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Gastonia, The South's City of Spindles

CONCERNING COUNTY SALARIES.

We note from the Morning Star that the nickel is coming back. The return of the prodigal the querier observes that during the dull times, when the fifteen dollar shirt was a dollar and a half per dozen, things to his two for a quarter, had a fellow would hardly put his hand in a pocket for five cents, but all a nickel coming back and according to the New York News there will be long lines of limping in the nickel five cream soda, fifty cent necktie, the three dollar shoe, the twenty-five cent hair cut, the five shoe shine, the dollar shirt, the two for a quarter collar, the ten cent movie, the five cent pint of peanuts and all the rest of our old time friends.

Notwithstanding the fact that conditions are being restored to previous levels with pre-war prices and salaries prevailing, there is a disposition on the part of the county officials to raise salaries in some departments. Whether these raises are justifiable or not, this paper does not profess to say. Those who are responsible for the proposed increases know well they are being made, we suppose, and have good reason for the disposition of the public's money. We are simply presenting the facts, as is our duty in running a newspaper, and the people when acquainted with the facts will judge as to the expediency. In general, however, we would say that this is not a time for salary raising except in rare instances. Wages are being cut everywhere, in mills and industrial plants. Prices are coming down and living costs are much reduced. The general tendency, as we have observed, is to reduce rather than to increase.

But if there is to be an increase in salaries at the courthouse, the tax collector thinks that there are being omitted from the list of those getting a raise, two persons who richly deserve an increase in pay, viz: the two lady clerks in the office of the register of deeds, and of the clerk of the court. For years they have worked on a salary far below what for the amount of work in these offices they do, and for the responsibility which rests upon them. Anybody who ever visits the courthouse knows that these two ladies are absolutely indispensable to the two offices. Thus, in several regimes of registers and clerks of court, they have held office and have always given eminent satisfaction. They have been retained by every succeeding official. If salaries are to be raised, let the increase be fairly and justly distributed.

PLAY--WHY? Play is the serious business of childhood; It is the safety valve of maturity; It is the recreation of the adult; It is the rejuvenation of the old. Play of the right sort, and in the right place, at the right time, and in the right way, is the safety valve of maturity. Many of the lack of talent and ability in our children is due to lack of the right sort of play in earlier childhood. You cannot make a good citizen out of the lad whom you denied a chance to kick a ball or race a dog when that was his ambition and his right. It takes a whole boy to make a whole man. Boys are like steam boilers with steam always up; the steam has to have a safe outlet, or it will "blow an unsafe one. A boy without a playground is the father of a man without a job. The use of games for both children and adults has a deep significance for the individual and the community through the conservation of physical, mental and moral vitality. Games have a positive educational influence that no one can appreciate who has not observed their effects. Play is an important agency of democracy; it knows no class; it is inherent in the individual and finds the outlet for its group expression. It helps the individual to find and enjoy a place in the group. Adults are really untaught during play hours; they learn how to enjoy one another and to appreciate a social life and a community life. As a nation we are slow to learn the value of recreation. The responsibility of play is not limited to the school, it is a social duty, and it is a social duty which we must learn to appreciate. Recreation is not merely a matter of amusement, it is a matter of education. We are slow to learn that recreation is a matter of education. We are slow to learn that recreation is a matter of education. We are slow to learn that recreation is a matter of education.

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Every live, red blooded farmer who believes in better farming, better farm business, and more attractive farm life, should join the Farm Bureau. The trouble with many farmers when they earn a little more than a living is that they become a kingdom unto themselves. During hard times when feed is scarce and the outlook is cold and dreary they huddle up together and organization is popular, but when the pastures are green and prospects bright they are the most individualistic class in the world.

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Renewed interest in this branch of athletics is not confined to national contests alone. The recent arrival of English boxers, representing the British Army and Navy and the London Police force, to compete with amateur glove wielders representing the United States Army and Navy and the New York Police Department marks the beginning of a movement which promises to develop annual or semi-annual international contests in which other European countries will supply competitors in the near future.

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GASTONIAN You will find all the pictures listed below to be SUPER-FEATURES, and we are glad to recommend them to our patrons. TODAY ANITA STEWART In Her Latest and Best Photoplay "HARRIET AND THE PIPER" FIRST NATIONAL PICTURE THURSDAY and FRIDAY, "BEHOLD MY WIFE!" A GEORGE MELFORD Production The man was a son of a British aristocrat. The girl was born of an Indian squaw. Yet he made her his wife and— See him drifting downward in the lumber camps of Canada. See her struggling upward in the drawing rooms of England. Until, one day— A climax you'll never forget!— A red-blooded romance that touches the well-springs of life, With MILTON SILLS ELLIOTT DEXTER and MABEL JULIENNE SCOTT Scenario by Frank Condon From "The Translation of a Savage" By SIR GILBERT PARKER