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Gastonia, The South's City of Spindles

A TRUE PICTURE.

The picture of the cotton farmer in the play's paper gives an accurate description of the plight many farmers are finding themselves in today. The all-cotton farmer is up against it. Piles of unsold cotton are stacked up around his house. He has nothing to sell but cotton. His barn and crib are empty of hay and corn. Over the barnyard gate, gaunt horses and skinny cattle are hanging their heads begging for something to eat during the winter months. The farmer and his family are huddled in a desolate group pitifully crying for something to eat. It is a picture slightly overdrawn in some respects, it is true, but painfully correct in many of the larger phases.

In contrast with this picture is that of the other farmer whose crib is full of corn and whose smokehouse is full of meat. Fat calves and pigs are for sale. Bays and hogs are bulging with fat and food crops. In the lot, sleek, well-fed animals are kicking their heels and prancing their delight at being the property of such a farmer.

The proprietor himself can well afford to stand back with an air of satisfied complacency with his thumbs under his shoulders and let the price of cotton drop to where it will. He is the picture of the man you can't "break," while the cotton farmer is a man who is often "broke."

MRS. McKIMMON'S TALK.

Every woman in Gastonia county ought to have heard the sane, practical and dress given by Mrs. Jane McKimmon of Raleigh, before the Gastonia Woman's Club Friday afternoon. Mrs. McKimmon is State Home Demonstration Agent. She is well over 50 years old, but she is 29 years young. She has the happy faculty of having known how to preserve herself, and she is enjoying the latter part of her life as women should. If those who heard her talk could enjoy not all the suggestions given them, the remainder of this State could forever remain young and beautiful. Her subject was "A Woman's Business in Life." The general theme of her discourse was that woman should make herself as efficient in the business of making a home as man is in the making of the living for that home. When there is such a happy combination of helpments life is one grand sweet song and the best music of the true American home are realized. "Keep yourself young and vigorous," advised Mrs. McKimmon by having 225 lbs. much of the druggery of home work. Plan your time so that you will have the opportunity to get away from household cares and get interested in other things. Meet your husband on common ground. Keep him young and vigorous. Don't get into the rut of monotony, taking household cares and worries.

Coming to particulars, Mrs. McKimmon told the ladies they must know how to choose and prepare the proper diet for the men folk. "Men is a man," she said, "hears on his belly the marks of his wife's culinary experiments and will carry said marks to his grave. This must know how to choose the proper clothes, shoes and collars of dress to make themselves attractive. They must know how to take a bit of bread and brush and transform an ineffectual bit of furniture into a thing of beauty. 'Know how to deal with rugs, pictures, curtains, bric-a-brac, etc.," said Mrs. McKimmon, "so that it will look like a million dollar outfit."

Mrs. McKimmon's talk was carefully helpful and those who heard it are very grateful to her.

COMMUNITY SINGING.

This paper cannot stress too strongly the value of the community sing that are being held nightly in the Armory under the direction of Harry Morrison, of Community Service, Inc. The person who does not like to hear the sort of music that is dispensed from that group of Gastonia singers, the best in the city, is a rare specimen. When a crowd of the finest singers in town come together for no other purpose than to sing, and to sing popular melodies that we all know and love, there is real music.

The commercial value of group singing has long ago been discovered. Big department stores and industrial plants in many of the larger cities open the day's work with a half-hour sing. The value of group singing as a morale builder was demonstrated during the war when the government employed trained leaders to direct the soldiers' songs. In addition to these features, there is a cultural value that comes from a commingling of voices in song. It's a good tonic, this thing of joining in a great big neighborly chorus.

If you don't want to take the word of some one else, come to one of the community sings once and you will come for all the rest.

A SLAM AND A BOUQUET.

Editor Bridges, of the Presbyterian Standard, Charlotte, visited Gastonia on the occasion of the recent meeting of the deacons of Kings Mountain Presbytery here in the Armstrong Memorial church. Had he not made proper amends in the latter part of his article for a serious look in the first part of his write-up, we should have to discipline him severely for the misdeed.

As it met in one of Charlotte's suburbs the city of Gastonia, we ventured to attend," speaks the Presbyterian editor, but later atones for this by handing a nice bouquet to the "South's City of Spindles" by a handsome compliment to the community work that goes on among our mills. Among other things, Dr. Bridges said:

"With a generosity, without parallel in the editor's experience, they actually invited him to address them. This generous act convinced him that these deacons are a fine and sensible set of men which conviction was further strengthened by our observation of their subsequent proceedings."

"The entertainment of the delegates was in keeping with the reputation of the Gastonia Presbyterians. There were automobiles to convey them to and from the church, while in the homes of the people and at the hotel they had the best of 'bed and board.'"

"A ride around Gastonia was a series of surprises. The town has grown beyond our imagination since we went a bout, 'marking well her bulwarks, and considering her palaces.'"

"Not only do fine residences greet you on every side, but it has an array of cotton mills that is astonishing."

"What is more to the point and to the credit of the owners is the provision made for the welfare of the employees and their children. There are beautiful sanitary buildings, separate for men and women, artistic community houses and a nursery, with playgrounds equipped with every known apparatus for entering to the physical welfare of the children. We wonder why, when these keen nosed investigators from Boston, Massachusetts, report on the mill situation in the South, they never seem to see these provisions that are made for the mill hands."

GASTON COUNTY TEXTILE WORKER DISCUSSES STRIKES

To Editor The Gazette: I, as a mill worker want to congratulate you and your paper for the editorial appearing in your issue March 3. Now, I am only a mill worker and not a paid agent of any cotton mill, though one near prominent agitator said I was. Now the trouble with this particular agitator and the whole bunch is that I have fought them clean and have not left a peg for them to hang their hat on if they have one. They wrote big front page articles and published in the Labor Herald in regard to me and since then, there is one who has heeled on much in regard to an article I wrote exposing their methods and tactics, that I have made up my mind to call their hand. Now, I can't reply to what they have said in the Labor Herald, as they are now as usual conducting a paper for one class exclusive and I am proud I am not in that class.

As to strikes they want minor ones such as will not draw on the international treasury. And here is how the game works. If they can get a small strike such as I referred to, of course, that is general news and as everyone knows will be published in the press all over the country. Now, get me as many of the organizers as they can muster up are sent to places where they are little known and a mass meeting is advertised as of vital interest to textile workers (ladies and children especially). Now the mill people will go, thinking that the meeting is for their own interest and once there the agitator or whatever someone else can name him or her. If he has enough newspaper copies that has the article in it saying such and such a cotton mill has a strike on he will pass them out. But if he has only one which he most certainly will have, he gets up, pricks his ears back, and reads the article aloud and he says since coming to wherever he is he has been in direct touch with the particular mill which has the strike and that the management of such mill that they grant all the demands made and in fact are willing to give more than the union asks. And then the meeting begins. This silver tongued Bolshevik pure and simple puts them to his organization at \$1.50 per Now cotton mill people are honest and accustomed to dealing with honest people and they take this instead of his word and join his outfit for their future strike. Now this is only one of many schemes that is carried on right here in North Carolina. This propaganda is more detrimental to the mill worker than a thousand Holy Rollers who have been excluded recently from Mr. Evans' mill villages in the eastern part of North Carolina. Yet it is allowed even in our own court house here in Gastonia. Now by conclusion I will say as one and all who read this will agree with me, that this whole bunch has had too much play here in our country they have been a cordial human treatment and in some instances to my knowledge some court boxes. And I will leave it to the community as a whole whether or not they have conducted themselves, and their meetings in a way that warrants even respect. Now Gastonia county is a whole can properly be called a cotton mill community and if I mistake not a very near if not a 100% American community and our mills and their allied interests are our greatest asset and for a bunch of fool knows what to come here and pry on the ignorance of good honest hard working people and cause them to have hatred toward their employer and fellow men I really think it should be stopped. Now I personally have no mill stock and I am not paid by a mill or mill owner to knock this bunch. I as I said am a mill worker and I for one am familiar with mill conditions and mill people here and am frank to say that it is a rag mouthed bunch if they are a dutiful and sympathetic as they say they are towards benefiting the mill worker they can find better fields for actually benefiting cotton mill workers than Gastonia county, N. C. I have been where they say they are from and that know the Bahak, Wap, Shaw, Hungarian etc. is the mill worker there and not in our southern, Gastonia county especially. I guess this will help to bring about the low suit contemplated, I hope so anyway. SPEEDER HAND.

Not so dilute as they think.

QUILLEN'S SAYINGS

Flashes of Wit and Humor From the Pen of Great Paraphraser. By ROBERT QUILLEN. (Copyright 1920, Associate Editors.) Still, our tight money beats Europe's fat money.

You oil stock salesman hath a lean and hungry look.

The Japs are proceeding about their affairs with typical German efficiency.

Congress should be patient. No doubt Bergdoll will write a book about it.

A lot of quiet men who seem big guns only say "Ping!" when they go into action.

A close study of the figures proves that if the packers furnished steak free



it would still cost the consumer 18 cents a pound.

And so the California mountains are moving. Well, it's cheaper than paying rent.

Every time Uncle Sam tries to man the Open Door in China he puts his foot in it.

And there may be several reasons why they never quote the price of sausage on the hoof.

Investigation of the Bergdoll case will doubtless reveal the fact that he wasn't a poor man.

The general opinion seems to be that America will be ready for a naval holiday in about three years.

The prophet is without honor, perhaps, but it is well to remember that honor isn't without profit.

Jails were invented some after the first



man decided that he would like to get something for nothing.

The Kaiser once said: "Germany's future is on the water." He may now move to amend by adding "the word wagon."

The sworn of office sockers will enable Mr. Harding to understand how the neighbor felt about roofies.

Paper is very high in Austria, but the government is doing its best to cheapen it by converting it into money.

The two classes of men hated by the guttered radicals are those who have money and those who have brains.

If it must be a great pleasure to the Russian proletariat to be able to dictate the food that shall rest on its neck.

The retailer says he can't replace the goods at the price he is offering them. Why doesn't the wholesaler buy up these stocks?

Poverty is Austria's infatuation, says a writer. Surely might as well be intimate with Germany as the holy bond of matrimony.

And money will remain tight until the man who has it loosens up.

Thrift is the art of caring very little about the opinions of the neighbors.

Every day of quiet in Mexico intensifies the nervous tension in America.

The progeny of war profiteers can feast that their sire was a self-made man.

The former kniver says his people devalued him and God at the same time. It sounds impossible.

As man becomes more civilized, he does less stealing. That is to say, he makes better pickpockets.

When a man says that he has a perfect legal right to do it, he means that no decent man would do it.

The story that Berlin is getting back to normal probable means that poles



stars are again jumping to the gutter as others go by.

You may deprive the eye of its health if you will, but it'll take a tea kettle and make him a still.

One judges by its beginning that this year's exorbitant price will not be with out its elements of pep.

You will remember that there was a talk about Ford needing money until he began to run a new paper.

Cotton is down below 15 cents a pound, and that is the reason you can now buy cloth at about \$1.50 a pound.

The World says America can't hold itself aloof. In America, however, there is a disposition to hold about of the reins.

It may be that America hasn't a friend among the nations of the earth. It is hard to love the man who loses the mortgage.

If a man bears a girl hanging about



for thirty as a monk, he assumes that our ankles don't amount to much.

Why don't these spiritualists make a treaty with the other world and get a commission to claim the \$75X for electrical power?

And now when you refer to cold here they don't know whether you are speaking of youthful affection or the prevalent big styles.

The desirability of riches probably accounts for the difference between the actual income and the one reported on the tax blank.

It is doubtful if America will ever understand the mental processes of a piggy bank that uses the well as a cracker in a way, since.

If Congress wishes to make a real investigation of the coal situation, it will find almost any congressman to ease a well as it passes.

People would like more gold in the treasury of an ancient civilization in the West if, some one other than Dr. Kelly had found it.

Hotel Armington Cafe SPECIAL SUNDAY DINNER \$1.00 SERVED FROM 12:30 TO 2 Stuffed Olives or Sweet Mixed Pickles Pimiento Cannades Roast Capon With Gilbert Dressing Braised Top Sirloin Beef Yorkshire Sauce Sauté Lamb Oriental Style Coconut Puffs With Saboyon Sauce Waldorf Salad Potatoes Au Gratin New String Beans Spaghetti Italian Lady Baltimore Ice Cream Orange Cream Pie Cheese American Saltine Crackers Coffee Tea or Milk Bring your wife, mother or sweetheart and enjoy a honest-to-goodness dinner. A. A. ARMSTRONG, Mgr.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS NAMED BY GOVERNOR

(By Max Abernethy.) RALEIGH, March 4.—Governor Cameron Monday morning, said the names of the new highway commissioners to the senate for confirmation as required under the new fifty-million-dollar road bill, and the senate confirmed these appointments. The names sent up by the governor are as follows: 1st district — W. A. Hart, democrat of Tarboro, manufacturer and farmer. 2nd district — J. B. Cameron, republican of Gastonia, who continues his unpaid term on the old commission. 3rd district — W. A. McGirt, democrat of Wilmington, president of the North Carolina Good Roads Association. 4th district — John Sprunt Hill, democrat of Durham, banker and business man. 5th district — J. Edward Cox, republican of High Point, business man and banker. 6th district — Ward H. Ward, democrat of Charlotte, president of the North Carolina railroad and the American Trust company. 7th district — Rufus A. Doughton, democrat of Alleghany county, banker and business man and one of the authors of the bill. 8th district — John C. M. Bee, republican of Mitchell county, manufacturer and lawyer, member of the present general assembly. 9th district — James G. Stikelather, democrat of Asheville, reappointed from the old board. Frank Page, chairman of the old highway commission, is reappointed chairman of the new commission. He will be the executive officer of the board, and the only member who draws a salary other than per diem and expenses. All of the appointments are effective on April 1. The governor has not yet decided about the terms of offices of the different members. Some will be named for two, some for four and the remainder for six year terms. On the expiration the commission meets the expectations of those who have expected the governor would appoint business men on the board rather than politicians. On the whole the governor has retained from appointing men who are not actively engaged in politics. Governor Doughton's place on the commission is justified by his piloting the measure through the house and as one of the ex-authors of the measure. J. C. M. Bee, republican of Mitchell county, is regarded as one of the most able men of the minority party in this general assembly. He has always taken a progressive stand on all public questions and has impressed the legislature with his earnestness and his ability.

HARDING ENTERS UPON DUTIES OF PRESIDENCY

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, March 5.—The ceremony incident to his inauguration at an early hour today took up the duties and responsibilities of president of the United States. Greeted by yesterday afternoon's activities, white house attaches expect the first full day of President Harding's administration to be a busy one. While the members of his cabinet were being sworn in, the new chief executive was expected to give consideration to the assistant secretaries and others that are to serve under the cabinet members and to nominations to other offices left vacant by the retirement of the Wilson administration. The president had been extended an invitation to attend the funeral services for Representative Champ Clark in the house this forenoon, but early today it had not been learned whether he would go to the capital.

Mr. Harding spent last evening quietly and retired early.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—A follow-up campaign to determine the results of the cure of remediable defects in school children has been launched by the Public Health Service. Nobody now knows, the doctors assert, if the great beneficial effects that were expected have been produced. It is proposed to keep watch on such children for several years and information from any source on the point is solicited by the federal officials.

When Nerves are "On Edge" one cannot possibly do his best work. For this reason many are led to discontinue their accustomed meal-time beverage and adopt INSTANT POSTUM — a wholesome drink of rich coffee-like flavor, and without any harmful effect. This delicious beverage is made instantly in the cup, at the table, by adding hot water. "There's a Reason" for Postum SOLD BY GROCERS EVERYWHERE Made by Postum Cereal Company, Inc. Battle Creek, Michigan.

FOUNDER OF THE GAZETTE DIES IN COLUMBIA, S. C., HOSPITAL

Special to The Gazette: TROUGH, S. C., March 2.—George W. Chalk died in the hospital in Columbia, S. C., Sunday morning, February 27th, and was buried at Goucher Baptist church, Cherokee county, last Monday, February 28th. He was born about 1848 in Spartanburg county, S. C., then, but now Ravena, in Cherokee county, S. C. He lived till he was about grown in Chester county, S. C. He graduated at Polk College, N. Y., at the Eastman Business College. He afterwards kept books for Addair & Bro., of Atlanta, Ga., for a year or two and afterwards established a wholesale and retail business of his own in Charlotte, N. C. I think he was the founder of The Charlotte Evening Chronicle. He afterwards founded The Gastonia Gazette. He removed with his mother, Mrs. Melissa N. Chalk, and his sister, Miss Sarah F. Chalk, over into Spartanburg county, now Cherokee, in about 1882 or 1883, where he engaged in the mercantile business for two or three years. He afterwards traveled extensively and finally located at Spartanburg, S. C., where he engaged in the mercantile business for a brief period. While in Spartanburg he married Mrs. Dr. Lee Smith, who died not long after the marriage. It should have been said he was a Confederate soldier for a while having gone into the army with the 16 year-old boys. He leaves one brother, T. G. Chalk, at one time a citizen of Gastonia and editor of The Gazette, also one sister, Miss Sarah F. Chalk, formerly a citizen of Gastonia but now living with her niece, Mrs. George E. Brown, of the Hotel Enterprise, Jonesville, S. C. She is at present in very bad health.