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Gastonia, The South's City of Spindles

A MOVEMENT FOR PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS FOR THE CITY OF GASTONIA.

One of the biggest news stories The Gazette has told in many a day is that carried in today's issue telling of a forward looking step taken by a few of the city's leading citizens, representing by committee the majority of the business interests of the city, looking toward the establishment of an adequate system of parks and playgrounds for Gastonia.

For a long time the subject of parks and playgrounds has been talked by Gastonia people, but nothing of a definite nature has ever been accomplished. It has been freely admitted on all sides that some provision ought to be made while the growth of the city is in its infancy, for some such spots of recreation and play for the children. No one organization has ever felt the responsibility of sponsoring the movement. It was too big a project to undertake without the sanction and support of the entire city.

However, here come the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs, two new organizations in the city, whose purposes are not selfish, not mercenary, not social or fraternal, but altruistic, and announce that they are ready to back the parks and playgrounds proposition. The mottoes of the two organizations, "We build" and "We serve," are clearly exemplified in this magnificent project.

If plans contemplated by these men are carried through to completion, Gastonia will have almost in the heart of the city a community center of two solid blocks, affording ample room for playgrounds and community gathering places, space for a public library, and perhaps a Y. M. C. A. building and a woman's building. The plans as outlined are exceedingly attractive and give evidence of real city planning.

We have often said that to make a city attractive to newcomers and to business interests, it must be made the City Livable. And a city is not really great until it is the best possible place to live in and to rear children in—which means the best churches and schools, the best attention to sanitation and health, the best and most wholesome recreation, and the most neighborly people, the best conditions of law and order and the most generous concern about progress and prosperity in the surrounding trade area.

BOOSTER TRIPS.

The booster trips originated by the Gastonia merchants, under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce, are developing into one of the most valuable forms of advertising for the city of Gastonia. Echoes of the last trip taken to boost Dollar Day in March were heard on the trip yesterday. Many visitors were here for Dollar Day who are coming back for the May Sale this week.

These one-day trips of a hundred miles or so by Gastonia people are similar to the larger excursions taken by merchants' associations of larger cities. For instance, the Young Men's Business League, of Greenville, S. C., is just now on a week's tour of South Carolina. They left Greenville Monday morning and are visiting practically every city of importance in South Carolina. The tour is called an "acquaintance" tour and is

undertaken to impress upon South Carolinians the fact that Greenville is a real live wire city with the "get-up-and-get" spirit that does things even in times of adversity. On our next boosting trip, Gastonia merchants, suppose we take in a few more counties in both States.

BUSINESS CONDITIONS.

From the New York Daily News Record we clip the following resume of general business conditions throughout the country, as furnished by several of the leading economists and financiers:

Readjustment Will Be Slow.

"If the disturbing features in the general situation were of domestic origin and application alone, it would not be difficult to indicate the course of improvement. As things actually are, however, the entire world is involved in the problem. Any improvement, therefore, must involve the re-establishment of normal political and economic conditions abroad, as well as a dependable situation with respect to international credit and exchange. It is idle to think that we can prosper to the full extent of our capacity if deprived of the foreign markets; nor, it may be added, can we prosper if we rear up an insurmountable wall against the importations of the products of Europe, South America and the Far East. In other words, with the horizon thus obscured by all manner of difficult problems, there is little to indicate that the general readjustment of business in the United States will be other than a tedious slow process."—The Economic World, May 7.

The Question of The Future.

"Confronted as this country has been with serious financial and industrial difficulties of its own, the manner in which they have been met has given remarkable testimony to our economic strength. There has been no breakdown of credit; the currency system has operated in a more normal way than in any previous period of reaction. Hard times have not impaired the power of the United States in the economic world; on the contrary, they have emphasized it."—Alexander Dana Noyes in Scribner's, May.
Moving Toward Better Conditions.
"Is it true that many industries are still prostrated; that many commodities are selling below the cost of production; that millions of men are idle; that it will take the rest of 1921 or longer to repair the damage of 1920; but those who are to benefit by changes in security prices must look forward—not backward; upward—not downward. The world moves and we are all the while moving toward better conditions—not worse."—Richard D. Wyck off in The Magazine of Wall Street, April 30.

NEW ENGLAND AND THE SOUTH?

Mr. McMahon, the Providence representative of the International Textile Workers Union, in a speech last Saturday at a congregation of factory people, at the fair grounds in Lexington, told them, as reported in The Dispatch, that they were as good as the New England workers and ought to be getting as much pay. They were told that the mill workers in New England make from \$5 a week upward more for a 48-hour week than the workers in North Carolina on a 55-hour week. But it is not recorded that Mr. McMahon told the Lexington mill workers of the difference between the living and working conditions in North Carolina and New England. Even if it were true that the New England mill workers get \$5 and more a week, there are offsetting facts which our home mill people understand quite fully. Five dollars at Lexington will go further than twice \$5 in Providence, Fall River or any other New England mill settlement, nor do the workers there have the inestimable blessing of sunshine and free air, of comfortable homes, grass, shade, vegetable and flower gardens; nor the gymnasium and playgrounds; the canning clubs; the libraries, the comfortable dormitory homes and the freedom of life and living. So far from owning a cow, it is possible that the average Providence mill family does not know what a cow is.

COMMUNITY WORKERS MET AT TRENTON MONDAY

Gaston County Community Workers met at the handsome new community house at the Trenton Mill Monday, May 16, in their regular monthly session with a large percentage of the members present and Miss Murray, the worker there, as hostess.

MANY GASTON FARMERS WILL HEAR MR. SAPRIO

A special invitation has been issued by the farmers' organizations of Mecklenburg county to Gaston county farmers to be present at the City Auditorium in Charlotte Saturday at eleven o'clock to hear Mr. Aaron Saprio, who will speak on the interesting subject of "Co-operative Marketing."
In order that Gaston county's representation at this meeting may be the best possible showing, it has been arranged for all who are going to Charlotte by automobile to meet at the court house at nine o'clock Saturday morning and make the trip together.
Mr. Saprio is a widely known speaker and comes with first hand information of what co-operative marketing has done for the fruit growers of California.

QUILLEN'S SAYINGS

Flashes of Wit and Humor From the Pen of Great Paraphraser.
by ROBERT QUILLEN.
(Copyright 1920, Associate Editors.)
What Charles needs is a portable throne.

It won't help us much to enter normally if we have to inter profits.

The reign of the proletariat is absorbed eagerly by the ammunition plants.

Many a meek man thinks he is a diplomat because he functions as a door mat.

And so Russia is making doves? Well, let's hope she manages to turn out a washable Red.

It takes three generations to make a gentleman, and about that many to eradicate a hyphen.

And what, by the way, has become of the old-fashioned gentleman who loosened the waistband of his trousers before starting on the last lap of the dinner?



You hear so much less complaint about the Versailles treaty. They never know the dead ones."

A labor leader says the Government of Lloyd George is tottering. Doesn't he mean tottering?

You will doubtless remember that the man who named it the Pacific couldn't see as far as Yap.

Still, Georgia doubtless contributes considerable money to save the dear heathen negro in Africa.

There's another fine thing about Heaven. You can't get much of a jazz effect with golden harps.

The trouble with the land of the rising sun is that it is always trying to set a little further west.

Eye doubtless had her little vanities.



but the only horse she took an interest in were spelled "hoses."

It is easier to understand the Irish question than to understand the theory that it is Paul Sam's business.

Photographs from Yap prove that the natives have complete self-determination in the matter of inter-dollary.

Among the great variety of radiator cap ornaments for Fords we have yet to find a cluster of three balls.

Harvey says a diplomat must learn to talk without saying much. All of us have acquaintances who have qualified.

There has been no element of mystery in the game. "Button, button, who's got the button," since laundries were established.

The only way an enforcement agent can carry hooch without arousing suspicion is to disguise himself as a boot-legger.

Well, if the nations won't adopt an other method of reducing fleets, eventually they will employ that one used at Jutland.

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TO HAVE AND TO HOLD IS NOT OUR MOTTO
THAT IS WHY THOUSANDS HAVE ATTENDED OUR GREAT SALE!!
TURNING LOOSE \$150,000 WORTH OF DEPENDABLE AND SEASONABLE MERCHANDISE at prices that have astonished the most conservative buyer.
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One lot of Bleaching, 19c value; limited amount. While it lasts 9c
One lot Men's Knitted Neckties, 75c values 19c
One lot Ladies' Silk Hose, 98c values 49c
One lot Ladies' Pumps and Oxfords up to \$4 values \$1.98
One lot of Men's Oxfords, black and tan, up to \$6 values \$2.98
One lot of White Canvas Oxfords and Pumps, \$2.50 values \$1.39
COLLARS
One lot slightly soiled Collars, 25c values 6c
BIG SHOE MERGER.
BERGDOLL'S MOTHER GETS HEAVY SENTENCE
PHILADELPHIA, May 17.—Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll was today sentenced in the federal district court to one year and one day in the Atlanta penitentiary for conspiracy to aid her sons, Grover C. Bergdoll and Erwin R. Bergdoll, to desert the United States army, and was fined a total of \$7,000.

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