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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1921.

Gastonia, The South's City of Spindles

Wanted: A Hat-Rack

About eight million American women are helping the men finance the families. Every year a million working men become dependent, either upon their relatives, or upon public charity for their support. Those who fail to develop the savings habit in their productive years, rarely know where they will hang their hats when they are old.

A CHORAL SOCIETY.

Gastonia has enough musical talent to insure a choral society of 50 or 100 voices. Why the movement for the formation of such an organization has never been launched we fail to understand. Perhaps we don't know enough about music. Judging, however, from the music that the church choirs can produce, a combination of them all ought to produce a choral society that would be capable of giving Gastonia some first-class oratorios and concerts. We are reminded to say this at this time, first, because it has been talked time and again in the city, and everybody thinks we ought to have a choral society; second, we note from The Raleigh Times that a reorganization of the Raleigh Choral Society has been effected and third, because with the coming of Community Service and the community sings proposed for Gastonia, the way will naturally be opened for such an organization.

Fifty singers attended the reorganization meeting in Raleigh, designed to meet once a week, to raise the membership to 100, and to cooperate with the Community Players in community sings and the like. The Times, speaking of the project, says: "There is music in the air." And not only music, but good fellowship. There never was a time so auspicious for bringing the people of Wake and Raleigh into closer harmony. The one thing to be guarded against is talking them tired once they have been brought together, and the Community Players, Choral Society and the promoters of the community sings given complete assurance that they contemplate nothing of this sort.

With the community sings once a month for everybody, the Choral Society once a week for its membership and friends, the Community Players staging a play once or twice a year, the people of Raleigh will have entered upon a more definite and promising program of community endeavor than any people hereabouts.

The past three weeks of Community Service programs have indicated that our people are willing and anxious to join efforts in affording harmless and helpful recreation and amusement for the community good. Within the course of the next few weeks there will be the opportunity to come together in community singing. It is the hope of the music lovers of the city, especially those who can not sing, but like to hear good singing that out of these community sings will eventually develop a Choral Society for Gastonia. The talent is here, if it can be assembled and trained.

OUR LIBRARY.

Reminded in the Charlotte News that 11,000 people in Charlotte used the public library in that city last year, we call attention to the fact that on last Saturday there were upwards of 300 people who patronized the Gastonia public library. If this rate held up for every day in the year, the Gastonia library's list of patrons would also run to 300,000. Saturday is an unusually busy day in the library, however. All of which information is simply to let Gastonians know that the library is being used in increasingly large numbers every day, and that our present facilities are being rapidly

outgrown. Every cent of income that can be spared from the bare necessities goes to the purchase of more books and helps. Nothing is being done in a material way to enlarge the building or add to the clerical force. The library is one of our civic institutions that is being neglected.

WINSTON AGAIN.

Time and again we have occasion to call attention to the aggressiveness of Winston-Salem business men and the civic pride which possesses that city. This is the spirit that has won for the Tobacco City the enviable position of the "metropolis of North Carolina." Right now there is a warm fight over the restoration of Southern trains 21 and 22 to the main line by way of High Point and Salisbury to Asheville from Greensboro rather than over the circuitous route through Winston-Salem. Representatives of all these cities have been to Raleigh bearing petitions. And it would appear to the average man that there would be the bitterest feeling between Winston-Salem, Salisbury and High Pointers, yet we notice that the Winston-Salem Rotary Club last night entertained the Salisbury and High Point Rotarians and a delegation from the Greensboro organization. That's a way Winston has.

FINE CATTLE.

Gaston county is fast becoming a county of fine cattle. Yesterday there was chronicled in this paper the notice of the purchase by Mr. Tom Sparrow, of the Union section, of two fine Jersey cows from the Reynolds farm at Winston-Salem. We understand that these two Jerseys represent a line that comes direct from Jersey Island, and are of the finest breed in America. When our folks begin to turn their attention to matters like this, livestock cotton is not going to bother them much.

GOVERNOR HARDING.

Judging from the acceptances that are being received to the invitations sent out, the bankers and business men of this city are anxious to hear Gov. W. P. G. Harding, of the Federal Reserve Board, here Thursday afternoon. Gastonia through its Chamber of Commerce, has scored in securing Gov. Harding for this address. The city must put its best foot foremost tomorrow in honor of the distinguished guest.

CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WATER TANK IN GASTONIA

(Contributed to The Gazette.) FELLOW CITIZENS, HEED I pray you, and read of an ugly thing we will regret; We love things of beauty, So let's do our duty, Gastonia, and save our looks yet!

High against our fair skies There's about to arise A huge monster, greater by far Than Swift's brain created; When Gulliver paraded The fair land of Lilliput,

No Barthold's vision With artist's precision Guides the hand appraised to deface; In the heart of our town A black blot like a frown Will loom up to bring us disgrace!

A great spider on legs Our stern reproach begs, Our civic pride deeply deploras That a water tank great With its seven score feet Every stranger entering our doors!

O you've made a mistake, O city fathers, to take Such a liberty with the horizon! Let your water tank be Farther out—don't you see 'Twould be better judgment and reason!

I beg, council, beware! Lest they leave it behind when they die, Where no marble of splendor Could vouchsafe their blunder— A TANK BE THEIR TOMBSTONE FOR AYE!

WHERE THE WEST BEGINS.

(Written for Mmc. Schumann Heink). Out where the handclasp's a little stronger, Out where the smile dwells a little longer, That's where the West begins; Out where the sun is a little brighter, Where the snows that fall are a trifle lighter, Where the home of home are a wee bit lighter, That's where the West begins.

Out where the skies are a trifle bluer, Out where friendship's a little truer, That's where the West begins; Out where a fresher breeze is blowing, Where there's laughter in every stream let flowing, That's where the West begins. Out where a fresher breeze is blowing, Where fewer hearts in despair are aching, That's where the West begins; Where there's more of singing and less of sighing, Where there's more of giving and less of buying, And a man makes a friend without half trying— 1-1's where the West begins. —Arthur Chapman.

QUILLEN'S SAYINGS

Flashes of Wit and Humor From the Pen of Great Paragapher.

By ROBERT QUILLEN. (Copyright 1920, Associate Editors.)

"Enclosed please find check."—Business phrase. Obsolete.

Chorus on an American ship: "Yo, ho, ho, and not any rum."

The Arkansas man who beat his wife was properly fined for making home bruiser.

When a man sits and dreams of some thing with foam on it, he is suffering with hydrantophobia.

One reason why the bills have so many jokers in it because so many of the Congressmen are jokes.

Disarmament probably wouldn't lessen the number of casualties occasioned by "empty" pistols.

In this day of cosmetics, about the only



thing a modest girl won't reveal is her natural face.

We doubt if it is possible for any man to get as mad as Sir Edward Carson's portrait looks.

There are 8,972 idiotic sayings, including the one that a spry old gentleman is 70 years young.

It is much easier to turn the other cheek when you know the gentleman could lick you in any case.

A searchlight reveals the beauties of the night, and a search warrant the location of the moonshine.

The rural districts get the new styles fresh from the movies, but they remain sadly behind in their slang.

There are two kinds of perfect husbands: the one a young girl dreams about, and the one a widow mourns.

This movement to prevent the sale of high heels is probably a part of the general campaign against high jinks.

They say a meteor is consumed as it



falls. That is strange. Falling prices never reach the consumer.

When Mr. Palmer quits office he won't be out of a job. He and Mr. Catteridge can continue their quarrel indefinitely.

They say thirsty plants know when they are near water, and it may be that hops and malt know when they are near beer.

In the old savage days an enemy would poison the well. But now men tamper with warehouse whiskey and poison the sick.

It is possible to forgive everybody except the fool who comes round after the catastrophe and says that he meant well.

When a novel is dramatized for the movies, the audience frequently recognizes the author's work, but the author seldom does.

If Mr. Harding follows Lincoln's plan and kisses one young lady from each state, it will be well not to include the state of matrimony.

UTTERS WARNING AGAINST TOO HASTY ACTION.

Much has been said recently with reference to high taxes and the economical handling of the public funds, and I should like to submit, through the columns of your paper, a few observations that have come to me.

I was born and reared on a farm and am familiar with, and in sympathy with the problems of the farmer. Like the rest of us, he has plenty of them. Last year, I paid about five to six times as much taxes as I ever did before, and I do not believe that I am any more able to pay excessive taxes than any one else, but I am not willing, in order to have my taxes reduced, to have the hands of time turned backward for a period of 25 years, and take with the low rate of taxation existing at that time, the other conditions that prevailed, such as low property values; poor roads and streets; poor educational and religious advantages and others that I might mention. I believe that I am in the hands of reason and truth when I say that every foot of ground in Gastonia county has, within the past 25 years, enhanced in value from 100 to 2500 per cent or more, and why? Because of the progressive, public-spirited men of the county who have not been afraid to be taxed, and to spend it in building good roads, streets, fine schools and churches, as well as other public improvements. There are men who have done nothing except pay a little taxes against their will who have become rich by enhancement

AT AGE OF 77, HE NOW WORKS HARD EVERY DAY

"Tanlac Made Me Feel Like I'm Starting Life Over Again," Says West Virginia Man—Couldn't Leave House When He Began Taking Tanlac.

"I am seventy-seven years old and two months ago I could hardly get out of the house, but now I am working every day and feel fine as I did back in my thirties," said J. H. Mankin, of Springhill, W. Va.

"Last spring I was taken down with the 'flu' for six weeks which left me so weak I could hardly get out of bed in the morning, and before I finished dressing I would get on to breath and have to stop and sit down. My appetite

couldn't have been any poorer, my stomach was sour all the time and I was bothered with gas and bloating. I was the most discouraged and thought my age had got the best of me.

"I commenced taking Tanlac and my appetite came back and my food agreed with me and gave me strength and energy. From then on I picked up fast and now I have gained twelve pounds in weight and my friends all tell me I look better than I have in many years. I am working every day and am stronger than I was even before I had the 'flu.' Tanlac has simply made me feel like I'm starting life over again and nothing I can say for it is too good."

"Tanlac is sold in Gastonia by Harp Drug Co., Lora Drug Store and B. W. Edwards, in Mt. Holly by Griffin & Co and by the leading druggists in every town."

of values due to these causes. And yet, with all, we have not kept pace with industry and growing population. Today, for want of room, many of the children of our city are getting only three hours of school each day. This is not right, and I for one, am willing to pay more taxes if it is necessary to have better facilities.

I fully realize that taxes are high and I, as well as others, have been disposed to kick. The fact is, that conditions prevailing during the past few years have made kickers of us all. Every time that I have to pay \$10 to \$15 per cord for wood; \$15 to \$20 per pair for shoes, etc. I feel like kicking, but before we do too much kicking, lets be sure that we are kicking the right fellow. Don't let the farmer on account of his charges for wood, or other commodities, or the merchant for his goods, until we see the matter from his stand point. Every thing else may cost them so much that they are compelled to charge these prices for self protection. So it is with other things. Every thing has advanced and materials and service is just as expensive to the county and city as to individuals, and it was necessary to raise the tax rate in order to meet it. Time was, when I lived in Gastonia when there were plenty of school teachers to be had for small pay per month. I am reliably informed that recently the actual living expenses of the teachers, or many of them, has been \$50 per month or more. Tax a thing can not be done on an empty treasury. Of course, when the taxes are raised we feel like kicking something just as we do about other high prices, but should we not look at the matter from every angle. If there is any place that we can economize, we should of course, do it, but let us be sure of what we are doing.

I recently heard a man say in public that he would like to see a man who was as careful about the handling of public money as he was of his own. The trouble is not so much the want of care on the part of the man handling it as it is in efficiency. He also stated that there were also plenty of candidates for office. This is true, I think, but it is also true that it is almost impossible to get the most efficient and capable men to run for public office, and it is because the salaries paid are not in keeping with other lines of business, and for the further reason that they are the continuous target for public criticism, much of which is very times unjust and because the actual conditions are not known. Obviously we find men who for patriotic reasons will make a sacrifice to accept such office, but usually because they get tired of criticism they refuse to retain it or offer themselves for reelection. The question for us to solve is not how much money we are spending but what are we getting for the money that we spend. Despite the statement recently made that it seems that people are about to go crazy about education, next to the church, our public school system is the most important institution in our county. We can not estimate the

educational results in dollars and cents. When I come to die, I would rather leave my children a first class education than to leave them a sum of money equal to all the taxes paid in Gastonia county in the past 25 years, if they had to be without an education. With good character, it will be worth more to them in the long run. I say with good character, because if a person is without that neither money nor education will be worth much to them. In view of these facts which we all must admit, should we not be careful in taking a step that might in any way lessen the efficiency of this organization in our county? Take the office of our County superintendent of Education. Is it wise to see that the expenses of this office should be materially reduced until we know the value of the services rendered the county through that office? Is it wise to say to the directors of one of our large banks that they should economize and reduce their expenses by employing men at \$1,000 a year when because there are plenty of men willing to take that job at that price? We must first look at the matter intelligently. If we are paying \$100 a month per year for a man who is worth \$100 a year, and purchase a pair of \$100 shoes for \$15 and a dinner plate for \$2 but I think that most people would agree with me that the shoes are the cheapest at the price. It is just so with our holding positions. There is too much uncertainty in the business world today to hold competent men for nothing.

I do not want it understood that I am not enthusiastically in favor of lower taxes. What I want to see is that we be careful to investigate and ascertain where the trouble is before we act too hastily. The most economic method of raising the government is to have efficient men at a low price. If we have inefficient men let us get rid of them and get better ones if it costs more. Better pay a man \$10,000 per year if he does the county \$25,000 than pay one \$2,000 who will lose \$100,000 for us.

P. W. GARLAND.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 15.—The Traffic Committee of Commerce of Shanghai has addressed a request to the Italian government asking that a duty which is now levied on imports of three large rubber trees from Rangoon. In this request it is stated that that British, American and French wireless news services are now in operation in Shanghai.

Proof Positive.

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