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Gastonia, The South's City of Spindles

HOW GASTONIA RANKS.

Usually the University News Letter is meticulously accurate in its information about North Carolina facts and history. In its last issue, however, it has mis-represented certain facts relating to Gastonia and has done this in a most injurious way in the eyes of those who read the News Letter.

As for Gastonia—what shall we say about Gastonia? It foots the column in per capita school bonds issued this year for school buildings in Gastonia, the leading cotton textile center of the South, a busy little city that more than doubled its population in the last ten years!

As a matter of fact the issue referred to is \$50,000 and was voted by a textile community outside of the incorporated limits of Gastonia, and the per capita amount would rank high over \$75. It was neither \$40,000, nor \$60,000. Furthermore, there is now pending an election on the question of issuing \$500,000 in bonds for school buildings in the city of Gastonia.

FARM VALUES.

The average value per acre of North Carolina farms increased from \$29.53 in 1910 to \$53.76 in 1920, according to the census figures. The average value per farm went from \$1,800 to \$3,990. The total value of all farm lands increased from \$456,624,697 to \$1,917,639,296.

The number of farms in the United States in 1920, according to the Fourteenth Census, was 6,448,066, as compared with 6,361,502 in 1910, showing an increase of 1.4 per cent. The total area of land in farms in 1920 was 975,676,245 acres, as against 878,798,225 acres in 1910, showing an increase of 8.7 per cent.

The value of all farms in the United States on January 1, 1920, value of land and buildings, was \$97,796,965,88, as compared with \$74,891,127,697 on April 15, 1910. The increase in the value of farms during the decade was \$22,905,839,687, or 30.8 per cent.

Due allowance must be made, of course, for the fact that farm values in many localities were abnormally high at the beginning of the year 1920, and that present values might be considerably less than those reported at the time of the census.

Seven states reported values for farm lands and buildings in excess of \$200,000,000, as follows: Iowa, \$7,601,772,290; Illinois, \$7,416,583,951; Nebraska, \$3,725,536,255; Texas, \$3,717,799,544; Minnesota, \$3,301,168,325; California, \$3,073,811,109; and Missouri, \$1,902,967,700.

The average value of land and buildings per farm for the United States as a whole in 1920 was \$19,514, as compared with \$5,471 in 1910.

In five states the average value reported per farm was above \$25,000. These states were Iowa, \$35,616; South Dakota, \$33,122; Illinois, \$31,270; Nebraska, \$29,927; and California, \$26,122.

The average value of land and build-

As it is in Atlanta.

POLICE START WAR ON MINORS IN POOL ROOMS

Stimely Atlanta American. In the future, minors found in pool rooms will be reported, according to a new resolution of Chief Beavers' police. The chief's announcement follows: The arrest of Miss Kelly, 17, caught in a pool room, has caused a new resolution to be passed by the police.

As it will be in Gastonia if we have pool rooms.

ings per acre of land in farms in the United States in 1920 was \$53.76, as compared with \$29.53 in 1910.

THE SPINNER.

The Spinner is the name of the Baltimore high school annual second issued by the class of 1921. Under the direction of Edwin H. Kelly, writer, editor, and Henry Dutz, business manager, the graduating class has gotten out a very worthy publication. It is a distinct credit to the schools. The volume is dedicated to Prof. Joe S. Wray, retiring superintendent, whose untiring devotion to duty and fearless championing of high ideals have inspired the class throughout its elementary courses.

The typographical work and literary excellence of the volume are extremely creditable. The young folks deserve the congratulations of the folks.

CONCERNING UNION LABOR

Printers over the country recently went on strike for a 44-hour week. Their walk-out demoralized the printing industry in certain cities for a time. Of late, there have been noted instances of the printers returning to work at the old hours and under the old conditions. The printers' union was responsible for this strike by the printers' ten shorter hours and increased wages.

The whole matter of union labor is touched upon by Richard H. Edmunds, editor of The Manufacturers Record, Baltimore, in discussing the printer's strike. His comment concerning unions and the rights they have in a free country is of interest locally.

Speaking of the printer's union in Baltimore, Mr. Edmunds says:

But the situation is changed. The cost of living is not increasing, but it is decreasing, and this is a question of hours of labor with the goods demanding a reduction to forty-four hours a week. This is not the time for putting short the hours of labor, and any effort to do this only shows how ill-adjusted the union printers. No man who has ever achieved much in science or art or business or farming or as a teacher or teacher or physician or lawyer has limited his work to forty-four hours a week.

Many men in their numerous of the highest character. They are honest-hearted, patriotic, liberty-loving men, but they have permitted their organizations to come under the control of radicalism to such an extent that radicalism and not conservative unionism is dominating the situation.

I am not opposed to a man belonging to any organization if it is going to be for his own pleasure or his own betterment. But I positively deny in this

tion of success in the printing industry may be seen that some of our men still are working longer hours than the union men. I think that some of our men will be glad to have a shorter week.

If I could employ any man who is doing more than a union man, I would employ a man who is doing more than a union man. I would employ a man who is doing more than a union man. I would employ a man who is doing more than a union man. I would employ a man who is doing more than a union man.

In its account of the activities of the Radio group of mills in Saturday's issue, The Gazette inadvertently failed to mention the Smyth Mills' labor situation.

This was probably slip of the pen rather than any intended neglect. Truth of the matter is that when one mentions Radio, he means the whole group of mills in that section in mind. Mr. Dilling and Miss Polts have done much toward fostering and furthering the community spirit in that section.



THE PLAY DAYS ARE HERE

When the heat of the city is intense; when you are out-of-sorts with yourself and the whole world, then you will know it's high time to take a rest; to get out into the woods for a little while, and there gain strength from nature to invigorate you for the work before you when you come back home.

The woods are calling, the brooks and streams are murmuring their merry, tinkling lays; everywhere the highways beckon you—the world is prepared to give you a jolly time, so drop your work and worry for a while and get out and PLAY.

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