are not yet through the 'rough spots.' The credit situation is our chief source of fear, and there is always the possibility of suffering from the effects of a big failure. Even recognizing this, I think we can look for steady business."

Every man interviewed by The Gazette within the past week looks for an early restoration to normal conditions.

Some think it will be three months, some six months before an equilibrium is established. All agree, however, that the tide is turning and that daylight is ahead.

WHY PRICES ARE FALLING.

For the past six years the United States, in relation to Europe, has been in the position of a retail merchant in a factory town, where most of the mills are shut down. Such a merchant can do large business so long as he will sell on credit. He can charge prices and get them in promises to pay. But there comes a time when his working capital is too much tied up in this fashion, even though his accounts are good, and then he finds it best to sell to cash customers only, even though he has to cut prices heavily in order to do so.

We have, apparently, reached this stage in the United States, according to B. M. Anderson, Jr., Ph. D., economist of the Chase National Bank, who advances it as the reason why prices are falling, in the Bulletin of the New York Credit Men's Association. Our export trade with Europe is rapidly shrinking, and our speculators, who have had visions of unlimited demand at fabulous prices, have come to realize they have overreached themselves and that the goods they bought at high prices to sell to Europe at still higher prices, must be sold at home, or in cash-paying foreign countries outside of Europe, at lower prices, states Mr. Anderson.

Let us imagine a rubber band, one end held by Europe and the other end by the United States," says Mr. Anderson. "Let the tension in the rubber band represent the rise in commodity prices above the 1914 level. The rubber began to stretch late in 1914, but elasticity was high, and the tension was not much increased for a while. The first effect of increasing European demand was a marked increase in American production, rather than a sharp rise in prices. By the middle of 1916 wholesale prices had risen only 10 per cent over 1914 prices, and retail prices had risen still less. We were in a state of industrial shock when the new demand from Europe first reached us. By the middle of 1916, however, there was little slack left, and every subsequent increase in our export balance came with increasing difficulty. Europe had to bid more and more to get the goods while our own people bid higher and higher prices in the effort to keep them at home. As the rubber band approached the limits of elasticity every extra inch it was stretched meant an enormous increase in the tension.

"The rubber band is contracting now. Europe's pull is growing weaker and we, consequently, need not pull so hard. The heaviest tension is being relieved—and Bradstreet's index number of commodity wholesale prices had fallen nearly 25 per cent since last February. "The liquidation and readjustment which this involved are proceeding in orderly, disciplined fashion. Most of our great businesses have been conservative in dividend policy, and have laid aside large reserves to meet just such a situation. Our banks, are impregnable strong. Money rates are high but solvent men can borrow what they need to protect their solvency. Unnecessary borrowing is being discouraged in order that adequate credit may be available to sound businesses which must have accommodation to meet emergencies.

"The handling of a situation of this sort involves the closest cooperation between banks and customers. It is highly important that customers deal fairly with their banks, maintaining adequate balances as far as possible and, above all, keeping their banks informed of every development that affects their financial position. The business man who deals fairly with his banks can be sure that the banks will deal fairly with him. Confidence, the life of business, and trust between bank and customer grows when all the cards are laid upon the table and when all the facts are set forth. The situation is perfectly manageable with a few measures of the kind that our country which our banks and business have so far exhibited."

The almost sudden cessation of crime and lawlessness in the county, particularly at a time of the year when it was expected to be most frequent may be traceable to the psychological effect produced by so much talk about rural policemen. Or, again, it may be only temporary, and with the approach of the winter months, the traffic in whiskey may break out anew. However it may be, the rural policemen have not been appointed, although authorization was made some time ago.

Suppose you did forget some one, don't worry. He, or she, will forget you next year.—Philadelphia Record.

The fact that President Wilson is able to buy a \$250,000 home in Washington shows that, though broken, he is not broke.—Houston Post.

ROBERT QUILLEN'S PARAGRAPHS

Column of Pungent, Pithy Peptograms From the Philosopher of Fountain Inn, S. C.

By ROBERT QUILLEN. (Copyright 1920, Associate Editors.) Martial law in Ireland: Forward, the Torch Brigade.

Ireland? Terrible. Korea? Shameful. Philippines? Pleasant day, isn't it?

Still stands there ancient, serene, an empty, dry and scentless quart.

The world concedes that a beautiful woman may be single as a matter of choice.

Liar: One constitutionally incapable of telling the truth. Synonym: boot-legger.

No man deserves freedom who doesn't feel sympathy for a people that is fighting for it.

Man has his sorrow and misfortunes,



but he doesn't feel under obligation to expose his ankles to winter winds.

There is a general disposition to overlook the fact that God has a mandate for the world.

A physician declares that most of our ill-humored beginning of the year is due to the excess of the holiday.

There was no doubt that the people of the United States are not in a hurry to get back to work.

The success of men of the world are

those who didn't have sense enough to know when they were licked.

There is something about the suddenness of the process of inflation that suggests a large bill for something.

The ladies may not understand political questions, but many of them are obviously familiar with the Pump plan.

A failure star is like a prize. It makes



a great show of falling, but never lands anywhere.

And to think that this quarrel might have been avoided if the United States and Mr. Carlton had joined the League.

Considering the cases of Mr. Newberry and Mr. Ponzi, one reflects that it is also safer to give than to receive.

Come to think of it, it's a good thing for this country there was no literacy test for immigrants when the Pilgrims came over.

The man really entitled to the Nobel prize is the sergeant who first said: "All right, gang; let's go get 'em."

There is, as the immigrant discovers, some difference between the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow and the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

In Shakespeare's time they sought the world's goodly part in the country's goodly part, but now they seek it in the city's goodly part.

FLORIDA DELEGATES ANSWER CHARGES AGAINST NEGROES

Affidavits Including a Number From Negroes Presented by Florida Congressmen to House Census Committee.

(By the Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Affidavits including a number made by negroes were presented by the Florida congressional delegation today to the house census committee in refutation of charges that negroes were wilfully prevented from voting in Florida. The charges were made before the committee last week by representatives of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People during consideration of the reapportionment bill.

In answer to the charge of W. F. White, assistant secretary of the association, that two negroes named Jones were whipped at Live Oak, G. W. Sanders John L. Hopps and W. R. Robinson negro members of the republican campaign committee there, in an affidavit said "no such occurrence has taken place in Live Oak or Suwannee county. The negroes here went to the polls and voted and were told by W. H. Lytle, sheriff of the county, that we would be protected in voting; that on the day of the general election in November, as far as we know, nothing was said to the negroes, men or women, to try to keep them from voting, and several hundred did vote in the county on that date."

Continuing, the affidavit said: "We have resided in Suwannee county for some years; we have seen and participated in several general elections where the negroes did not generally vote, the general election in November was no different from previous elections, everything being quiet and orderly on that day."

An affidavit signed by five citizens nearly all of whom were 90 or over in years, officers, declared the incident alleged did not take place, and added: "The polls were crowded with negroes, men and women, and they were not interfered with in any way."

Sheriff Lytle in an affidavit also denied any such occurrence as charged. He said he was at the polls all day as were two deputies, and that the negroes voted without molestation, some six or seven hundred of them. J. F. Kincaid, city marshal, also made affidavit to that effect.

Sheriff Scott Gregory, of Quincy, Fla., telegraphed that it was "absolutely untrue" that Dr. W. S. Stevens, negro physician, had been ordered to leave town. "Can produce Dr. Stevens' affidavit that all reports concerning him are untrue," the telegram declared. Representative Clark announced he would present the affidavit of Dr. Stevens to the committee when it reaches him.

Representative Clark, of Florida, also presented a letter from Joseph H. Jones, state's attorney general at Orlando, relative to the Ocoee riot. He said that following that affair he saw only three dead negroes and two dead whites at Ocoee. One negro also, he said, was hanged at Orlando, making the total killed as the result of that affair four negroes and two whites. "I think it probable," he said, "that one other negro was killed."

Representative Clark a copy of the jury's presentment. C. G. Hoag, of Philadelphia, representing the American Proportional Representation League, urged the committee in making up its reapportionment bill to include an optional system whereby the states could elect their congressmen on proportional voting.

WOULD STOP CONTEMPTUOUS TREATMENT OF MINISTERS

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The public morals board of the Methodist Episcopal Church announced today that it would inaugurate a campaign to stop the contemptuous treatment of the Protestant ministry by some cartoonists, writers and actors. "On the stage and in motion pictures," the board's announcement said, "the Protestant minister is seldom represented except as an effeminate fool. The members of the Protestant churches are exhorted to be liberal, to take humor as humor and bestial wrath. But the members of the Roman Catholic church do not tolerate such treatment of their priesthood which is always represented on the stage and elsewhere in a most favorable way, and whose religion is treated with consideration. The Catholics are to be commended. The time has come also when Protestants should not tolerate any other than courteous treatment of their religion and ministry."

The board added that the matter was being called to the attention of ministers of all denominations and their congregations with a request that "any violations of a binary contest" be reported to the board which would make them public.

BABE RUTH WANTS 60 HOME RUNS THIS YEAR

(By The Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—If Babe Ruth doesn't get at least 60 home runs in the 1921 season he will be greatly disappointed, he said today. The home run king plans to go into intensive training at once. As he is many pounds overweight due to his extended vacation in Cuba, he will go to his farm in Massachusetts and put in about six weeks at wood chopping. Then he will join the Yankees pitching staff in Arkansas late next month.

Ruth believes that his throwing arm will be in good shape next summer and he is counting on doing some of the twirling for the team.

PENROSE MAY BURY FORDNEY TARIFF BILL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The senate finance committee was prepared to begin consideration of the Fordney emergency tariff bill today at a meeting called by Senator Penrose, its chairman, who returned to the capitol yesterday after an absence of more than a year. Chances of the bill in the senate are believed not to have improved by the return of the Pennsylvania senator to that body. While Senator Penrose yesterday withheld any definite expression of his attitude on the measure, he indicated a desire to bury it in committee.

BOWLING GREEN BRIEFS

Correspondence of The Daily Gazette.

BOWLING GREEN, Jan. 3.—Miss Margaret Riddle, who has been spending the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. M. L. Riddle, returned to her school Monday, going as far as her brother's, Rev. Ray Riddle, at Leesville Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Ford had as their guests Saturday Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dulin, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Flanagan, Mrs. B. C. Harmon and Miss Annie Reynolds.

Mr. George Patrick, student at the University of South Carolina, returned to his work there this week after spending the Christmas holidays at his home in Bowling Green.

Mr. Davison Dulin expects to return to his school at Filbert Wednesday to again resume work after Christmas holidays of two weeks.

Miss Fannie Patrick returned to her school at Bethel Monday morning, having spent about ten days' Christmas holidays with home folks.

Mr. Earle Dulin and Howard Wilson students at the Presbyterian College at Clinton returned to their duties Monday afternoon, having enjoyed the Christmas holidays with home folks.

Miss Fannie Patrick had as her guests at supper Wednesday evening Misses Margaret Riddle, Annie Reynolds, Wilma Adams, Pearl Flanagan and Ruth Petty and Messrs. Howard Wilson, Quinn and Roy Petty, Davison and Earle Dulin and Mr. Whitesides of near Gastonia.

Miss Ruth Petty, graduate nurse of Rock Hill, S. C., spent several days during Christmas at the home of her father, Mr. W. C. Petty.

Miss Pauline Jackson of Jackson Springs, N. C., was the guest of Miss Lu de Ford, Saturday night and Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Spomer and family received "Christmas Cheer" in the form of "A Banquet," consisting of both necessities and luxuries, from the Bowling Green congregation during Christmas time.

Those who entertained the young people at parties during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Elbert, Miss Annie Reynolds, Miss Berta Petty, Miss Wilma Adams and Miss Eva Petty.

Miss Lois Wilson of the Presbyterian hospital, Charlotte, spent several days with home-folks during Christmas.

Miss Grace Harmon, who is in school at Camden, spent the holidays with home-folks in Bowling Green, returning to Camden Saturday.

Miss Annie Reynolds, student at Winthrop College returned to school Monday after spending the holidays with her parents in Bowling Green.

Messrs. G. D. Flanagan, R. M. Dulin and D. H. Dulin were visitors to York Monday.

Misses Lois Neely and Eva Petty will return to Linwood College this week to again take up their studies after the holidays.

Misses Ellen Flanagan, Lucile Ford, Marie Wilson and Ila Petty who are in school in Dallas returned to work Monday morning having enjoyed about two weeks' holidays for Christmas.

ALEXIS NEWS

Correspondence of The Daily Gazette.

ALEXIS, Jan. 3.—The Alexis graded school opened Monday after being closed for the holidays. There were several new students.

Messrs. Ural and Webb Clippard returned Sunday to their work in Bishopville, S. C., after spending the holidays with their parents.

Miss Zana Stroupe, of Rutherford hospital, spent last Monday with home-folks.

Mr. Loy Lineberger returned Monday to school at Lenoir College and Miss Lottie Abernethy to Linwood.

Mr. Elwyn Robinson spent the holidays with relatives in Cornelius.

Misses Alice and Genette Jackson, of New Jersey, and Mr. Jesse Ballard, of Charlotte, were the guests of Mr. Ballard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ballard, during the holidays.

Miss Sue Hannah Stroupe is visiting her sister, Mrs. Gus Black, of Charlotte.

Miss Zana Georgy, of Greensboro, is spending some time here with relatives.

Miss Ella Zimmard, of Lexington spent several days with Miss Pauline Page.

Prof. H. H. Winecoff returned Sunday from Concord where he spent the holidays with his parents.

Mr. Houston Helderman's two little children are very ill with bronchial pneumonia.

Miss Bernice Abernethy who is a student at King's Business College, Charlotte, spent the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Ida Abernathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Early Abernathy, of Cherokee Falls, S. C., spent several days here with Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Abernathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Fisher and son Bruner, spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Robinson.

HOUSE EXPECTED TO DUPLICATE SENATE'S ACTION

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Speedy duplication of the senate's action in overriding the presidential veto was the general prediction today when the house again took up the bill to revive the war finance corporation. Although the measure originated in the senate, its passage in the house was by a wide majority with party lines obliterated, and a two-thirds vote to override the veto was confidently expected by its proponents. Taking up the bill immediately on its return with the president's message yesterday, the senate voted 53 to 9, of 74, more than the necessary two-thirds, to pass the measure over the veto.

CHERRYVILLE CHAT.

Correspondence of The Daily Gazette.

CHERRYVILLE, Jan. 3.—The Farmers Bank & Trust Company held its annual meeting of stockholders last Saturday at which time all old directors were re-elected as follows: M. L. Craft, H. C. Harrelson, C. L. Beam, H. E. Beam, W. J. T. Styers and David P. Dellinger, and C. B. Harrelson was elected in place of D. M. Brittain, deceased. M. L. Craft and C. L. Beam were re-elected as president and cashier, respectively. The condition of the bank was found to be very satisfactory. A semi-annual dividend of three per cent was declared and 10 per cent passed to the surplus fund. A similar dividend was declared July first and 15 per cent passed to the surplus fund. This is a young bank but has a 50 per cent surplus fund. It has about nine hundred accounts, which is considered good, taking into account the fact that the First National has been in the field about three times as long.

Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Allen have returned from their wedding trip.

Miss Topping, of Boone, and Miss Helen Goode, of Lincolnton, have accepted positions in the Cherryville school and began their duties Monday. These teachers are taking places left vacant by the resignations of Mesdames Hoffman and Sellers.

Messrs. Lee and Olin Peeler returned to Bessemer City Sunday after a short visit to Prof. and Mrs. J. D. Rankin.

Miss Ruth Rankin entertained a number of her friends Friday night in honor of her cousins, Miss Annie Blair Anders, of Gastonia, and Mr. Olin Peeler, of Bessemer City.

Mrs. J. P. Dellinger, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Rudisill and children, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Maoney and children, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Dellinger and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Dellinger and children, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Dellinger and children, and Messrs. Ruth and Margaret Dellinger were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Graham Dellinger in Shelby Sunday at dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Fyber and children, who have been visiting Mrs. Fyber's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Manning, for several days, returned to Charlotte Monday.

Miss Fannie Paris and Mr. Dorus Rudisill returned to Lenoir College Monday.

Mrs. J. C. Dellinger, of route one, is visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. George S. Falls returned from Laurinburg the last of the week.

OLNEY LOCALS.

Correspondence of The Daily Gazette.

OLNEY, Jan. 3.—A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lineberger on January 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Kendrick and three children, of Greenville, S. C., visited Mrs. Ed Torrence, a sister of Mr. Kendrick, and other relatives in the county last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Q. Howe gave a dining New Year's day. The following guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dixon, Messrs. Cora and Mary Evelyn Dixon, Messrs. Ralph and Brady Dixon and Misses Ruth Dixon and Zoe Ratchford and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hendrix.

Mrs. C. P. Robinson also gave a dining in honor of Mr. Robinson's mother, Mrs. Emily Robinson, on New Year's day. Mrs. Robinson had just passed her 83rd birthday. Her children and grandchildren were the invited guests, together with a few friends.

Mr. Parks Russel, of Rock Hill, S. C., has been the guest of Mr. George Torrence during the holidays; also Mr. Albert Torrence, of Fox Mill. Mr. Torrence was accompanied by Miss Josephine Torrence, who was the guest of Miss Sue Torrence.

Miss Mary Glenn Robinson had as her guests for dinner Thursday the following young ladies, Misses Mary and Minnie Howell and Misses Myrtis and Bera Biggerstaff.

Misses Sue and Margaret Torrence gave a dining Friday. The following guests were present, Misses Hazelina Thelma and Robbie Lee Davis, Minnie and Ora Lee Dixon, Kathleen, Elizabeth and Frances Love Robinson.

Mr. F. S. Robinson gave the young people a pound party Friday night which was much enjoyed.

Saturday night the young people had several parties, Miss Wilma Arthurs giving one. Mr. and Mrs. R. Q. Howe mother, and Messrs. Kathleen and Elizabeth Robinson gave a little spend the night party to a few school friends, namely, Misses Annie Wilson, Mary Campbell and Margaret N. Craig, Mary Lou Patrick and Mary Glenn Robinson and Sam Crawford.

Mrs. S. A. Crawford and son returned to their home at McConnellville yesterday.

Listen for the wedding bells this week.

SUBWAY STATION AGENT ROBBED BY N. Y. YOUTHS

(By The Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—New York bandits apparently seeking new fields to conquer, today transferred their activities underground. Two unmasked youths walked into the subway station at Seventh avenue and 55th street after midnight, pointed their revolvers at the ticket agent, Mrs. Ada Hoover—who promptly fainted—and scooped up \$71 in change. When she recovered the men forced her to open the door of the ticket booth while they rifled the money drawer. Two passengers who came down the steps for a train a few moments later were held up by the couple and relieved of their money and jewelry. After warning the men to make no outcry, the youths calmly walked to the street and sauntered leisurely past a policeman.