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GASTONIA LYCEUM. The Committee Meets - Everything Promising.

As was announced last week there was a meeting held in the Y. M. C. A. hall on last Wednesday night for the purpose of organizing a Lyceum Association...

Mr. Shields was enthusiastically in favor of the organization. He said that people needed recreation and they were going to have recreation of some kind...

Mr. Watson then made some remarks in which he said he didn't like the idea of the preachers interfering with anything of this kind.

It was then moved and carried that a committee of two from each church of the town be selected as a committee to decide on any plan that seemed to them advisable...

The committee was composed of the following members: METHUEN. Prof. J. H. Separk, Chairman, Mrs. R. L. Durham.

WAR CORREL. England's Reply to the Russian and War News by the Y. M. C. A. London, Oct. 11. It cannot be doubted that England's reply will be a full rejection of President Kruger's demands...

DEWEY WILL GO TO ATLANTA.

He cheerfully accepts the invitation to be present at the Commemorative Service of Flag Day, Brumby and to Present the Sword which Georgia Has Provided for Her Distinguished Son - The State of Admiral Dewey's Visit to Atlanta.

Washington, October 7.-Admiral Dewey has accepted an invitation from the citizens of Atlanta to attend the ceremonies in that city in connection with the presentation of a handsome sword to Flag Lieut. Brumby, the Admiral's greatly esteemed and valuable aide.

Major Woodward stated that the citizens of Georgia had, by popular subscription, procured a sword, which they proposed to present to the gallant Brumby.

In reply the Admiral said he would cheerfully accept the invitation for two reasons: First, he desired to show his appreciation of the noble service of his brave flag lieutenant, and second because he was anxious to visit the South, to acknowledge, in his humble way, the substantial contribution to the war with Spain from that section of the country.

The Admiral explained that he could not fix the date of his visit to Atlanta until after the President returns from his Western trip. It is intended that there shall be a meeting of the Philippine commission in Washington soon after the President reaches home, and therefore, the Admiral said he could not make any definite arrangements until his conference with the President.

The delegation was with the Admiral for nearly an hour, and they were most favorably impressed by the gracious and cordial manner in which he received and entertained them.

The cotton seed oil market is in a state of wild confusion. So unsettled are the conditions that the two leading manufacturing concerns in the trade have refused to make any contracts whatever for the future delivery of oil.

So strong is the situation that the trade generally is looking for 40 cents oil before the first of next month. The causes leading to the present state of affairs are two fold, the scarcity of seed at home and the short production of olive oil in Italy and the Mediterranean section.

The demand for cotton seed oil as a substitute for the purpose of mixing with olive has been increasing in proportion. The exports from the United States have grown from 2,000,000 gallons in 1889 to 40,230,794 gallons in 1908. There is practically no oil on the market at the present time, and there is a large demand.

PREPARING LAND FOR WHEAT.

The Use of Fertilizers on Land Well-cultivated in Kansas - Bare Land. Southern Planter. J. A. Williams, of Millbrook, Tenn., writes: "Do you think that after plowing land early for wheat in the fall it would increase to plow it over again your land and roll it until it is so compact that just enough dirt will fall behind your drill on the wheat to cover it?"

"Is not the application of heavy fertilizers injurious to land deficient in humus, unless immediately followed with grass - say, clover or herd grass?" "Which do you think the most injurious to very poor land - to let it lay out exposed to the sun naked or put to grain, even if you must use fertilizer to make it yield?"

I believe it is best to plow wheat land early, provided the land is rolled as soon as plowed and followed by the harrow. After the first harrowing cultivation should be repeated at least once a week, and if it rains often - after a week or two. The idea is to prevent a dust blanket. The dust blanket acts exactly as a mulch, and prevents the rapid evaporation and loss of moisture that would otherwise take place.

I do not believe in compacting the soil to such a degree that prevents the ready penetration of plant roots in the soil, and the vigor of the crop depends largely on its having deep wide reaching roots to draw an abundant supply of food from the soil area.

The heavy application of some artificial fertilizers might injure the land, thought it would be more likely to injure the roots of plants or the seed that it came in contact with. It is poor economy to heavily fertilize soils deficient in humus. Most of our soils are more in need of this element than of any other, and if it is abundantly supplied first, it enables the formation of new chemical combinations, in the soil under favorable large quantities of plant food, and at the same time prevent injuries by frost, which might be induced where heavy fertilizers are alone used.

Clover (or cow peas in the South - Rd.) is the best thing to use to give humus to the soil, for the reason that it is a legume and can absorb large quantities of nitrogen from the air through the tubercles on its roots. This increases the supply of nitrogen in the soil and renders the use of this element in the form of an artificial fertilizer unnecessary. Humus, of course enables the soil to withstand drought and to retain a much larger quantity of moisture, both of which are essentials where a large crop production is sought.

After standing still for some time, waiting on the tides of capricious John's River, the Caldwell Saw Mill (Plant) will start up in a few days. Their supply of logs to a certain extent depends upon their ability to float them down John's River and the past summer has shown them at all favorable for this kind of work.

Several people are aware of the fact that there are nine legal holidays in North Carolina. In reply to an inquiry from a Northern paper, Attorney General Walker examined the laws of the State and ascertained that there are nine legal holidays in this State, as follows: New Year, January 1st. Lee's birthday, January 19th. George Washington's birthday, February 22nd. Memorial Day, May 10th. Anniversary of the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, May 20th. Independence Day, July 4th. Thanksgiving, November. Labor Day, December 4th. Christmas, December 25th.

Manager Reed Smith has completed arrangements for a game of football to be played in Rock Hill, S. C., October 14th between Davidson College and Clemson. Rock Hill is a central point and a large crowd is expected. A number of outstanding towns will send delegations. Assistant Manager L. G. Bell went to Rock Hill yesterday morning to lay off the field, put up the goals, etc. Clemson College holds the championship of South Carolina and plays a strong game. Davidson is in better shape than ever before, and will show up in good form on the 14th.

TO CURE A COUGH IN ONE DAY. The Laxative Brown Quinine Tablets, an effective remedy for the money if it fails to cure. The genuine has L. Q. on each tablet.

COOK WORTH \$25,000,000.

Wife of "Boss" Paul Prepares The Food and Waits on the Guests. Mrs. Kruger, the wife of the president of the Transvaal, is an ugly woman. She is also an economical woman, while her famous husband has a capital of \$25,000,000. She is so rich that it would take the greatest effort to spend their income invested as the capital is in great paying interests. To do this she would have to live in almost barbaric splendor, but, bless you she even does her own cooking.

It is very probable that her acute, subtle husband quite approves of her style of living. If he objects, no one returning from that far land has ever heard of such an objection. It is more probable that by just such thrifty methods Mr. Kruger himself rose into his present eminence. But think of it! The income of \$25,000,000 and so do one's own cooking!

When her husband has state guests to dinner, this is indeed the time the good lady shines, and does honor to her wifeliness and her position as wife of the president. Not at the foot or the head of the table - oh no! - but in passing the dishes!

To no butler will she ever trust so great a responsibility. There might be a slip, a mishap, that she couldn't guard against. So shining and splendid with a large white apron over her capacious form, she waits on each guest.

"Surely," she argues, "no hostess can take care of a guest better than this." Every plate is then heaped to perfection; each glass is kept filled to the brim, no slightest wish from any one goes unnoticed.

It will stop the Desire for Alcoholic Stimulants, So Says One. Philadelphia Inquirer. He was munching away vigorously at something when the Sauterter came up.

"Have a piece of candy?" he asked, holding out a small paper bag filled with caramels, "they are all right." The Sauterter took a caramel and then, knowing that his friend hasn't ever before won any medals for fondness for confections, wanted to know the reason for his new departure.

"I suppose you'd be puzzled," he continued, "just as others have been before you. It's all simple enough, though. The taste of the candy takes away, or rather destroys the taste for the liquor I have been so fond of imbibing. I learned that by accident. Had been eating a bit of taffy and met a friend who insisted on buying a drink. I took whiskey, and found that the combination wasn't a palatable one at all. Just for fun, I next tried beer, and it was the same story. I had been wanting to stop drinking for a long time, and concluded if candy would have that effect once it would again. That was two weeks ago, and since then I haven't been without a piece of some kind of confection in my pocket. Whenever I feel a longing for a drink coming over me, I just slip the candy in my mouth, and that settles it for the time being. Try it whenever you want to swear off. It beats taking the pledge."

FUNERAL OF MR. CONVERSE. Mr. Converse was the founder of Converse College at Spartanburg - A Great Man - The Funeral. Atlanta Journal. Spartanburg, S. C., Oct. 7.-The funeral of D. E. Converse who died Wednesday, took place at Converse college yesterday, attended by the largest funeral cortege ever seen here. The services were impressive and hundreds of people of all counties were present to pay a last tribute to the memory of the distinguished citizen.

The death of no man in this country has ever caused such general sorrow as that of Mr. Converse. He was perhaps the wealthiest and one of the most respected citizens of this section, and his death caused great sorrow. He was one of the pioneers of this county, and it was he who started the mill industry here. He was the owner of several of the largest mills in the State, and was founder of the famous Converse college, at which institution his death is most keenly felt.

GASTONIA LEADS.

Union court has now put on. And scores of the boys were rolled in shorts. Some that were hard and some that were soft. But touch are the boys when they get their. Use sun from here had hard hats. But against the law he did not back. For when he rode up and looked around. He paid two dollars for a lightning around. Now they are harder than they are here. No he paid six dollars for a brown chair. For this house that he rode over there. I say. He paid one dollar and twenty-five every day. Now he has finished in the best of the two. Before he rights about that, don't you? For Gastonia now is rolling on a boom. Of this they covetize you, if you read stories.

Fourteen new stores are built on main street. But at the house owner you will find the place to go. They are running restaurants all in a bunch. No come to Willis and Trullinger and see you a lunch.

THE PROSPECTS OF THE FAIR INCREASE HOURLY. Articles are arriving both by freight and express, and entries keep the clerks busy. Jacob S. Allen, Jr. of the Wilmington street hardware store, is fixing up a fine display. He has nearly completed an old cabin home, in ancient style, which will be quite a feature of the hall.

The exhibit of the Royster candy factory occupies the western side of the occasion. The exhibit is preparing one of his characteristic displays of flowers. It is a little early for some varieties of chrysanthemums, but his place will be a bower of beauty.

The boys are getting up a race of their own for Friday, Children's Day. Look out for the champion goats! The Durham Hosiery Mills will make an interesting exhibit and it will be found near the display made by the far-famed Oconeechee Farm.

The office of the Secretary of the Fair will be moved to the Fair grounds on Saturday morning, the 14th inst. It is desired that life members call on Wednesday, or as soon thereafter as convenient, for their tickets at the office in town in the Pullen building. These tickets admit strictly the member, wife and children under twelve years of age. Those who do not call in person are requested to send written orders stating number of children under 12 to insure their admission. No other form of family ticket is used.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SWORD. Made Almost Entirely of Twenty-Two Carat Gold. The sword presented to Admiral Dewey, except its steel blade and the body metal of its scabbard, is entirely of 22-carat gold. On the pommel is carved the name of the battleship Olympia, which was Dewey's flagship at Manila, and the zodiacal sign for December, in which lucky month Dewey was born. Circling these is a closely woven wreath of oak leaves, long employed to indicate and adorn rank.

Below these the pommel is embraced by a gold collar on the front of which are the arms of the United States, with the blue field of the shield in enamel. Below these are the arms of Vermont, Dewey's native State, with the motto: "Freedom and Unity," and the colors of the shield in enamel. The plain part of the gold collar is decorated with stars, and a graceful finish is given to it by a narrow band of oak leaves. The sword blade is demarcated with the inscription: "The gift of the nation to Rear Admiral George Dewey, U. S. N., in memory of the victory at Manila Bay, May 1, 1898."

The sword grip is covered with fine sharkskin bound with gold wire and inlaid with gold stars. The guard is an eagle terminating in a claw, which grasps the top in which the blade is set; the eagle's outstretched wings form the guard proper. The scabbard is of thin steel, demarcated in gold, with sprays of a delicate sea plant, the Moss Mariner, typical of fidelity, constancy and remembrance. These sprays are interlaced; stars fill the inner spaces; dolphins the outer spaces; sprays of oak leaves and acorns secure the rings and trappings of the scabbard; and these on the front of the scabbard is a raised monogram in diamonds, entwining the letters: "G. D., and immediately under them are the letters, "U. S. N.," surrounded by sprays of the sea plant.

The ferrule, or lower end of the scabbard, terminates in entwined gold dolphins. The sword box is of white oak inlaid with black velvet, and at the center of the cover is a gold shield surmounted by an eagle and inscribed with a single star and the words: "Rear Admiral George Dewey, U. S. N."

Three Lucky Keys Turned In.

THE MONEY BOX unlocked by the following parties and each carried away the cash:

- A. H. Hoffman, (County) \$5.00
Walter Stroup, (Gastonia) 5.00
W. S. Thornburg, (Dallas) 5.00
One Lucky Key still out.

All persons holding keys will be allowed to try them at the next opening of box which will be the FIRST SATURDAY IN NOVEMBER.

THE MONEY BOX refilled and keys will be given out as before. A Key given with every purchase of one dollar.

Our Fall and Winter Stock now quite complete and we have many SLEDGE-HAMMER VALUES to offer you. Soliciting Your Trade.

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