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Gastonia, The South's City of Spindles

"DO IT WITH ALL THY MIGHT,"

Build that house now; construct that highway at once; build that school, that church; repair that broken pavement; build that garage, and even that chicken-coop, now—not tomorrow.

Go ahead with your plans; speed the nation on the road to full employment, and thus hasten the day of individual and national prosperity and safety.

Preach this from the pulpit, ye ministers of the Gospel; act it from the pews, ye laymen who profess a love for humanity; put it into effect, ye county, municipal and State officials, and remember, ye business men of America, ye men of "big business" and ye men of "little business," that there is something in this infinitely higher and more important than the small amount of money involved which you think you could save by waiting.

Some men button the day of salvation, expecting to attend to it on their death bed, but not many ever succeed in doing it at that hour. "Do it now, and do it with all your might," should be the motto of every man in America who expects to do any construction work in the near future. "Do it now," and thus do your part toward individual and national business salvation—and even more.

Procrastination is more than the thief of time; it is the murderer of opportunity.—Manufacturers Record.

ON THE JOB.

"I was in Peru last year when I received some of your publicity matter relative to Gastonia's industrial standing," remarked a newcomer who has promptly joined the membership of the Chamber of Commerce. "It decided two of us on Gastonia and we are here and in business." Which is an inkling of results attained by widespread publicity. The Chamber of Commerce during the past year has carried the message of Gastonia into every nook of the world.

The above, quoted from the monthly report of the Chamber of Commerce, shows to what an extent the body is functioning in advertising Gastonia and Gaston county to the world.

A GOOD SHOWING.

The report for March of the Chamber of Commerce of Gastonia shows an unusually healthy growth in a season ordinarily marked by only mediocre advancement.

Probably the outstanding feature of the report is the announcement that the Chamber is now housed in quarters, which for size and convenience of arrangement, are exceeded by only one or two organizations in much larger cities in the South. Not only are there the executive offices, but there are two assembly rooms, one for small gatherings of fifty or one hundred people, and the other for largely attended mass meetings and citizens gatherings. The idea is that the Chamber of Commerce shall become the community meeting place for discussion of matters of civic and community interest.

Other activities staged by the Chamber during the month include the Dollar Day event, the Baiswinkle golf-out, the active co-operation of Community Service, Inc., and other events of corresponding importance. New members are being added, not by any active campaign for them, but through the substantial dissemination of the influence of the Chamber.

The decision of the county commissioners to double-track the New Hope road past the N. C. Orthopaedic Hospital will meet with universal approval. This road is one of the most congested in the county.

THE FARMER.

It may be that the farmer is getting tired of hearing cotton acreage reduction dinned into his ears day after day by folks who assume to know much more about his condition than he does himself. Perhaps he is tired of having city folks, who depend on him for much of their living, telling him how to run his business. We can't blame him.

Only yesterday a Gaston county farmer stopped on the street and kindly took us to task for the plethora of cotton reduction propaganda that had been appearing in our paper.

"What are we farmers to do if we don't raise cotton," was the question he asked. "That is the only money crop we can raise. Most of us are not prepared to go into cattle raising, or dairying, or grain growing in this section, and we must raise cotton for our cash money in the fall."

The plausibility of his argument was admitted in part, but we answered with this:

"Are you willing to continue to plant cotton year after year, cultivate it and gather it at a cost ranging from 20 cents to 30 cents a pound, and then sell it at 12 or 15 cents. Are you willing to go on year after year raising a product the price of which is set by some one else, and in the establishment of which you have no voice?"

"Manufacturers of your product hereabout, when they find that they are producing below cost, institute a drastic curtailment, until there is a healthy demand for their product. Would it not be to your advantage to follow their example?"

In the words of Clarence Poe:

"Please remember that this one year 1921 may determine for the rest of our lifetimes whether or not the South is again to make cotton on such terms. If we go ahead and plant a big crop and if we continue to sell our cotton with no voice in controlling the price, then the world will say, and we can't blame it for saying: 'Oh, well, the South is willing to make cotton on a slave-wage basis; so why should we pay more? The Southern farm worker is willing to live in an unpainted house with meager diet and ragged clothes while farm workers elsewhere get painted houses, good diet, and good clothes; so why should we worry? The Southern farmer is willing to keep his children ignorant and his wife overworked in order to break the market with still greater supplies of cheap cotton; so why should we offer him a high price?"

COUNTRY BETTER OFF, SAYS HOUSTON.

David F. Houston, former Secretary of Agriculture, in analyzing a country-wide survey of industrial, financial, agricultural and other economic conditions, declares that "the big national question is taxation with peace settlement and international trade next."

The survey, made in all of the geographical divisions of the United States by field agents of the Fidelity and Deposit Company consisted of answers to 26 questions by farmers, bankers, manufacturers and public officials. Boyce & Ware, of Gastonia, conducted the questionnaire in this city. An interesting feature of the statistics is that in every section except New England and the Rocky Mountain States building operations show a marked increase. General transportation conditions in every state were reported "good" and raw materials plentiful. Savings accounts, the survey showed, increased in 19 states.

Police officials of 27 states said there has been a noticeable increase in crime over last September but a decrease was reported in Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi.

In every state the consensus of opinion was that the farmers have not disposed of all their last season's crops. Low prices and shortage of money and labor are said to have caused a reduction in acreage in all states except Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and the Pacific Coast states. The crop outlook for 1921, however, in every case, was reported fair or good.

The survey indicates that the business world is still feeling its way, but with increasing confidence and with the conviction that the worst has passed. The country has successfully borne the strain caused by a most notable drop in prices, particularly of a vast volume of raw materials, and has weathered a trying period of liquidation. The demand for finished products has not developed to the point where our factories feel justified in taking the requisite quantity of our surplus raw materials to furnish the necessary relief to their producers; but there are some indications of a change in this direction.

This survey does point to certain favorable domestic conditions. The cost of living has appreciably diminished. Building operations in a number of districts tend to increase. There have recently been no strikes of consequence.

Greater productivity of labor per man is reported from all districts. Raw materials are plentiful, and physical transportation conditions are good. There have been no business failures of moment. The crop outlook is satisfactory; and the banking situation has improved.

"The country is better off today than it was three months ago, and manufacturers in growing numbers are planning definite production schedules. Information from other quarters than this survey indicates that the automobile industry and some textile lines are picking up now. But the public is still restricting its buying and probably will continue to purchase cautiously until retail price reductions become more nearly equal to the reduction in manufacturers' and wholesalers' prices."

Thanks.

LIFE with the newspaper men of Gastonia is "one hectic experiment after another," says the Gazette editor. They are all after the Gazette man, no matter if he does or if he does not, it is the same old cussing he gets. But the Gazette man has been at the game long enough to know it and to appreciate it. In fact if he did not get the usual round of abuse and good natured cussing he wouldn't sleep good nights. Keep going old man, don't weaken.

AMERICAN LEGION NEWS FROM OVER THE NATION

What American Legion officials believe will be the most impressive patriotic demonstration ever held in Philadelphia will take place April 7 under the auspices of the Legion and forty-five other patriotic and civic organizations. The purpose of the meeting is the expression of American principles as opposed to the recent manifestation of foreign propaganda. It will be similar to the "All American Meeting for God and Country" held in New York City, Mar. 8. The Philadelphia meeting, however, will have the additional feature of a parade of 50,000 persons.

In addition to General John J. Pershing and F. W. Gallorath, Jr., National Commander of the Legion, speakers will include Vice-President Calvin Coolidge, Rear Admiral William S. Sims, Governor William C. Sprull, Mayor J. Hampton Moore and a member of President Harding's cabinet.

Capital spending a reasonable amount of his time looking about the club rooms of the American Legion post at West Warren, Mass., for marriage is subsidized in that organization. The post has voted to present \$25 to every member who gets married. The offer is retroactive to the date of organization of the post; consequently seven of the members will receive the gift.

Athletic teams and bands using the name of the American Legion must be made up exclusively of Legionnaires, according to a ruling made by the executive committee of the Minnesota Department of the Legion.

The first call for reservations at the National Convention of the American Legion in Kansas City, Mo., next fall, comes from Lewis F. Tuttle, Post No. 54, of Anthony, Kan. And the request is for reservations for every member of the post. Anthony boasts a membership of ninety-seven per cent of the eligible men in the community, even reaching across the line and drawing a number of Oklahomans into its fold.

One of the numerous overflow meetings attendant on the American Legion's "All American" gathering in New York was an impromptu affair staged by Grant Mitchell, starting in a current Broadway comedy success. "Staged" is the right word, for Mitchell held his meeting in the theater before the actual audience were his collaborators. Mitchell explained what the Legion was doing and called on the audience to sing the National Anthem. They responded with enthusiasm. Encouraging voices endorsed the actor's statement that "this is as good a place as any to join the American Legion in showing our Americanism."

General John J. Pershing, Elsie Jamis, and national officers of the American Legion will attend an American Legion banquet in St. Louis, April 18, which will be the closing feature of a conference of students of Missouri post of the Legion.

A warning to American Legion post officers against using the influence of the Legion to obtain postmasterships and other political appointments has been made by H. B. Fell, Commander of the Oklahoma Department of the executive committee organization. The Legion commander declared that there is no attempt to curtail the efforts of Legionnaires as individuals, but that activities tending to involve the Legion in politics are contrary to the constitution of that organization.

A sum of \$221,000, raised during the year for the Michigan Patriotic Fund, will soon be turned over to the welfare committee of the Michigan Department of the American Legion, according to Guy M. Wilson, Department Commander. The money will be used for welfare work among ex-service men.

American Indians, who served during the World War, are lining up with the American Legion, according to applications for post charters received at National Headquarters. An application for a post at St. Charles, S. D., bears the names of four Sioux Indians, who sign themselves: Benjamin Comes Out Bear, Charles Owl, Walks In The House, Narcesse MaKenzie and John Bluebird.

The state executive committee of the New York Department of the American

QUILLEN'S SAYINGS

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

By ROBERT QUILLEN.

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Truth and a hyphen crashed to earth will rise again.

A party may have wings, but we haven't noticed any on politicians.

Europe's ship is helpless, says an armistist. Also, fortunately, Wilhelm's.

One suspects at times that oil and water will mix about as easily as oil and diplomacy.

"He don't drink" is good grammar in Chicago. But it is a very poor sample of veracity.

You never see a passenger pigeon any more, and even the passenger rates are almost out of sight.

If the wicked brethren can't have any fun on Sunday, they will probably make the day blue with language.

The objection to splendid isolation is that there is no longer enough of it to seem splendid.

Well, thank goodness, we'll be gone when posterity begins to comment on the mess bequeathed it.

Death of intervention talk would insure that the oil brand is doing very well in Mexico, thank you.

That English lady who thinks she hears the crack of doom has probably heard the world going broke.

Any activity in Petrograd is called an uprising. She has reached a point where there is no way to go but up.

For that matter, you might say that the dry agent who goes sniffing about is the sower of population.

Quoth the silk shirt buyer, "Never more!"

If America is to share in the seized German customs, she might put in a claim now for the best-drinking custom.

Applying coercive measures won't do much good unless they are applied just back of Heine's left ear.

Some of the changes are made for the sake of convenience, and some to make last year's cars look out of date.

The reason Germany can't think out a way to pay is because all her mental energy is employed devising ways to dodge.

About the only thing to be said in favor of poison gas is that the doughboy doesn't have to carry it on his back.

We don't know anything about the Iowa judge who ruled that a man is head of the household, but we surmise that he is a bachelor.

GRANTS DELAY IN TENN. RAILROAD CASES

NASHVILLE, Tenn., April 4.—Judge E. T. Snodgrass, in federal court, today granted the application of the Fourth and First National banks and the First Savings Bank and Trust Company of Nashville, holders of receivers' certificates of the Tennessee Central Railroad, for a delay until May 2 in hearing the case involving the sale of the road.

Just Happened.

In a suburban school recently a little Swede presented himself for instruction.

"Young Osson," he said.

"How old are you?"

"Ay not know hold old Ay have."

"Well, when were you born?"

"Ay born not born at all; Ay got a stepmother."

Legion has passed a resolution endorsing the sale by the American and French Children's League of red artificial poppies to be worn on Memorial Day. Proceeds of the sale go to the orphan children of France. An effort is being made to have all stores and homes display the poppy May 30.

P. W. Corraih, Jr., National commander of the American Legion, has just returned from a tour of inspection in the Michigan Department of the Legion, and if the pedestrian leaves them rings in Detroit and Grand Rapids.

Bulletins containing the names of Virginia's draft dodgers will be sent to all posts of the American Legion as soon as they are made public by the War Department. Posts of that state will receive instructions from Department Headquarters to cooperate with the constituted authorities in the slacker roundup.

KENTUCKIANS WOULD BUY AND PRESERVE ANCESTRAL HOME OF STEPHEN C. FOSTER.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Apr. 4.—Governor Edwin P. Morrow today issued a proclamation calling upon "fond expatriates from the Kentucky soil that gave them birth" to contribute to a fund for the purchase and preservation of Federal Hill, the antebellum Kentucky mansion where Stephen C. Foster wrote "My Old Kentucky Home, Goodnight." Federal Hill lies about a mile from Bardonia, which is thirty-nine miles south of Louisville.

The Governor's proclamation was said to be unique among state documents, both because of its subject, now almost a national anthem and its extra-territorial character.

It recites in part: "To every expatriate from Kentucky in all the world: "At Federal Hill, a homestead and estate, near Bardonia, Kentucky, Stephen C. Foster wrote and composed that most loved and famous of all American songs, "My Old Kentucky Home, Goodnight." The homestead and surroundings still remain essentially as they were in the Summer Time of 1852 when "The cornuts were ripe and the meadows were in bloom," and as they were in 1795 when the mansion was built.

"The place is under option to be purchased by popular subscription in Kentucky, to be converted into a historic shrine to perpetuate the glory of the song, the memory of the great American composer and the universal desire to honor its concentrated associations. It is to be maintained and protected, when acquired, under the authority and control of the State.

"Now therefore, I, Edwin P. Morrow, Governor of the Commonwealth, do make and send this proclamation, with greetings, to all fond expatriates from the Kentucky soil, that gave them birth; to the children of such as have passed on and left behind the heritage of pride in their origin; and to those who have listened to that song of home under the shadow of other hills, the sunlight of other plains or beneath the quiet stars of alien skies, and who have felt the thrill of its deathless beauty and pathos.

"You also are privileged and invited to join with the sons and daughters of Kentucky in a contribution to this fund, which shall be used alone to preserve the home of the song that is your song and our song.

"Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth, this 2nd day of April, 1921."

60 HENS ENTERED IN THREE-YEAR EGG LAYING CONTEST IN ILLINOIS

MERIVYLSBORO, Ill., Apr. 4.—Four hundred hens have been entered to date in a three year national egg laying contest starting here November 1. The race is regarded in Illinois as the first of its sort ever held.

The contest was planned and will be conducted by Paul Arnold, high school instructor of vocational education here, and his class of forty boys.

Wide interest has been aroused among poultrymen and eighty breeders, from widely scattered sections, have registered a pen of five hens each.

Training the boys have had, according to Carl Colvin, State Superintendent of Vocational Agriculture, will assure breeders that their poultry will receive the best attention. Business men of Merivylsboro and poultry raisers of the vicinity have underwritten the race for \$1,000.

The boys will market the eggs, (to ailing chicken feed in return, without cost. A market has already been arranged for in St. Louis. The privilege of selling the eggs, it is believed, will offset the costs of the contest.

Trap nests will be used to avoid any possibility that the hen that does the cackling gets undue credit for laying the egg. Poultry houses of the latest type are being erected by the high school boys on the school grounds.

Breeders who send their hens to Merivylsboro for the first year of the contest will be privileged to enter a relay of fresh hens the second year.

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