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Gastonia, The South's City of Spindles

New times demand new measures and new men;

The world advances and in time outgrows The laws that in our fathers' day were best;

And, doubtless after us some purer scheme Will be shaped out by wiser men than we,

Made wiser by the steady growth of truth. The time is ripe, and rotten ripe, for change;

Then let it come; I have no dread of what Is called for by the instinct of mankind. Nor think I that God's world would fall apart

Because we tear a parchment more or less.

Truth is eternal, but her effluence, With endless change, is fitted to the hour;

Her mirror is turned forward, to reflect The promise of the future, not the past.

—James Russell Lowell.

THE OUTLOOK FOR COTTON.

Cotton has declined in value, and there is a loss of more than \$1,000,000, 000 on the 1920 crop. Cotton, the South's chief commodity has ceased to be a cash article. Quoted values are far below the cost of production. There is little demand for cotton at prices even below quotations. The prospects for increased production are not hopeful. There is now enough cotton to last nearly two years at the present normal rate of consumption.

English spindles are operating only twenty-four hours a week. Domestic consumption is far below normal. In Europe there are 20,000,000 less spindles fit for service than there were in 1914. The total spindleage of the world has decreased not less than ten percent since 1914. If this condition is aggravated by further increasing the supply of cotton, it will mean utter destruction to farming, to the commercial and to the financing existence of the South. Years, more than a generation perhaps, may be required for a recovery. In many respects the situation is more appalling than that which followed the civil war. Then the war, which was fought in the cotton fields, left the world bare of cotton. Then there was reason to hope for reward in cotton growing. The world war was fought in the great factory districts of the world, crippling their spindles, destroying productive power. An enormous surplus of cotton has accumulated. For the first time in our history cotton is not saleable at market prices. A man may sit for long and diligently produce a magnificent crop of cotton, but if he cannot sell it he cannot pay taxes, or debts with it, neither can he eat it.

Although there will be a considerable reduction in the 1921 crop, it will not amount to more than 25 percent. It might not be less than 50 percent.

GOOD DOCTRINE.

You can do nothing better in your paper than hammer home the doctrine of reduced cotton acreage. It is a prominent feature of the North Carolina Gazette last night in Gastonia for a short stay.

Not until the farmers, the manufacturers and all of us vital production in a marked degree will there be good times again, and certainly not until there is a material reduction in cotton acreage. The price will never go up until the supply is diminished, and until the price of cotton goes up, all of us will suffer.

It has been stated on good authority that there is enough surplus cotton left in the South from last year to supply the immediate demand if there were not a single bale raised in 1921. Sounds reasonable, its true, but it has been given out from authentic sources.

ANOTHER INSTANCE.

As another illustration of the live wire nature of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce, and the almost uncanny prescience with which the secretary goes after things, we mention the fact that in all probability Gastonia or Gaston county will be represented on Herbert Hoover's committee which will be formed under his plan of reorganizing the department of commerce. It is the opinion of the Chamber of Commerce that in the investigation into foreign trade relations and plans for extending the same and increasing export trade, this section of the South and the textile industry in particular should be represented.

THE 1921 FAIR.

Announcement is made today that the Big Gaston County Fair directors have let the contract for a new set of buildings for next year's fair. The old site has been dismantled and is being converted into a residential section. The new site, not far distant from the old location, is much better and more advantageous. The Gaston County Fair will be held next year on a bigger scale than ever before. The buildings and grounds are being constructed and laid out according to the newest ideas in work of this sort. The county fair of 1920 set a high mark for future fairs to aim at, but the 1921 fair will be the best of all.

FARMERS HAVE LEARNED A LESSON.

According to the Manufacturers Record, farmers are beginning to learn a little common sense from the practice of the business men in the cities in knowing when to curtail production. He is beginning to learn something about bookkeeping. He is beginning to find out where he has been losing money and why, and is not disposed to keep on for ever losing money to accommodate city consumers.

If the farmer should conclude to follow the teaching of the bankers and restrict his production to the extent that the bankers restrict credits whenever it suits their convenience to do so—

Or if he should follow the example of the iron men who have blown out a large proportion of the furnaces in the country because they could not find a ready market for their iron and refuse to keep on piling it up, a course which nobody is criticizing—

Or if he should follow the example of the cotton manufacturers who stopped their mills as soon as they could find no market for their goods.

He would only be showing that he had learned a lesson of common sense from other business men. There is no more reason why the farmer should keep on growing a surplus which he cannot sell, whether it be cotton or wheat or corn or hogs, than there is why an iron furnace or a steel plant or a cotton mill should not keep on running when it cannot market its goods, but would only keep piling up the stock without the cash or the credit to carry the stuff indefinitely.

The farmers are beginning to learn ordinary business common sense. They see that they are no longer wise when in times such as the present they keep producing when they cannot find a ready market for their product and cannot find the credit or cash with which to carry it until the market is ready to take it, but city consumers hold up their hands, horror the moment a farmer begins to talk about reducing his acreage. They protest that that is an unholly thing and that the farmer is guilty of a crime against humanity if he lessens his acreage of cotton or wheat or corn, or reduces the number of his livestock.

GOT 'EM TOLD.

Lawrence O. Kuester told a bunch of charlatans yesterday the exact truth about this largest city in North Carolina.

"What's the largest city in North Carolina?" called out Mr. Kuester.

"Charlotte," chorused the diners in unison.

"Wrong, it's Winston-Salem and they beat that town by cooperation, by putting into service every man in the city, by working and by sacrificing," yelled Mr. Kuester.

"Are you going to let Winston keep ahead of Charlotte just because our business men won't come out and work?"

It's a fact of common knowledge, and fact by every man who visits Winston-Salem that the people up there think more of their city than they do of their own businesses, and that as their city prospers and grows, their business goes right along with it. You will find it true everywhere that the biggest business men are those who are most willing and ready at all times to get out and work for their city. And it is quite true in Gastonia.

QUILLEN'S SAYINGS

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

By ROBERT QUILLEN. (Copyright 1920, Associate Editors.) Only those who are on the level mount above the common level.

Slogan for Leonard next time: "He kept me out of the Cabinet."

Don't start a fire with kerosene; it's too expensive. Use your oil well stock.

The bright things said by children cost the poor jokesmiths many a weary hour.

And a lot of the most ardent advocates of preparedness have no savings bank accounts.

China could get along very nicely without an army if all the other nations were heathen.

A married man doesn't need a man.



Very likely Nero began fiddling jazz, and then the citizens set Rome afire by way of protest.

When opportunity knocks, it usually makes sufficient clamor to drown the voice of conscience.

The air service enthusiasts incline to the belief that wars can be won with the bit and the plan.

The reason the movie isn't considered high-brow is because it is so cheap all the low-brows can afford it.

We can't help regretting that future Cabinet meetings will not have the benefit of Mr. Dawes' eloquence.

The salaried man reflects joyously that the return to normal will make a position just as respectable as a job.

The only logical argument against disarmament is that it would work hard-ship on the clutch factories.

How sad it is to see a wife who has more sense than her husband. How doubly sad to see one who thinks she has, but hasn't.

Prohibition doesn't prohibit. When a chicken is hatched, it is still a little wet; but you can't make it unbatched itself.

A statesman saves salvation depends on the little red school house. The idea is good, but the color scheme seems a little risky.

Statesmen are reminded that when Scamion pulled down the temple about his ears, he didn't escape by whining about his poverty.

In this day of child wonders, the family that can't boast an infant prodigy can't point with pride to its infant prodigals.

There are two kinds of men: Those who have intelligence, and those who can read the Congressional Record without blushing with shame.

Well, some time in the course of the next century Britain will begin to suspect that there is something wrong with her fish-pollary.

EMPLOYEES MAKE COUNTER ATTACK AGAINST BOARD (By The Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, March 18.—The first real counter attack of the railroad employees before the railroad labor board was opened today by the railroad executives' indictment of the present national agreements, put into effect while the railroads were under federal control.

Railroad union leaders prepared to lay before the board a concrete proposal for a conference on the national agreements and railway executives had been asked to appear for questioning by counsel for the employees on their statements that the existing rules were responsible for wasteful and inefficient practices.

Robert S. Binkerd, assistant to T. D. Witt, lawyer, president of the Association of Railway Executives, was asked to bring books and records of the executives' meetings relating to the national agreements. W. W. Atterbury, vice president of the Pennsylvania railroad and chairman of the association's labor committee, recently abolished, also was asked to appear. The request for abolition of the national agreement was presented to the board January 21 by Mr. Atterbury.

The automobile is one of the prime causes for the appalling immorality and riotous license among high school students.—Lillian E. Dimmitt, Dean of Women, Morningside College, Sioux City, Ia.

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STOP IN AND HAVE A TALK CITY LUMBER CO. Dallas Road at C. & N.-W. Crossing. Illustration of two men talking at a desk.

OFFICIAL RESULT TO BE ANNOUNCED TODAY (By The Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, March 18.—Official results of the strike vote taken Wednesday by packing house employees in many middle western cities were to be announced today at headquarters of the Amalgamated Order of Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen. In a few cities, union leaders said, the vote had not yet been completed, but unofficial reports indicated almost unanimous sentiment in favor of a strike unless the packers' wage reductions and rearrangement of working hours was suspended pending arbitration. Reports of almost unanimous strike votes were received from Cleveland, Fort Worth and Cedar Rapids.

A statement by six of the smaller packers made public today, through the American Institute of Meat Packers, promises that most of them have been forced to shut down their plants to avert further losses due to material costs and huge rates under the wartime agreements.

A telegram from Dennis Lane, secretary-treasurer of the butcher workmen, to Secretary Davis of the department of labor, charged that the packers were attempting to stampede the employees into a runaway strike.

Finney Gets Job. (By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, March 17.—Edward Finney, of Kansas, was given a recess appointment by President Harding today as his first assistant secretary of the interior.

'DANDERINE' Girls! Save Your Hair! Make It Abundant! Illustration of a woman with long, wavy hair.

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Rev. Frank Hall Wright, D. D. Indian Evangelist At The CHARLES B. ARMSTRONG Memorial Church Every Night 7:30 March 20 to April 8 Everybody Invited. Illustration of Rev. Wright.

GASTONIAN TODAY Big Double Header Comedy Drama If You Can't Laugh Don't Come Oh, Hubbies! Come and be Spanked!! We're sorry for you, but— But Mack Sennett has worked off a mile-wide smile on erring husbands and the ladies wouldn't forgive us if we didn't put it on at the Gastonian. 'Love, Honor and Obey is for the blushing Bride; Love, Honor and Behave, for the bridegroom at her side.' MACK SENNETT Presents 'LOVE, HONOR AND BEHAVE' Five Rippling Reels! FIRST NATIONAL ATTRACTION With Charles Murry, Ford Sterling, Phyllis Haver, Marie Prevost and Twenty More. Added Attraction on Same Bill: 'The Toonerville Trolley That Meets All Trains' Enacted by an All-Star Comedy Cast THE SKIPPER PLAYS CUPID A First National Attraction. Illustration of a trolley.

BUICK For years the demand for Buick cars has always exceeded the supply—even when Buick production mounted to 500 cars daily. Because of the material curtailment of motor car production this winter, the country faces a decided shortage of quality cars this spring and summer. Consequently Buick dealers are advising motorists to place their Buick orders now because orders must be sent to factory months in advance of delivery. The reason why the demand for Buick cars has always exceeded the supply is more pronounced than ever in the 1921 Buick. Coupled with the noted Buick power and dependability are added riding comfort, easier control and a beauty and grace that fittingly express Buick worth. Authorized Buick Service insures full return on Buick investment. Since January first, regular equipment on all models includes cord tires. GASTONIA BUICK COMPANY GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA (B1582) WHEN BETTER AUTOMOBILES ARE BUILT, BUICK WILL BUILD THEM