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Gastonia, The South's City of Spindles

HOW TO TREAT YOUR HOME TOWN.

Praise it. Improve it. When strangers come to town, use them well. Talk about it in the right way. Don't call our best citizens 'frauds and impostors.'

AN OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF.

This newspaper calls attention to the fact that next week will begin the second period of training by institute specialists in the Community Service program of three months outlined for the city.

Mr. Harrison, a trained musician and song leader, comes to Gastonia for a period of three weeks to conduct classes in community and group singing. The work will be conducted along the lines of the training in games and plays finished this week by Miss Ziehmman.

A REMINDER.

Since the publication in Friday's Gazette of the offer of one father in this city to be one of 170 men to raise the city's \$175,000 bonded fund, another gentleman has added another dollar to the fund with the added remark that "there will be another dollar forthcoming if they don't get enough."

And, the idea might be carried further, as the community houses, the stable employees have what serves the same purpose as a Y. M. C. A. or a Y. W. C. A. building does in a city or town.

OUR LIBRARY.

The Hickory Record makes note of the fact that prospects for a library in its city are about to go glimmering. The Record mentions that the city has an appropriation of \$11,000 from the Carnegie foundation, the citizens authorized the levying of a \$100,000 library tax,

which is being collected and all it needs is about \$12,000 more.

"Some organization ought to undertake to put the library across." Speaking of libraries reminds us that on last Saturday there were 398 visitors in the Gastonia public library, and that there were 1,129 for the week. For the year ending December 1, 1920, there was a circulation of 25,823 volumes, according to Miss Blake's annual report.

WHY TAXES ARE HIGH.

Complaints continue to come in from all over North Carolina as to the increase of the Rev. and the Act. Farmers everywhere are complaining that taxes are too high. It is commonly admitted, however, that had cotton been selling at its cents a pound, there would not be the complaint that now exists.

"In 1919 and the spring of 1920 everybody did business on a basis of high prices. The farmer paid high for mules, for fertilizer and for labor. The merchant paid high for his goods. The banks advanced money on a basis of high values. Everybody expected to get high returns in the fall.

"The tax assessors did precisely what everybody else was doing. They figured on a basis of high prices. They displayed exactly the same judgment their neighbors displayed in the management of their own affairs.

"In 1919 everybody guessed right. Prices remained high and went higher. In 1920 everybody guessed wrong. Prices went to smash.

"Are public officials to be excoriated because in administering the affairs of the public they did not have any better business judgment than private citizens and in the management of their own affairs?

"If the farmers and merchants and all private citizens had made money last year in the management of their own affairs, vastly less would have been heard about high taxes this year. An Irish man once said 'Potatoes are high at ten cents a bushel when you haven't got ten cents.' Taxes based on any violation or any rate, however low, are high when you have not the money to pay them."

COTTON AS A SURPLUS.

The editor of The Yorkville Enquirer sums up the cotton situation thus: "Probably the most profitable cotton crop the south ever raised was the crop of 1918.

And until the south learns the lesson of 1918 it can never hope to make economic headway raising cotton.

When America entered the world war in the spring of 1917, the farmers of the south were persuaded and scared into raising food supplies sufficient for the needs of this whole country.

The cotton crop of 1918 was raised on the surplus food supplies of 1917 and 1918, and the net profits on that crop included the money that had previously been going out of the country for various kinds of supplies.

Also there was a tremendous saving by reason of enforced economy in the consumption of western wheat, western meat and foreign sugar and other products. This saving mounted up into many millions.

Deceived and demoralized by the profits of 1918 and thinking those profits were derived from cotton alone, in 1919 the farmers neglected food stuffs and devoted their whole attention to cotton. They put into cotton all that they had made the year before, and all they had saved, and on top of that all they could borrow.

The 1919 crop brought a good price apparently, but the profit was not really so great as it seemed for the reason that it was not accompanied by the food products and the economy of 1917 and 1918.

Then in 1920 came the collapse. The farmers had put all their resources into the throw of that year, and when the bubble was burst by means of swollen deflation, the south as a whole was thrown back to about where it was in 1916.

The lesson of it is merely a confirmation of the experience of a hundred years — that there is no possible hope of the south ever getting anywhere raising cotton except as a surplus.

QUILLEN'S SAYINGS

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

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

We have with us now the white wave.

A man who is on the level seldom finds it necessary to square himself.

The thought of taxes in Europe does much to remove the hyphen in America.

Can it be that the scarcity of circulating money is due to the hoard of aliens?

Let us hope that disarmament will be girded with the spurs worn by infantry lieutenants.

After a three-hour study of an income tax blank one is sorely tempted to leave it blank.

Along about the first day of each month the average man wishes he could change the chap who invented charge accounts.

Well, if the nations would sink their own ships, eventually they will sink one another's.

Doubtless they call it a Cabinet slate because it is easy to erase anything on a slate.

When a man's sins come home to roost, he always raises a howl about the unearned increment.

Normally will also mean the closing of a lot of factories that make pay profits for adults.

Of course you understand that the purpose of a separate peace is to make America a separate piece.

If the hold-up men keeps on, they will kill the goose that lays the golden eggs just as the profiteers did.

When everything gets back to normal, oyster stew won't mean oysters two.

Simplified spelling has been greatly encouraged by the advocate who referred to the courage of Russia.

When Europe speaks of exchange, it doubtless has an uneasy feeling that the "ex" stands for extinguished.

If the days set aside for prayer brought the Allies victory, why not try it on this disarmament proposition?

"After you" may be good manners, but as a method of disarmament it doesn't show particularly good sense.

The modern trend of the drama has lightened the work of the property man. All he needs is one good bedroom set.

These visiting literary men from England will be able to teach us something if their minds are as broad as their feet.

The possibility that the world will be flat on its back doesn't worry Europe. She knows who will Yank it to its feet.

You can't eat your raisin and have it, too.

Pie-eater Sam has no objection to empire if it won't try to empire.

This manifest eagerness would indicate the island of Yap is spelled back ward.

Congress is owing to its time-honored custom of distributing the seed of discontent.

You have to hand it to Germany. She holds on to Bergdoll, which was more than America could do.

A married man always thinks that his wife thinks that he isn't so great as he thinks he is.

If one could see faces in their raw or stale state, he might not blame the owl for covering them before going out to public.

The neglected doughnuts in hospitals probably wonder just what great cause they are suffering for now.

Don't despair of a settlement of the Irish question. The orations of great orators are only three months away.

Well, those who are groomed and tail

to get a place in the Cabinet will at least get a place in the limelight.

"He had an unhealthy flush." — Quotation from popular novel. These four-card flushes are usually debilitating.

The present plan is to divide the sheep and the goats; shear the sheep, and accuse the goats of doing it.

Man keeps right on inventing machines to make existence soft and tonics to give him a rugged constitution.

Man can't be happy without work.

That Adam was never happy in paradise, the apple wouldn't have interested him.

Hang it, can't Europe understand that we do not relinquish any right granted under the treaty we haven't made?

And even if the reformers make the world perfect, another bunch will come along with new standards and do the job over.

One who has had experience with Pullmans may doubt whether reservations will give us a comfortable berth in the League.

A diplomat says the aspirations of the weak are now articulate. In other words they now have the inalienable right to hoarse.

Doubtless you have noticed that women jurors always smile in a grim and remorseful sort of way when the man says not guilty.

When we observe a young thing wearing pumps in this weather, we wonder if she doesn't have to prime 'em to get 'em started in the morning.

Dr. Theodore Sears says going through the motions will make one feel better. But the divorce records indicate that going through the motion doesn't make one feel married.

BLUE LAWS AND SUNDAY NEWS-PAPERS.

Publishers Auxiliary.

The Rev. John Ferguson, secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance in New York State, told a bunch of newspaper men at Albany the other day that his organization only wished to close the baseball parks and movie houses on Sundays but just now that was as far as the program extended.

Mr. Ferguson and the Sunday newspaper men were not in for any audience from the Alliance at this time, but he thought they might just as well be printed and distributed on Saturday.

And The New York Tribune observes and likewise asks:

But the Rev. Mr. Ferguson reveals the ideal toward which he is working even while denying any present intention of asking laws to bring it to pass.

One of his ambitions, he admits, is to have Sunday papers printed on Saturday afternoon, though just how the world is to be spared up so as to get Saturday's news in this sheet he fails to explain.

Also, how about Monday's paper, which is the one written and edited chiefly on Sunday?

But Mr. Ferguson seems to overlook the fact that pretty good Sunday newspapers are now for sale in every metropolitan city in the United States by 8 or 9 o'clock on Saturday night; and The Tribune seems to overlook the other fact that there are a number of papers in every metropolitan city in the United States which do hurry up and get Saturday's news in Saturday's papers.

And as for the Monday editions, there are very respectable and well-patronized papers in the United States which for generations have issued no Monday editions and their patrons seem to be pretty well satisfied at that.

The outstanding feature in the status of the big Sunday newspaper is after all more of an economic than a moral one. The competition in the use of advertising space, resulting in the use of news-cash to "creaky" it, and the need of the use of white paper to "creaky" both, is the real reason, if there be one, why the Sunday newspaper should be discontinued.

If the people are inclined to send their Sundays in reading, depriving them of the Sunday newspaper would not make them go to church instead, but that would go to the old bookstore and, perhaps, bubble along all day on "Babes' Philosophy of Marriage."

DISCOVERING A MISTAKE.

Some countries where officials felt that it was necessary, in the face of the grave business conditions, to economize by dispensing with the county agents, are now discovering that this was a serious mistake.

Face to face with the necessity of diversifying without the exact knowledge of what crops to plant or how to go about planting them; with the absolute necessity of cutting the cost of production from one-half to two-thirds below that of last year and knowing just how to reduce this cost-cutting without reducing the yield; with the importance of selling every farm product at the highest possible price without a definitely organized cooperative selling association; with the desire to increase the fire stock on the farm without a thorough knowledge of breeding, care, and feeding and of disease control; with the will to plant home orchards without the knowledge of spraying and pruning; with mortgages or notes falling due on land and equipment without knowing how to get extensions of credit, there has never been a time when a county agent has been so vitally necessary to farmers of any county in the South as during this



THE CHARGE OF THE LIGHT BRIGADE MUST BE OPEN ENOUGH!



WONDER IF THE VOLUNTEER ACT HAS KEPT MORE THAN TWO RESTAURANT SYSTEMS FROM BEING STYMIED AT THE SAME TIME.



IT'S ABOUT THE ONLY WAY TO SHOW THE FACT THAT ARE WALKING DAWDED.



ADAM WAS NEVER HAPPY IN PARADISE, THE APPLE WOULDN'T HAVE INTERESTED HIM.

year of uncertainty. Much as they may desire to do so, county authorities cannot economize by cutting off their county agent, for this is not economy. They save some few thousand dollars that go to pay the salary, but they rob the county of from ten thousand to several hundred thousand dollars of income which the county agent will bring into the county by his work.

No good county agent should be regarded as an expense, but as a productive agency that brings in wealth to the county many times over his salary every year. It is all right to economize, but care should be taken not to economize by cutting off the source of supplies. — The Progressive Farmer.

Cotton seed was considered, useless twenty years ago. Now it is the basis of a trade of three-quarters of a million dollars.

FORDNEY SUPPORTERS TIGHTEN THEIR LINES.

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Supporters of the Fordney emergency tariff bill were tightening their lines today for the final struggle in the house when it begins consideration of the senate amendments to the measure agreed on in conference. Chairman Fordney of the ways and means committee, said he planned to call the measure up immediately after the house convenes today unless some unfinished business delay intervenes. He expressed confidence that in any event the bill would be brought up before adjournment tonight.

The Pennsylvania State college inaugurated a course in cooking for men beginning with the second semester, February 1.

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By bringing the Store to you, we will make the sale, collect and deliver all at one time (and with only one clerk). In this way we can, in most cases, sell you groceries for less than if you came to the Store, and we had to have one man to wait on you and another to deliver.

In short, we save money by bringing the Store to you. (We are very frank about this as we have never claimed to be in business solely for our health). BUT — and this is where you come in — we are willing to share PART of this saving or profit with YOU.

You will not be buying a pig in a poke, as is often the case when you phone an order in — but can come out to the wagon, look our stock over, and make your purchases intelligently.

Eventually we will have our "route" worked out so that our Store-on-Wheels will pass your home at approximately the same time each day.

Why wade through mud and rain, when you can buy for less right at your door? Why drop your washing, or ironing, or housework to go to the store, when you can save time as well as money by having the store come to you?

All we ask you to do is to TRY it! When the Store comes along, go out and look our stock over (all standard, recognized brands) and if the prices, brand for brand, are not equal to, or cheaper, than you can buy the same stuff for elsewhere pass them up.

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