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Gastonia, The South's City of Spindles

SOMEBODY.
 Somebody's got to sit down and think the world's all right;
 Somebody's got to say at home and bearing the light;
 Somebody's got to whistle the tread and doubt away;
 Somebody's got to help us to tick our heels and to play;
 Somebody's got to have courage to think there is nothing wrong;
 Somebody's got to leave the shadow of life with a song;
 Somebody's got to believe things will all come right in the end;
 Somebody's got to be happy and call his comrade and friend;
 Somebody's got to be foolish rather than sober and wise;
 Somebody's got to be trusting through all the deceit and the lies.
 —Baltimore Sun.

IT ALL DEPENDS.
 An interesting incident came to the attention of The Gazette recently, which tends to show up human nature as it is. Stockholders' meetings of four cotton mills in a certain group were scheduled for one afternoon, holders of shares were duly notified and the meetings were called. When a roll call was made to ascertain the amount of stock present, there lacked several hundred shares of enough for a quorum in every one of the four corporations.
 Result: The meetings were adjourned and not a scratch of business transacted. This happened in January, 1921. In January, 1920, when these mills were organized, the promoters had to lock themselves in to keep the crowds out while they tallied up the subscriptions. If these same mills had been operating for a year or two and there were prospects of a juicy dividend check, they would have been on hand. The little two or three share holder would have been present, strutting around with an air of pompous superiority equal to that of a director.
 Fat times and lean times make a difference. But, through thick and thin, the directors and officials of the mills stand by the helm and guide the destinies of the corporation. And it is as fit as the stockholders can do to stand by the officials in these lean times when they are needing encouragement and backing. They appreciate the interest shown by those who have invested their money with them, in the lean years, as well as in the years of plenty. Those who are so quick to run when they see a check coming ought to be equally as eager to hear nothing but the reading of the secretary and treasurer's report.

THE LINCOLN CREAMERY.
 At the annual meeting of the Lincoln Creamery and Ice Cream Company held a few days ago facts and figures were presented that go to show that the creamery business in this section of North Carolina can be made a success, just as much of a success as any other business properly conducted.
 The report of Secretary Blanton showed that the business of the creamery is in good condition. Nearly \$250,000 worth of business for the past year was shown by his report, this being a vast sum of money received for butter, ice cream and eggs, feed and poultry. Some idea of the growth of the creamery may be gained from a comparison. The first year's business, gross, amounted to around \$12,000. The manager's report pleased the stockholders and the secretary-treasurer announced that he expected to almost double the past year's business during the new year.
 The creamery sold the past year a hundred thousand dollars worth of butter alone. For milk and eggs, etc., the creamery paid out to farmers last year around \$175,000.
 The creamery showed a good profit for the past year, and while a dividend was not paid actually to the holders, a large sum of money was spent during the year on improvement of the plant, for equipment, new buildings, etc., the money being put back into the building and equipment that the growing concern might be enabled to take care of the expanding business.
 The Lincoln County News observes that the "creamery is now a paying concern, is a community builder and deserves the patronage and encouragement of all."

COTTON ACREAGE REDUCTION DAY.
 Next Monday, January 31, is Cotton Acreage Reduction Day in the South. Meetings will be held in every cotton-growing section to discuss plans to reduce

the acreage in cotton. The Southern Cotton Conference at Memphis furnishes the following figures on the amount of cotton on hand:
 The world supply of cotton this year is not less than 27,000,000 bales, may run to 30,000,000 bales.
 World consumption last year, U. S. Census figures, was 18,181,000 bales. Pre-war consumption 10 year period, an annual average 17,500,000 bales.
 Amount of human American grown cotton in the world at August 1, 1920, Hester's figures, 6,050,000 bales.
 Size of crop this year points to human supply American cotton at August 1, 1921, 10,000,000 bales (may be much more).
 The South is in the middle of a bad fix. Cut your way out, reduce the acreage. A crop of more than 6,000,000 bales this year will increase the burden. The load is already too heavy.

THINKS COUNTY OUGHT TO HAVE PAIR OF BLOODHOUNDS.
 To the Editor of The Gazette:
 In view of the many heinous crimes that have been committed in and around Gastonia, in the past few months, I am going to suggest through The Gazette to the citizens of this county, that we collect by popular subscription a fund for the purpose of buying a pair of blood hounds to be turned over to the sheriff and be kept by the county jailer.
 I further suggest, if it is agreeable with The Gazette, that all who would like to contribute to this fund please send the amount they wish to give to The Gazette, and the sheriff find out as soon as possible what a good pair of blood hounds can be purchased for, and as soon as this information is obtained the subscribers to this fund send check to The Gazette for the amount they subscribed. The writer will be glad to start this subscription with \$10.
 It seems that there is quite a lot of excitement in Mecklenburg and a part of Gaston county over a supposed wild variety of some kind in the swamps, and a posse of men organized to hunt down and kill this little catamount, or what ever it was. While right here in Gastonia a wild brute is running at large, has committed one foul murder and assault on three white women, which is far worse than murder, and made an attempt to assault three more white women one of which was a little 13-year old girl. No organized effort has yet been made to capture this, the most dangerous beast that could possibly invade a community.
 I do not mean any reflection on the police force, for any criminal who is cunning enough to try opening your window and stealing into your bedroom late footed in the early hours of the morning and with nerve enough to feel the heads of the occupants in order to tell whether they are male or female, I will say is some master criminal indeed. It will take an aroused citizenship and all the ingenuity that can be mustered up by our officers to run down a fiend like that.
 In conclusion, I will say that I believe if there had been bloodhounds in Gastonia these crimes would not have been committed and if they had been we could have had the hounds on their tracks in a few minutes and the chances are they would have been caught.
 D. F. SHORT.

PROF. MARSH OPERATED ON AT JOHNS HOPKINS HOSPITAL
 The many friends in Gaston county of Prof. Roy A. Marsh, formerly superintendent of the Belmont public schools, will be interested in the following from The Monroe Journal:
 "Friends over the county of Mr. Roy A. Marsh will be interested to know that he underwent a very serious operation in Johns Hopkins Hospital on last Monday for the removal of tumor on the brain. When the incision was made, however, it was found that the tumor had become so deeply embedded that its removal by the knife would be very unwise, so the attending physicians have decided to give Mr. Marsh the radium treatment in hopes that he may be prevented from having any further trouble.
 "Mr. Marsh has been superintendent of the Rutherford school for several years and ranks among the foremost high school teachers in the state. He was married on last August to Miss Bessie Mae Hallman, of Marshville. Mr. and Mrs. Marsh have a number of friends over the state who will regret to learn of Mr. Marsh's distressing illness and hope that his recovery may be complete. He and Mrs. Marsh will remain in Baltimore for some time."

CHAS. T. BOYD MEMBER OF VICTORIOUS CAROLINA TEAM
 CHAPEL HILL, Jan. 28.—(P. T. Boyd of Gastonia, is a member of the victorious Carolina debating team that has just defeated the University of Pennsylvania by a unanimous vote of the judges, winning the sixth consecutive victory over the Pennsylvania institution.
 Advocating the exclusion of immigration for two years, the Carolina team composed of C. T. Boyd, with T. C. Taylor, of Spartanburg, and C. D. Bowers, of Asheville, won the argument against the best tactics and highest bids of the Pennsylvanians—F. B. Hannon, M. T. Rabinowitz, H. S. Hettenger and J. S. Boyd, who delivered the first speech of Hettenger who was slightly indisposed.

DEATHS
 MRS. S. T. MOORE.
 News was received from a family, consisting of the death in Hendersonville of Mrs. Mrs. S. T. Moore, whose husband is a brother of Mrs. T. G. Hope of this city. The funeral and burial will be held Sunday morning at ten o'clock at Moore's, the former home of Mrs. Moore. Mrs. T. G. Hope leaves this afternoon to attend the funeral services.

In Order.
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