

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 1907.

INTERESTING REPORT.

The twentieth annual report of the Bureau of Labor and Printing of the State of North Carolina, which has just been sent out by Commissioner H. B. Varner, is a document of 350 pages filled with information, both statistical and general, of great interest and importance.

Turning to the table of cotton mill statistics we note the following totals for Gaston county: Total number of spindles in county, 330,278; Total number of looms, 5,263; Total capital stock, \$6,293,700. These figures do not include, of course, a number of mills that have been organized or have commenced operations since January 1st. They are figures for 1906.

For the whole State the figures are: Spindles, 2,558,114; looms, 52,747; capital stock, \$41,278,160.

That part of the report dealing with the State's newspapers shows that there are published in the State 303 publications, the aggregate circulation of 285 of them being 887,777. Of these 28 are daily, 19 semi weekly and 178 weekly. The total circulation of the semi-weekly papers of the State has increased in five years four hundred and nine per cent.

The action of the city council in going ahead with the work of paving Main street without waiting for the bonds to be sold is heartily commended, we are sure, by all who are interested in the progress of the town. The completion of the work by December first, as called for in the contract, will give us a good street throughout the winter instead of the usual depths of mud. This prompt action shows that our present board is fully alive to the best interests of the town.

New Mill for Belmont.

The Gazette learns from a reliable source that the town of Belmont is to have a new spinning mill. A site has been secured on which to erect the buildings and work, it is understood, will begin early in the spring. Mr. S. P. Stowe, one of the principal stockholders, is away from home at this time and the reporter could not obtain definite information as to the size of the mill. Belmont is one of the coming mill towns of Gaston. At present an addition is being built to the Chronicle Mills. The Imperial has been completed and in operation only a few months. This latest enterprise, when carried out, will give Belmont three cotton factories.

The Little Housemaid talks for the Williams Furniture Company in our columns every week. Read what she says.

Rev. R. A. Miller will preach next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at the Presbyterian church in Belmont, and Sunday night at 8 o'clock at Lowell.

Next Monday is Labor Day. Patrons of the rural routes will miss the regular daily visit of the carriers, who will have a holiday and will take advantage of it to hold their annual meeting.

VICK'S CROUP AND PNEUMONIA SALVE. The Family Safe-Guard. 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Relieves Croup in 10 minutes. Acts on the mucous membrane. Sold by all druggists. In Richmond, N.C., by Richardson, Big. Chem. Greensboro, N.C.

COURT CALENDAR.

The following is the calendar of civil cases set for trial during the September term of Gaston Superior Court, which convenes at Dallas Monday, September 9th:

THURSDAY, SEPT. 12TH, 1907. No. 30. W. S. Cannon et al vs. R. Lee Cannon, et al. No. 43 and 58. Davis & Son vs. Shannon & Co. No. 48. Cornwell vs. Atlantic Coast Line R. R. No. 54. Carpenter Tin Company vs. Armstrong.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13TH. No. 106. Payne vs. Black, et al. No. 111. Swift vs. Adams. No. 74. Robbins vs. Southern Railway Co. No. 75. Ormand vs. Southern Railway Co. No. 21. Paysour vs. Paysour. No. 126. Cleveland & Jones vs. Southern Railway Co.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14TH. No. 90. Altman vs. Western Union Telegraph Co. No. 22. Harris vs. Sellars. No. 41. Hill vs. Harrell. Wilkerson vs. Wilkerson. Whitworth vs. Whitworth. Huff vs. Huff. Wilson vs. Wilson. Bogan vs. Bogan.

MONDAY, SEPT. 16TH. No. 10. Long Shoals Cotton Mills vs. High Shoals Co. No. 61. Anders, Admr., vs. Southern Railway Co.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 17TH. No. 23. Suggs vs. Lewis. No. 128. Moore vs. Seaboard Air-line Railway Co. No. 86. George vs. Bessemer City Cotton Mills.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18TH. No. 49. Gastonia vs. Mrs. Mary Craig et al. No. 72. Harrelson vs. Mauney, Admr. No. 79. Griffin vs. C. & N.W. Railway. No. 93. Mullis vs. West. No. 99. Spencer vs. C. & N.W. Railway.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 19TH. No. 67. Adams vs. Southern Railway Co. No. 104. Carpenter vs. Southern Railway Co. No. 108, 109, 110. Gastonia Furniture Co. vs. S. Ry. Co. No. 112. Summy vs. Southern Railway Co. No. 113. Black & Son vs. Southern Railway Co. No. 77. Vandyke vs. George & Coley.

By agreement the foregoing constitutes the calendar of jury cases for September term, 1907, and parties and witnesses need not attend court prior to the date hereon fixed for the trial of the respective cases, and witnesses will not be permitted to prove if they attend prior to the time at which the cases are set on the calendar.

The case of Long Shoals Cotton Mills vs. High Shoals Company will, by consent, have priority over all cases on the calendar for the preceding week, which cases go to the foot of the calendar if not reached the first week.

In Marion Jail.

Policeman J. L. Hicks left this morning for Marion to bring back one John Jones, colored, who is in jail there. Jones was in the employ of John F. Davis & Son, to whom he was indebted in the sum of \$30 or more. Mr. Davis having paid this amount to keep Jones off the chaingang. Mr. Davis is looking for two other negroes who treated him in a similar manner. He has them located and expects to land them in Gastonia within a few days. Mr. Davis returned last night from a trip to Mooresville and Statesville.

Digging Foundation.

Work was commenced this week on the new hotel building which Mr. G. M. Gullick is to erect at Belmont. Workmen are digging out the foundation. This structure will be of brick and will be two stories in height. The Bank of Belmont will occupy handsome and convenient quarters in one corner of this building when it is finished. The owner expects to have the work rushed to completion. This building will stand just north of the store building of J. P. Stowe & Co. on Main street and will add much to the appearance of the business part of the town.

HEAVY NEWSPAPER EXPENSES

Danger that the Independence of the Press will be Affected by Declining Profits.

From the Wall Street Journal

There are over 23,000 newspapers in the United States, and yet there is no other branch of business in regard to which such dense ignorance prevails as to cost and profit of production. This is a matter which is fast becoming of public concern, for the character of the American press and its future influence as the protector of American liberty depends upon it.

Some extremely important facts bearing upon the cost of publishing newspapers in the city of New York have recently been given in a brief submitted by John Norris on behalf of the publishers. Mr. Norris is an acknowledged expert upon the subject of which he writes, having long been connected with the business departments of leading New York and Philadelphia newspapers. He has made an exhaustive investigation and his brief is a document of extraordinary significance.

Mr. Norris does not hesitate to say that there is now impending over the daily newspaper press of New York the most serious menace that ever confronted it. This is strong language, and yet his statement of facts seems to warrant it. An additional burden of \$3,000,000 a year in the expense account of 16 daily newspapers constitutes the menace of which Mr. Norris speaks, but there is a larger menace than that back of these figures, of which account will be given later on. This \$3,000,000 a year of added expense includes \$2,160,000 for white paper, \$600,000 additional for compositors, \$200,000 additional for stereotypers and \$100,000 for other labor.

Mr. Norris declares that no more than four papers out of the 16 which he represents could make both ends meet upon such terms. He adds that these 16 papers pay \$1,500,000 a year tribute to organized labor, that is to say, that is the additional cost of a closed shop over an open one. He is not antagonizing the closed shop, the principle of which he accepts, but he asks how long the newspapers will be able to meet these charges upon them. "We are," he says, "approaching that limit where our necessities may force us to stop."

Here are some additional facts picked at random from Mr. Norris' brief: Ninety per cent of all newspaper circulation in New York city is on the one-cent basis. The sale of advertising space is also on a declining rate. Since 1895 the earning power per column of most of the New York papers has been reduced. A powerful combination of dry goods merchants has operated to reduce line charge. This dry goods combination stayed out of the World for 7 months, boycotted the Sun at the time of its labor trouble, and has been out of the Times for about four years. When the New York World reduced the price of its paper from two cents to one cent it gained 90,000 circulation in three weeks, but gave up \$1,000 a day, \$312,000 a year in revenue and added at least \$500 a day to its expenses. That meant a loss of \$450,000 a year in gross revenue. Mr. Norris went on to say that the New York Times is prospering, but that the fact was painfully evident that its profit for a long period would not pay for the additional cost on its new building, which was put upon it by the many unions in fights to which the Times was not a party. These fights added \$538,000 to the cost of construction.

The Herald is a three-cent paper and can afford many extravagances and submit to many exactions, but there are extremes beyond which one-cent papers cannot go. Demands, he declared, are verging upon the point of putting up some newspaper shutters. The New York World pays out \$2,500,000 a year for labor. This is at the rate of \$50,000 a week and the remarkable fact is stated that there are 1,000 men now on its pay-roll who receive over \$1,500 a year. The news dealers make a profit of \$1,500,000 every year from its sales. The smallest share of returns go to the newspaper capital.

Mr. Norris goes on to add that the daily newspaper business is the most precarious venture that can be devised. The most highly prosperous in the city spends more than 80 per cent of its revenue in its operating expenses, while most of the papers show deficits. The newspaper percentage of profit is less than that of any other manufacturing enterprise. For every \$1,000 of increased business gained by at least one paper more than \$1,000 has been paid out to get it. In a period of 10 years the New

York World's expenses increased 40 per cent, and its earning power decreased fully as much. Such facts as these are staggering. Unless conditions change they point to very important changes in the character of the newspaper press. The liberty of the press is one of the safeguards of our civilization. It is essential under such a form of government as we possess that the independence of the press should be preserved. Independence is best maintained by the operation of newspapers for profit. Any other method of operation simply means a subsidized press.

Joseph Pulitzer, when he learned the cost of cutting down the price of his paper from two cents to one cent, declared "we prefer power to profit." Either a newspaper is to be conducted for profit or else it becomes dependent upon some rich man like Mr. Pulitzer, who is willing to conduct it for the power it gives him, or else upon some rich man like Mr. Hearst for the political opportunity which it affords, or else the newspaper must be subsidized by the great corporations like the Standard Oil Company, and become not the independent organ of public opinion, but the subsidized organ of corporation interest. This is the greater menace.

Mr. H. G. Nelson, who has conducted the Star Theater in Gastonia for the past several months, has opened up the local office of the Western Union Telegraph Company.

Rev. J. A. Hoyle will begin a protracted meeting at High Shoals Baptist church Saturday night, and will be assisted in the preaching by Rev. C. M. Robbins, of Hickory. The meeting will continue through next week. The protracted meeting at the Loray Baptist church will begin Sunday morning, September 8th.

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MRS. JOHN HALL TEACHER OF PIANO AND ORGAN.

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SOUTHERN SECURITIES & TRUST CO. J. A. Gleason, Pres. C. M. Glenn, Treas. GASTONIA, N. C.

NOTICE.

North Carolina, Superior Court, Before the Clerk, E. M. Berry.

W. F. Berry, Nancy Cofer and her husband - Cofer, Clementine Nolen and her husband - Nolen, Bettie L. McKenzie and her husband - McKenzie, Robert Berry, Lulu Singer and her husband - Singer, Elizabeth Hunt and her husband - Hunt, Mrs. N. A. G. Caldwell and her husband - Caldwell, W. C. Berry and E. F. Berry.

The defendants W. F. Berry, Nancy Cofer and her husband - Cofer, Clementine Nolen and her husband - Nolen, Bettie L. McKenzie and her husband - McKenzie, Robert Berry, Lulu Singer and her husband - Singer, Elizabeth Hunt and her husband - Hunt, Mrs. N. A. G. Caldwell and her husband - Caldwell, W. C. Berry and E. F. Berry if living and if not then the heirs of the said E. F. Berry and all others who have or claim any interests in the lands hereinafter mentioned will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Gaston Co., North Carolina, for the purpose of selling for partition among the plaintiff and the defendants, certain tract of land situated in Sevier Point Township, Gaston county, North Carolina, adjoining the lands of J. M. Huffstader, J. W. Riddle, W. W. Wilson, J. M. Nolen and others, containing one hundred and ninety (190) acres more or less, formerly known as the Edwin M. Berry tract and more recently known as the Nancy J. Berry tract, and which is more fully described in the petition which is now on file in this office, and in which the said defendants have an interest, the defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Gaston County, North Carolina, on the 21st day of September 1907, and answer or demur to the verified petition which is now on file therein or the relief therein demanded will be granted. C. C. CORNWELL, Clerk Superior Court Gaston County, This 19th day August, 1907. Tyl04w.

Crased by the effects of a two-weeks' spree, Carl Fressley, of Webster City, Iowa, burned \$2500 in bills in the street, threw his diamond shirt studs into a sewer and then fatally shot himself in the presence of a large crowd in the city park.

The Southern Soldier Boy

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Gaston Loan & Trust Co. AT GASTONIA

in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business Aug. 22, 1907.

RESOURCES: Loans and discounts \$51,095.40 Overdrafts secured 22.57 Banking house \$3,000; Furniture and fixtures \$800 3,800.00 Demand Loans 790.00 Due from Banks and Bankers 6,523.87 Cash items 325.16 Gold coin 332.50 Silver coin, including all minor coin currency 232.04 National bank notes and other U. S. notes 406.00 Other resources 617.90 TOTAL \$64,145.50

LIABILITIES: Capital Stock \$15,000.00 Surplus fund 2,000.00 Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid 937.40 Bills payable 2,500.00 Time certificates of deposit 7,321.66 Deposits subject to check 35,829.58 Demand certificates of deposit 26.00 Treasurer's checks outstanding 99.60 Other liabilities 431.16 TOTAL \$64,145.50

State of North Carolina, County of Gaston, ss:

I, E. G. McLurd, treasurer of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

E. G. McLurd, Treasurer Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of Aug. 1907. L. C. PEGRAM, Notary Public.

Correct-Attest: S. N. BOYCE R. B. BABINGTON L. L. JENKINS } Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Mount Holly Bank, AT MT. HOLLY,

in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business, Aug. 22, 1907

RESOURCES: Loans and discounts \$29,150.88 Overdrafts secured 1,085.97 Furniture and Fixtures, 500.00 All other real estate owned. 500.00 Due from Banks and Bankers 28,817.01 Cash items 125.00 Gold coin, including all minor coin currency 158.22 National bank notes and other U. S. notes 1,015.00 TOTAL \$60,852.18

LIABILITIES: Capital Stock \$10,500.00 Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid 612.91 Time Certificates of Deposit 14,511.89 Deposits subject to check 35,216.98 Cashier's Checks outstanding 10.40 TOTAL \$60,852.18

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, GASTON COUNTY-ss:

I, J. A. COSTNER, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. A. COSTNER, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 28th day of Aug. 1907. John M. Hoover, Notary Public.

CORRECT-Attest: H. A. RHYNE J. M. SPRINGS } Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Farmers and Merchants Bank, At Stanley

in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business, Aug. 22, 1907.

RESOURCES: Loans and discounts \$16,454.13 Overdrafts secured 386.44 Furniture and Fixtures 417.68 All other real estate owned 587.50 Demand Loans 600.00 Due from Banks and Bankers 1,883.25 Cash items 120.00 Gold coin 101.92 Silver coin, including all minor coin currency 101.92 National bank notes and other U. S. notes 371.00 TOTAL \$20,931.92

LIABILITIES: Capital Stock \$9,000.00 Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid 472.65 Bills payable 1,000.00 Time Certificates of Deposit 9,808.05 Deposits subject to check 51.22 Cashier's Checks outstanding 51.22 TOTAL \$20,931.92

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, GASTON COUNTY-ss:

I, E. L. PEGRAM, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

E. L. PEGRAM, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 29th day of Aug. 1907. O. B. CARPENTER, Notary Public.

CORRECT-Attest: B. F. CARPENTER J. M. REINHARDT } Directors.

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