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Gastonia, The South's City of Spindles

WANAMAKER'S TWO CLERKS.

"The difference between the clerk who spends all of his salary and the one who saves a part of it is the difference—in ten years—between the owner of a business and the man out of a job."—John Wanamaker.

GOV. HARDING'S SPEECH.

Gov. Harding's speech to the business men of this section here yesterday carried a note of optimism that was encouraging to his hearers. It was conservative optimism he preached, not the optimism that is forced by foolish business boosters. He stress, the fact that there were real problems yet to be faced. There is no progress without accompanying problems. Furthermore, he gave his hearers to understand that soft money was not to be had any longer. "Hard work, not soft money," was the catchy phrase which he declared must be the salvation of the country.

Mr. Harding is no orator, but he can handle intricate facts and figures of finance in a way that holds the attention of his audience. In parallel discussions he went over the events of the world war, as related to the United States and its financial condition, and coupled with this a story of the economic and industrial depression that followed the armistice.

"We were living in a fool's paradise back in the boom days of 1918 and 1919," he said. There was a perfect orgy of spending. Those were the days of $25 shoes and $20 silk shirts. We knew it couldn't keep up and the Federal Reserve banks continually sent out warnings. The discount rate was raised to member banks. They were given warnings of the impending deflation, but the foolish public failed to heed. There had to be a tightening up, and a slowing down."

Mr. Harding used this very forceful and apt illustration to drive the point home:

"When climbing a steep hill in your automobile with a full head of gas on, as you near the top covered with mist and fog you cut down your speed. It would be ruinous to you and your machine to plunge over the top and down the steep incline of the other side at the rate you were climbing the 45 degree angle going up. That condition exactly describes the position of the American public in 1918 and 1919. There was a selling market. Prices kept rising. Merchants were not anxious to sell, for prices were rising every day. A pair of socks that sold one day for 75 cents would go up in a week to $1.00. Jobbers and manufacturers acted as if they were doing a favor in releasing goods. Conditions are different now. It is a buyers' market. Business is stagnant, and we must be just as keen and eager to get out and get business as we were to hold it back two years ago."

"This is no time for pessimism," said Mr. Harding. "Everywhere there are indications that the tide has turned. You can't pick up a newspaper without noting that fact. However, there are individual problems that must be met. Certain people will suffer many inconveniences, and there must be forbearance, patience and accommodation on the part of creditors. The fire may be local, but it will not spread. The Federal Reserve system is too strong to admit of a general panic. The law of supply and demand is inexorable. It cannot change. Just as soon as there comes a demand for our products, the price will go up. Therefore, I say to the farmers that it is foolish to plant a big crop of cotton and thus help to depress the price of the product. Fill your corncrib and smokehouse first."

"We have a man-sized job ahead of us," continued Mr. Harding, "but the first essential is a normal state of mind. With nothing to discourage us, we can go ahead with renewed confidence and restored hopes. We have passed the critical stage. All danger of any financial crisis has passed. We are prepared to go ahead at a slower rate, perhaps, but on a sounder and safer basis than before. A year ago we were sailing an uncharted sea, but now our course is clear."

Mr. Harding's address was punctuated with brief, pungent phrases which stuck in the minds of his hearers. Among these were "hard work, not soft money" is the cure for our evils, "things are never as good or as bad as they seem," "over pessimism is worse than over optimism" and "problems go hand in hand with progress."

STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN.

Saturday's massmeeting of tax payers brought out in a very startling manner the dangers that are likely to arise from meetings of this sort. Most of those present felt that they had grievances to air. They had sore toes, in some instances, and perhaps justly were they aggrieved. Particularly were the farmers out of heart because of the turn the revaluation processes had taken. If cotton had been bringing 40 cents a pound, there would never have been called such a meeting as was held at the courthouse Saturday. There would have been no dissatisfaction with the present county officials, their salaries and any proposed slight increase. But, because of the unprecedented slump in the price of cotton and all farm products, the farmers are naturally discouraged and down in the mouth, and are ready to attack any and everything. Here comes the danger of too free expressions of discontent and dissatisfaction in times like these. There is the danger that comes from reactionaries. Constructive criticism is right and good, but reactionary criticism such as developed at Saturday's meeting is dangerous. If we would believe all that was said on the floor of the court room, Gaston county is ready to turn back the hands of time 50 years and live under conditions that antedate the present a half century. We are sure the speakers who were so violent in their condemnations of the present methods of county administration would not have returned to us the days of the log cabin school, the muddy, red roads, the moonshine still, of ignorance and illiteracy, pauperism and poverty. In a saner and more rational moment they will stop, pause and give thanks that they are living in the Gaston county of today with its good roads, prosperous cotton mills, fine school system and unexcelled prosperity.

It is undoubtedly true that most of the dissatisfaction that has arisen concerning taxes, salaries, and the like comes from the unfortunate way in which the revaluation act is being administered. The principle of revaluation is sound, but there have been inequalities in assessments. The board of appraisers consists of men who are just as prone to make mistakes as any one, and we are quite sure that they realize this fact, and are ready to help adjust all differences. It is as the Charlotte News says:

"What is vulnerable, however, has to do with the administration of the law.

"It is to this point that attention should be given by the Legislature if it proposes to give very much study to the defects of the measure. The machinery of the act justifies careful consideration.

"It must be understood, in connection with this point, that any board of appraisers who may be selected are human beings and as fallible as their fellow citizens. They assess property as they think it ought to be assessed, first, of course, consulting what outside agencies as may have pertinent knowledge as to certain properties. Ultimately, however, it is the opinion of the board of appraisers that decides the value of any given piece of property and so long as such is the case, mistakes must be made and discriminations may creep in inadvertently."

Therefore, this newspaper would caution the citizens of the county who are likely to be swept along by this wave of reactionary criticism to go slow. We would, as does the traffic cop, hold a warning, upraised hand in the face of the destructive criticism that is going around through our county. We must not tear down the institutions we have spent many years and much money in building up. Let us go slowly and think soberly. The sun is still shining and a brighter day is coming. Cotton will not always be at the present low level, and perhaps in a year from now, we shall have forgotten the cankers of today. We must not let small resentments and disgruntled opinions displace our better thoughts. We would not have our children growing up in ignorance and superstition. We would not have them plodding to one-room country schools over muddy roads for a few weeks in the year. We must look up and ahead, not downward; forward, not backward. Progress, not reaction, must be the watchword.

QUILLEN'S SAYINGS

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

By ROBERT QUILLEN.
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R. C. Goodman held up.—Headline. You can't keep a goodman down.

Federal investigators are discovering that old king coal is a wary old soul.

Still, the things you worried about last year turned out better than you expected.

Eccentric: A noun used to describe a plain darn fool who has money or social position.

If America has any patriotism left from the big job, she might use it to smash the bread line.

The Bolshie is discovering that ability to run a muck doesn't provide ability to run a country.

Chains on the tires will prevent accidents. A few chains on the legs of drivers would serve even better perhaps.

A rider on an appropriation bill confesses by its presence there that it was conceived in iniquity.

When you hear the funny noise the man makes calling trains, you suspect that he missed his calling.

Future historians will doubtless mention the flood and the reignfall of 1919 in the same paragraph.

Bye O, Baby Bunting, Daddy's gone a hunting, to get a little cup of tin to keep his stock of hard coal in.

Years of discretion are those one attains just after he outgrows the notion that almost everything is rotten.

Good resolutions will never be an unqualified success until somebody discovers a way to make them retroactive.

The man who is blind, deaf and dumb need not despair. He can still qualify as a prohibition enforcement agent.

She may argue the matter, but in her

secret heart a girl always agrees when a man says he isn't worthy of her.

It is worthy of note that Austria's hunger aroused little pity until she began to mumble incoherently of Bolshevism.

Even adversity may be turned to account. If the coal is gone, flood the cellar and let it freeze for ice next summer.

If congestion of population threatens disaster, a country raises more children to make more soldiers to grab more territory.

Watson's plan to monetize Liberty Bonds will make them worth a hundred cents on the dollar, but what will it make a dollar worth.

When our government becomes clear sighted, efficient, doubtless we shall have investigating committees to investigate investigating committees.

When Pa finishes talking about how rotten business is, the children tell what happened to school, and then Ma talks about the pain in her back.

REPORTS MUST BE MADE OF SALARIES PAID

Special to The Daily Gazette.

RALEIGH, Feb. 18.—The Collector of Internal Revenue has given out the following information with regard to the filing of income tax reports:

I desire to impress upon every partnership, personal service corporation, or fiduciary, the importance of filing Forms 1096 and 1099 with the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Sixteenth Section Washington, D. C. These forms are required to be filed in Washington on or before March 15, 1921 by any partnership, personal service corporation or fiduciary that paid to any individual or firm, personal service corporation, or fiduciary during the year 1920 salary, wages, commissions, etc., of $1,000.00 or more during the year 1920 are required to file forms 1096 and 1099.

In addition to reporting the payments set forth above every partnership, personal service corporation and fiduciary must file a Form 1099 for each member of the partnership or personal service corporation or each beneficiary, showing the distributive shares of the members or beneficiaries, whether or not actually distributed. These amounts are required to be reported on the basis of the calendar year.

The Forms 1099 will show payments individually, and a summary should be prepared on Form 1096.

The forms may be secured from the various division offices in the State or direct from my office at Raleigh.

THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF BOYHOOD.

To The Editor of The Gazette:

I have been asked to say a word about the rights of boyhood. It is my belief that the boys of Gastonia have their inalienable rights, just as do the mature citizens. I shall mention five of them briefly.

1. He has the right to a good home—a home where parental authority is exercised, where the father makes a pal of the boy and is not afraid to pray with and for him, where the family has regular meal hours for the entire family when they sit down together and where the right atmosphere is created for the healthy growth of the boy. Every father and mother wants to see their son make good as a citizen, and yet it is nothing short of a miracle for a boy to overcome the handicap of a bad home where there is little of regularity, and control and none of prayer. And it does not take wealth to make a good home for some of our greatest citizens come from the humblest of homes. Whether good or bad there is no place to the boy like home, and no institution offers the possibility for character building that is inherent in the home.

2. He has the right to a good mother. There is no name on earth so sweet as that name, and yet the dearness and sweetness of that name for many a boy must of necessity be derived from thinking of some other fellow's mother than his own. The boy has a right to a mother who is willing to sacrifice for him, sacrifice time and money and pleasure and prayer, that he may be trained up in the way that he should go. If it be true that the home is the center and hope of the 100 per cent Americans of the future, then the center of the home is the mother. Many mothers have shed bitter tears of regret over a prodigal son that would not have been prodigal had she given him the mother he had a right to. 'Tis not good citizens but only broken hearts that come from the streets loafing and sidewalk breaking gangs that the mother allows the boy to run with.

3. He has the right to a good playground. The play activity of the boy must be taken care of. In this regard it is hoped that the present Community Service movement of Gastonia will be of great help. Most boys play at least eight hours every day, but do you know where? And is he considered by his playmates as one who plays fair? He wants money for base balls and bats and gloves and other athletic equipment. He needs a place in the back yard that can be fixed up as an outdoor gymnasium. Have you ever made it attractive around your home with the proper pleasures and playgrounds so that he can invite there and play, or did you drive him over to the gang? There are many parents who had rather have a nice plot of grass and a clean parlor, and lose the boy to the gang and the devil, than to have the lawn destroyed and their nerves put on edge by a group of innocent playing boys. Then too, the boy has a right to public playgrounds and gymnasiums and baseball diamonds.

4. He has the right to a good school, a school that employs teachers who understand the boy nature. He has the right to a school where he can learn a trade. In this regard our schools are entirely out of date, but we are sure not for long will they remain that way. The boy has the right to a school that loves the Bible and the American flag, that teaches loyalty to American institutions and pride in all civic enterprises. He has the right to a school such as are the schools of Gastonia that are fine enough in every detail.

5. He has the right to a good church, a church that has a good welcome. By that we mean a one that continues its work during the week with the same progress on Sunday. This church will show to the boy possibilities of growth in wisdom and stature and favor with God and man, and will throw around him for seven days in the week a cordon of sympathy and love and instruction that will take proper care of him in all these departments of his normal growth. Give to the boy these rights and you give to church and state a man that will stand four square.

ROSWELL C. LONG.

A Mexican dispatch tells of a foreigner who learned to speak the English language from seed catalogues. He probably saying a mouthful vegetables.—Knoxville Journal and Tribune.

TO BE CARDINAL

The Vatican has officially announced that the Most Rev. Dennis J. Doughtery, Archbisop of Philadelphia, will be created a Cardinal at the secret Consistory early in March. Mgr. Doughtery will be the onnew American Cardinal named at that time. Archbison Mundelein, of Chicago, and Archbishop Hayes, of N. Y., although they probably will receive the red hat before long will not be included in the appointment in March.

A Judicious Inquiry.

A [illegible] was [illegible] a [illegible] who wished to take a cough medicine, whether it was for a child or an adult and if for a child, [illegible] recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The reply was "[illegible] they know there is no danger with that, it is always safe." That is the love design of a mother for her child and whenever you see a cough medicine recommended you may be sure it is a good one.

Late styles in Shoes made to measure $10. The Young Men's Shop. 18c2

Have you seen the Willard ad in The Post this week? Pages 74 and 75. 18c1

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36-Inch heavy quality Pajama Checks, priced as high as 15c yard. Special Thursday and while lot lasts at per yard **10c**

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Full Mercerized Flaxons, Dimities, Batiste, etc., in Baby, Teddy and Shirtwaist size checks. Originally priced up to 85c yard. Special for Thursday and while lot lasts, at peryard ..... **35c and 45c**

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New Spring Plaid Dress Ginghams, originally priced at 25c yard. Special at **15c**

26-INCH GINGHAM, 10c

New Spring Plaids, Checks, etc., in 26-inch Dress Ginghams, 25c quality, for the last 3 days of Efird's Wonder Sale, at per yard **10c**

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Friday Morning 10:30 to 11 o'clock. (Limit 10 yards to each 11), per yard **15c**

40-INCH CREPE DE CHINE, $1.45

Just received big expresse shipment of new 40-inch Crepe de Chine in the new Spring shades, including Tomato, Rattan, Honey Dew, Pink, Copen, Castellain, plenty of black, white, and flesh, $2.50 quality, Efird's price **$1.45**

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$19.50

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