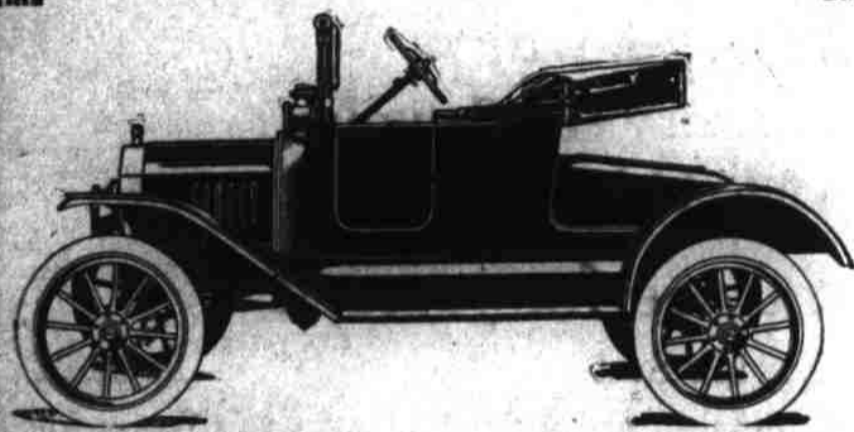


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**HEARD ON THE STREETS**

Indiscriminate Observations and Rambling Notes Gathered Here and There at Random Over the City by One of the News Gatherers.

"Where is the traffic policeman?" asked a Gastonia citizen of a group of men at the corner of the postoffice Saturday night.

"Don't believe I can tell you," replied one of the men, "because I don't think there's any cop around these digins by that name. If there is I've never heard about him and I've been living here for the past 15 years."

"Well, I just wanted to show him a little sight down here in front of the Ideal Theatre," continued the citizen number one. "Down there a wagon can hardly get by the four automobiles that are parked on the street. Yes sir, there's four, two on each side of the street, cause I counted them myself."

"Say," joined in a third citizen, "let me tell you what I saw the other day on Main street. There were two Fords and an Overland touring car parked right down yonder in front of the new First National Bank building all at the same time. I don't know how the three cars managed to get in there but it looked like they had been shuffled up and thrown down together."

"Well what do you reckon people want to crowd their cars in a place like that for," inquired business man number four. "Don't know," answered several, "but they will do it, and at times it looks as if there was a contest on offering the man who managed to place his car in a position that occupied the most space some kind of a prize."

About that time a friend came along with a seven-passenger limousine and everybody piled in and took a ride.

"I did my last fighting many years ago," declared a prominent Gastonia physician several days ago in Torrence's Drug Store as he was discussing various things in a brief way with the editor of this column.

"It was a way back when I was just a kid," he continued, "and at that time I had an idea that everybody and everything was subservient to me. There came a time when I learned that I had been laboring under a false impression however. It happened this way: I was playing mumble-peg one day when a little skinny fellow walked up and looked on over my shoulder. I thought he had no business watching me so I

slapped him with the back of my hand. He took it good-naturedly, but I wasn't satisfied so I struck him again. In about one-third of the time it takes to tell it, that boy had jumped on me and was giving me a good, sound whipping before I knew what was happening. When it was all over I felt kinder like I'd been through a thrashing machine. Then it was that I learned that there were other people in the world besides myself. I would never have learned the lesson so impressively in any other way."

Almost every man can recall in his boyhood days one or more of those instances when a fistcut with some playmate was necessary to settle a little difference. The days have passed, however, when a man tries to settle a dispute with another by main strength and brute force. The days when might made right have passed, and it is well that they have.

"With all of its cotton mills, railroads, asphalt streets, cement sidewalks, electric railways, hotels and what not, Gastonia is a long way from that point when she can be called a city. I have traveled in a great many States in the past two years and never before have I witnessed such a miserable arrangement as Gastonia has with reference to its traffic on Main street. I was actually astonished."

Thus asserted a visitor to Gastonia several days ago to his brother with whom he was spending a few days. There can be no argument advanced by any Gastonian in defense of this question. Gastonia has undoubtedly the poorest excuse for a traffic ordinance of any town in North Carolina or even in the South. Automobiles are parked on Main street within a few feet of the car line, crossings are blocked, mufflers are kept wide open, no consideration is given the pedestrians while practically every automobile that moves up and down Main street in Gastonia violates the law by exceeding the speed limit. Not a day passes but the editor of this column is asked why something is not done to remedy this condition of affairs.

"You know what's so," said a citizen Saturday, "Gastonia folks have just sat down and let Lincoln, York, Rock Hill and every other town around here get ahead of them on this keep-to-the-right proposition. And it's a bad advertisement for the town, too. It's a mystery to me why some of the city fathers don't take the initiative in this matter and put a traffic ordinance into effect."

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**Which President Said:**

"To be prepared for war is one of the most effective means of preserving peace?"

"No, you're wrong. It wasn't Roosevelt. It wasn't Wilson, either. You're simply guessing, now."

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Below will be found a few prices which will give you an inkling of the bargains in store for you here:

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- 25 Ladies' Serge and Poplin Skirts, all new, to clean up quick, at 1-3 off regular price.
- 30 Wash Skirts, values \$1.00 and \$1.25, special for this sale .... 69c
- 25 Crepe de Chine and Silk Waists, values up to \$1.25, to go at ..... 79c
- 15 Ladies' White Voile and Marquisette Dresses, values up to \$8.00, to go in this sale at 1-3 off regular price.
- 25 Children's White Dresses, sizes 2 to 12 years, values 50c to \$2, 1-3 off.

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