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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1910.

Concord has at last gotten a firm grip on the idea that in order to get a new passenger depot she must do more than simply bring the matter to the attention of the railroad authorities. At a meeting of the Citizens Club last Thursday night the transportation committee was authorized to take the matter up with the Corporation Commission and push it. The resolutions adopted refer to Concord as "an afflicted community" because of the inadequacy of the passenger depot. If Concord needs a new depot, how about Gastonia? When will our Commercial Club get the same idea; how long?

Surely the "morally stunted" have fallen on evil days in our sister city of Charlotte. According to the provisions of a new law, effective the first of January, they are compelled to have their booze come addressed to them in their own shoe nuff names and the package is labeled "whiskey" instead of glass as heretofore. In this respect they are no worse off than their brothers in all other towns in the State but, alas, Recorder Smith put more gravel in the road last week when he instructed the chief of police to let no man come into his court under an assumed name. If "Mr. Prominent Citizen" falls by the wayside he must wear his own name when he appears before the recorder for trial. Surely, the road of the booze artist is a hard one in Charlotte.

Considerable interest is manifested by the reading public in the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation now in progress in Washington. So far the

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principal witness has been L. R. Glavis, a former attache of the forestry bureau of the Department of the Interior, who lost his official head along with Pinchot and several others. Glavis told of numbers of interviews he had with Secretary Ballinger and his testimony as a whole is pretty strong against that official. The investigation will be resumed Friday and will probably consume several weeks yet as there are numbers of witnesses yet to be heard. As this investigation has to do with a very important subject involving as it does the saving to the people of valuable public lands rich in forests, water powers and minerals, it is to be hoped that the investigation will prove to be a genuine one and that the whole truth will come out.

**New Telephone Directory.**

The Piedmont Telephone & Telegraph Co. has just issued a new telephone directory combining the Gastonia and Bessemer City exchanges in one book of 20 pages. In addition to this it contains lists of subscribers at Belmont, Bowling Green, Dallas, High Shoals, Hardin, Lowell, McAdenville, Pleasant Ridge, Stanley and South Point. This directory is dated January 1, 1910. In the future the company will issue a new directory every six months, the next one to be dated July 1st. After this also the street addresses of the Gastonia subscribers will be given. The directory was printed by The Gazette Publishing Company.

**Strong Proof.**

Washington Herald.  
"Sued for a breach of promise, eh?"  
"Yep."  
"Any defence?"  
"Temporary insanity, and I expect to prove it by the love letters I wrote."

**Gastonia Cotton.**

These figures represent the prices: paid to wagons, Feb. 1:  
Good middling ..... 14 1-4c  
Strict middling ..... 14 1-8c  
Middling ..... 14c  
Cotton seed ..... 30c

**HOW TO LIVE LONG.**

**Caldwell's Oldest Citizen Died Last Week, Lacking Only Four Months of Being a Century Old.**

Lenoir Topic.  
The death of Mr. Gilliam Coffey has removed from Caldwell county our oldest citizen and a most remarkable character. It is a matter of interest to note that Mr. Coffey was born during the administration of James Madison, fourth President of the United States, was old enough to vote for Andrew Jackson, seventh President, and was more than fifty years of age at the beginning of the Civil War. And in his exceptional longevity, the young men of this nervous, restless age, might learn a valuable lesson. He was never dissipated and never subjected himself to any unnecessary exposure. He did not drink, was regular in all his habits and always took the world as it came without worrying. He was always busy, but never overworked, nor engaged in anything to excess. He read books and papers and could converse intelligently on subjects of general interest. If the young people of this age could adjust themselves to this plan of living, we might have reason to hope for many centenarians within the next hundred years.

**Special Rates.**

On account of the Mardi Gras celebrations the Southern Railway will sell tickets to the following points at the following reduced prices: to New Orleans and return, \$22.30; to Mobile and return, \$18.10; to Pensacola and return, \$12.34. Tickets on sale February 1st to 7th inclusive with return limit February 19th. By depositing \$1 with the validating agent at these places the final return limit may be extended to March 7th.

**Ill in Georgia.**

Mrs. J. P. Glenn left on No. 12 yesterday afternoon for Savannah, Ga., having been summoned by a telegram received yesterday morning stating that her son, Mr. William W. Glenn, was dangerously ill in St. Joseph's Hospital in that city. The message did not state the nature of his illness. Mr. Glenn is connected with the Atlantic Coast Line Railway at Savannah. His many friends in Gastonia will regret to learn of his serious illness and will anxiously await tidings from his bedside.

**Our Honor Roll.**

Since our last roll was published on Tuesday, January 25th, the following persons have made payments on subscription: R. R. Johnson, P. H. Smith, W. C. Abernethy, James F. Weir, L. C. Arrowood, H. F. Oakley, H. Aubrey Costner, R. H. Redding, J. M. Hanna, F. P. Love, L. A. Reynolds, E. Grant Pasour, W. M. Nolen, E. A. Morrow, J. G. Shannon, R. L. Davis, W. A. Grissom, J. Mack Holland, C. W. Nipper, J. D. Howe, J. L. Henderson, W. S. Robinson, N. A. Jenkins, Mrs. M. A. Baker, P. M. Rhyne, Rev. A. S. Anderson, Jacob Kiser, E. H. Adams, J. M. Shuford, W. D. Anthony, Miss Mildred Rankin.

Even if some people could be made to understand that every cloud has a silver lining they would kick because it wasn't gold.

**DIPLOMACY.**

**A Vague Threat That Meant Nothing, but Brought Quick Results.**

The late Lord Salisbury some years ago sent a foreign office emissary to make some demands of a South American republic. Before setting out on his mission the emissary, to whom his lordship had explained the exact nature of the demands, desired to be informed as to the course to take if, after he had said everything, there was a refusal.

"Oh," answered Lord Salisbury, "this is not a matter in which we have the least thought of fighting! If the president refuses, why, you will simply have to come home again."

The emissary went and had his say to the president of the republic, who blankly refused to give in, and the diplomat retired to think things over. A few hours later he wrote to the president:

"I regret that your excellency does not see your way to recognize the justice of the claims which I have had the honor to present. I have now to say, on behalf of her Britannic majesty's government, that unless your excellency yields on all points which I have named it will be my painful duty to act on the second half of my instructions."

Under this vague and significant threat the president yielded at once.—London Telegraph.

**HAUNTED ALASKAN ISLAND.**

**Ghosts of Russian Exiles Who Died of Starvation or Torture.**

To the south and west of Kodiak, distant about 100 miles and forming one of the Semidi group, is the island of Chirikof, the haunted island of Alaska.

Enshrouded for a great portion of the time with almost impenetrable fog, this lonely isle is an object of terror to the natives, who claim it is haunted by the ghosts of Russian exiles. The natives will not go near the island, saying it means certain death to invade the cannibal confines, and there are few men in the far north who have the temerity to test the truth of the many and weird tales told of this forbidding and barren island.

Shipmasters and sailors passing the place assert that the agonizing cries of Russian exiles sent there to starve or die by torture are sometimes heard on quiet nights, while the clink of chains and the sound of blows are testified to in an affidavit by a white man who once attempted to remain there for a week and who nearly lost his reason.—Tanana Tribune.

**The Noise Habit.**

A personal experience first showed the writer the possibility of a state of affairs where the habit of noise could become as fixed as the habit of a drug. Waking one night in the quiet of a country house far from other habitations, I suddenly heard the starting of the hot air engine which pumped the water—chug, chug, chug, chug. I lay listening to its monotonous vibrations and wondering at the unusual hour for pumping until I fell asleep. The next night the sound was repeated. On mentioning the matter to my host he confessed that he could not sleep in the quiet of the country; that the sudden change from the roar of a great city to the silence of the woods was so great as to cause him real suffering. As his only way to rest he would leave the house in the middle of the night, start up the pump and, lying down in a nearby hammock, find sleep brought him by the lullaby of the hot air engine. That man recognized that he had the noise habit and finally conquered it.—Hollis Godfrey in Atlantic.

**Oddly Named.**

A Mr. Hudson, who had made a large fortune as a dentist, had built a very expensive country house near Dublin, but of such an extraordinary construction as to bid defiance to the criticism of the architect. One day after dinner at Curran's this singular mansion became a subject of merriment for his guests. The question for their satirical inquiry was, "What was its order of architecture?" One said it certainly was Grecian, another contended it was Saxon and a third that it was oriental, when their host thus interposed: "Excuse me, gentlemen, you are all wrong. It is Turk-un. From the irregularities of the mansion and from its proprietor being a dentist the Irish call it Snaggetooth Hall."—London Answers.

**Not Worth a Rush.**

"Not worth a rush" is, as a popular saying, the predecessor of the now more common simile "not worth a straw." In precarpet days it was the custom to strew the floors of dwelling houses. When guests of rank were entertained fresh rushes were spread for them, but folk of lower degree had to be content with rushes that had already been used, while still humbler persons had none, as not even being "worth a rush."—London Standard.

**The Benefit of the Doubt.**

Horrid Citizen—Hey, there! What are you pounding that man for? Man on Top—He says he can't remember whether he ever called me a liar or not. I'm (blift) giving him (blift) the benefit of the doubt.—Chicago Tribune.

**The Producer.**

"Does your husband play cards for money?"  
"Judging from practical results," answered young Mrs. Torkins, "I should say not. But all the other men in the game do."—Washington Star.

The man who loves home best and loves it most uselessly loves his country best.—J. G. Holland.

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Notice is hereby given to the tax payers that I will be at the city hall in Gastonia for the purpose of collecting taxes on Saturday, January 20th and on each Saturday during the months of February, namely the 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th. At all other times the tax books will be found in my office at the Bank of Dallas. I will also be at Dallas every day during the February term of court.

All parties who have not paid their privilege taxes for the year will please mail money for same to me at once and I will forward their licenses to them.

Every tax payer who has not yet paid his taxes is urged to settle at once.

**T. E. SHUFORD**  
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