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DID US GOOD.

Gastonia was exceedingly glad to have as her guests last week about a hundred and fifty of the State's brightest women who came as delegates to the annual convention of the North Carolina Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. An added pleasure is found in the fact that they all, with one accord, departed voicing high praise of the manner in which they were received and entertained by the people of Gastonia.

A large majority of these ladies had never been in Gastonia. They were astonished at the size and quality of our town. They will talk about it. In this way Gastonia will get a vast amount of the most desirable kind of advertising.

Gastonia will be benefited greatly in another respect. To have had within our bounds for nearly a week a hundred and fifty cultured, refined, educated, enthusiastic women has a splendid educational influence. The homes where they were guests benefited by their presence. All who came in contact with them were influenced for the better. It was truly a benediction to entertain them.

There are more than a dozen towns in the State large enough to entertain the Daughters but we hope they will not make the complete rounds before coming back to Gastonia again. The Gazette believes it voices the sentiment of the entire community when it says that we would be glad to entertain them just any old time they should manifest a desire to come back.

WAS A SUCCESS.

The Gazette has already stated in its news columns more than once that the second annual Gaston County Fair was a success but we cannot refrain from taking occasion, somewhat belated though it be, to call to the attention of our readers, more especially those engaged in agricultural pursuits, the success of this fair in an effort to impress upon them its value to the county as a permanent institution.

In last Friday's Gazette we republished an editorial from The Rock Hill (S. C.) Herald giving an outsider's unbiased view of the fair. The article was very complimentary and The Herald is due our thanks for the splendid publicity it gave the fair.

It was unfortunate that it was necessary for The Herald to have to say that the general agricultural exhibit was very poor. The statement was entirely true, we regret to say. Some excuse for it is found in the fact that the season was bad and that the floods annihilated much of the bottom land crops. That, however, does not explain the paucity of agricultural exhibits altogether. It cannot be denied that our farmers, a great many of them, did not manifest the interest they should have manifested in the fair. The exhibits by the boys' corn clubs and the girls' sewing clubs were splendid. That the general agricultural exhibits

could have been much better we firmly believe. That they will be better next year we confidently hope. Eventually the farmer, poultryman and livestock raiser is the man who will benefit most from the fair. It follows that these classes should lead the fair their most hearty support and we feel confident that they will, once the matter has been given careful thought.

WHY WILSON GROWS STRONGER.

The Republican national campaign is based upon two theories. First, that the American people are fools; and second that money can elect a President. These are the guiding principles of the Republican managers. The business of exploiting the American people as fools has been entrusted to Mr. Hughes and the other Republican speakers. The business of electing a President with money is in the hands of the trusted lieutenants of the Old Guard.

Of the Republican money the supply is inexhaustible. Every reactionary interest, every financial and corporate element that fattens off privilege and partnership with government, is pouring its contributions into the Republican campaign chest with a lavishness that would have won the envy of Mark Hanna. Whatever can be done with money in this campaign, the Hughes managers are in a position to do it.

In other respects the Republican campaign adheres rigidly to the doctrine that the American people are ignorant and uninformed, that they do no thinking for themselves and are sufficiently credulous to believe anything that a Republican orator tells them. Mr. Hughes is the great apostle of this doctrine. All his campaign speeches draw their inspiration from the belief that if he attacks the President viciously and vindictively, it is not necessary that he should have issues or policies or a programme of his own. His notion is that the average American voter is too stupid to ask what would really happen if President Wilson were defeated and Mr. Hughes elected. The thing to do, in Mr. Hughes's opinion, is to inflame popular passion and prejudice against the President without allowing the country to know what a Hughes Administration would do or what it would mean. To present a programme of government would enable the voters to make comparisons between the President's policies and achievements and Mr. Hughes's promises. Such a comparison must not be permitted, and so Mr. Hughes puffs out a German-Wall Street trail toward the White House.

Republican confidence in the inherent stupidity of the American people attained its highest fulfillment in Elihu Root's speech in Carnegie Hall last night. Even Mr. Hughes has never reached such heights of contempt for American intelligence. Sneering at the claim that President Wilson has kept us out of war, Mr. Root said:

"Never since Columbus sighted San Salvador has there been a time when it has been so easy for America to keep out of war by doing nothing as it has been during the great conflict now raging in the Old World."

Such a statement as that takes it for granted not merely that the American people are fools, but that they are idiots. It assumes that their brains are closed to all possible channels of information and knowledge. Mr. Root might as well have told them that there was no war in Europe, and that the reports of a war were the sensational inventions of a licentious press inspired by a ribald Government in Washington.

Yet this is the kind of campaign that the Republican candidates and speakers have conducted since the night that Mr. Hughes delivered his speech of acceptance. It has no parallel in American history. Never before was a presidential candidacy presented to the country on so low and contemptible an intellectual plane.

Is it surprising that President Wilson is growing stronger every day and that Mr. Hughes is growing weaker? How could it be otherwise? The American people are not fools. The Presidency of the United States is not for sale. The millions that Wall Street is flushing into the Republican coffers cannot take the place of conscience, courage and conviction in a Presidential contest, and in conscience, courage and conviction the Hughes campaign is poorer than the poorest and most miserable of paupers.

To Give Oyster Supper.

On Saturday night of this week, beginning at 8 o'clock, the members of the Flint Mill Betterment Association will give an oyster supper for the benefit of the association. Everybody is invited.

Directors to Meet.

President F. P. Hall, of the Greater Gaston County Association, has today called a meeting of the directors of the association to be held Friday night at 8 o'clock in the office of the superintendent of schools at the county court house. President Hall with Acting Secretary Roberts is engaged in working out plans of operation and work to be accomplished, recommendations, etc., which he will put before the board on Friday night.

Born

To Mr. and Mrs. John Petches, Saturday, October 14th, a daughter. On Friday, October 13, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Loftin, a daughter. To Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Hill, Tuesday, October 17, 1916, a son.

NURSE COMMITTEE MEETING.

The public health nurse committee of the Woman's Betterment Association will hold its regular monthly meeting Saturday afternoon, October 21, at 3:30 o'clock. All members of the committee are expected to be present. The committee will meet at the residence of Mrs. D. E. LaFar on South Chester street.

PROSPERITY NOT DUE TO DEMANDS OF WAR

Bulk Is Ordinary Business, Declares Charles M. Schwab.

\$2,500,000,000 TRADE BALANCE

Department of Commerce Figures Show Vast Gains in Wealth—Under Wilson United States is a Creditor Nation For First Time—Munitions Business Only 1 Per Cent of Total.

In answer to the cry of Republican politicians that the unprecedented prosperity that has come to America under the administration of President Wilson is due to European war orders come a statement from Charles M. Schwab, head of the Bethlehem Steel Company, himself a Republican, that refutes the charge.

"It is a mistake to imagine that the major portion of our business is war order business," says Mr. Schwab in a signed article in the October number of System. "Even a casual inspection of the great volume of exports will demonstrate that the bulk is drawn from the ordinary course of business. It is also found that at present prices domestic business is as profitable as foreign munition business."

No one can doubt the capability of Mr. Schwab to judge the business situation, nor can one gainsay the recent figures issued by the Department of Commerce. In this report it is stated that during the first eight months of the present fiscal year the exports of the United States showed a trade balance in favor of this country of \$1,780,000,000.

Trade Balance \$2,500,000,000. Predictions are made that the trade balance for the entire year will exceed the unprecedented figure of \$2,500,000,000. The value of the exports for the eight months was \$3,435,969,212, an increase of \$1,205,882,100 over the same period last year.

Another financial authority, too, has spoken—Charles Hayden, of Boston. He estimates that American securities held abroad have been reduced from \$6,000,000,000, before the war, to \$1,000,000,000 at the present time. Coincidentally, the United States has become a creditor of foreign nations, for the first time in history, to the extent of \$1,500,000,000. Under Wilson, therefore, we have wiped out \$6,000,000,000 of foreign indebtedness, and are a creditor to the amount of \$500,000,000.

Mr. Hayden calls attention to the fact that this always was a debtor nation under Republican rule.

All Classes Prosperous. And so, from all sections of the country, from all kinds and classes of business, from the merchant, the manufacturer, the farmer, the workman, come reports of unparalleled prosperity. The Chamber of Commerce of the United States, in an official report, declares that basic stocks are rising, that railroad earnings are abnormally high (indicating the great movement of commodities), and that the national prosperity will continue.

Not temporary prosperity, due to the war, is this that is filling the coffers of the nation. It has a sound basis for permanency, made certain by the laws enacted under the Wilson administration. The President himself, in his recent speech at Baltimore, emphasized the value to the country of the Tariff Commission, the Trade Commission, the Federal Reserve Board and the shipping bill. These enactments not only will stimulate the productivity of the country, but will safeguard its output and provide a means of conveying it to all the parts of the world.

How Business Has Gained.

Here is just a glimpse at percentages, prepared by expert statisticians, that prove what the Wilson administration has done for the people:

- Increase in bank deposits, 68 per cent; money in circulation, 22 per cent; stock of gold in United States, 34.1 per cent; foreign commerce, 82.7 per cent; balance of trade in favor of United States, 287.6 per cent; agricultural exports, 44.1 per cent; manufacturing exports, 153 per cent; railway revenues, 47.6 per cent; value of general crops and live stock, 12.4 per cent; value of wheat crop, 67.5 per cent; output of pig iron, 35 per cent; production of steel, 35.5 per cent; farm lands, 12.7 per cent; men employed in manufacturing, 23.2 per cent; wages paid in manufacturing, 41.5 per cent; capital employed in manufacturing, 80.9 per cent; value of manufactured products, 41.2 per cent.

So, it may be seen that all lines of industry have profited under the great wave of prosperity that the Democratic administration has wrought.

AND THE MUNITIONS BUSINESS COMPRISES ONLY ONE PER CENT OF THE TOTAL OF MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS.

Is it the part of wisdom, therefore, to gamble with prosperity such as this? Will the American voter dare to throw away a sure thing?

TOO MUCH PROSPERITY FOR FOREIGN WANT ADS.

Indicating the prosperity that exists in Jamestown, N. Y., the Journal of that place wrote recently to a Buffalo advertiser as follows: "We ask that you kindly do not insist upon our publication of your advertisement for help wanted. There is a great scarcity of labor in our local market, and, out of deference to the interests of Jamestown manufacturers, we prefer not to publish such ads that may further complicate the local labor situation."

STATEMENT OF CONDITION		The First National Bank	
Gastonia, N. C.		At the Close of Business September 25, 1916	
RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts	\$1,026,685.08	Capital	\$ 150,000.00
U. S. Bonds to secure Circulation	100,000.00	Surplus	100,000.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	4,500.00	Undivided Profits (net)	79,262.55
Banking House	86,258.36	Circulation	100,000.00
Cash and in Banks	424,141.62	Deposits	1,212,322.51
Total	\$1,641,585.06	Total	\$1,641,585.06

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 L. L. JENKINS, President
 J. LEE ROBINSON, Active Vice-President
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 M. T. WILSON, Asst. Cashier

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IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

MUSIC CLUB MEETING.

The Gazette is requested to state that the Music Club will hold its regular meeting with Miss Lucy Boyce at her home on South York street Wednesday afternoon of this week at 3:30 o'clock.

MRS. BROCKMAN WAS HONORED.

During Friday's session of the U. D. C. State Convention the Gastonia Chapter was highly honored through one of its members, Mrs. T. M. Brockman, when Mrs. Brockman was introduced to the convention and was requested to read her poem, "October's Gift," which had been given a place in the convention program booklet.

NAMES WERE OMITTED.

The Gazette regrets exceedingly that in the report carried in Friday's issue of the reception given by William Gaston Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution last Tuesday night at Moore Place the names of Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Sparrow, Mr. and Mrs. Linden Smith, of Clover; Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Robinson, of Gastonia, and Miss Dorothy Nims, of Mount Holly, were inadvertently omitted from the list of those constituting the receiving line.

D. A. R. MEETS FRIDAY AT CLOVER.

William Gaston Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution will hold its next regular meeting Friday afternoon of this week at 3 o'clock with Mrs. Linden Smith at her home in Clover. The members will go to Clover in autos. The program for this meeting is as follows: Current events; paper, "Colonial Days and Revolutionary Times in Our County," by Mrs. F. P. Hall; paper, "Gaston's Part in the Revolutionary War" by Miss Lowry Shuford; reading by Mrs. R. M. Johnston; discussion, "On Memorials That Should Be," led by Mrs. Andrew E. Moore.

Mr. Grier Love Married.

The following from Sunday's Charlotte Observer will be of interest to many Gazette readers: Coming as a surprise to their many friends in this city was the announcement of the marriage early Saturday afternoon of Miss Mildred Penny, a trained nurse at the Charlotte Sanatorium, to John Grier Love, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Love, of Myers Park. The wedding took place at the parsonage of Rev. E. L. Bain with only a few friends and relatives present. The bride is from Wilmington and has been at the Charlotte Sanatorium for the past several months.

MISS SUSIE LOVE TO BE MARRIED.

Her large number of Gastonia friends will be interested in the announcement which comes from Charlotte that Miss Susie Evelyn Love, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Love, is to be married in November to Mr. Charles Wilson Norman, of that city. The date of the wedding has not yet been announced. The bride-to-be, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Love, is an exceptionally bright young woman, pretty, vivacious and attractive. She spent her girlhood in Gastonia and has here a wide circle of admiring friends. The groom-elect is a son of Mrs. L. C. Norman, of Charlotte, and holds a responsible position with the Ford Motor Company. He is a young man of handsome personality and genial manners.

DINNER PARTIES FOR VISITING DAUGHTERS.

On last Friday evening at their home on Second avenue and Chester street Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Robinson entertained with a 6 o'clock dinner for a number of ladies who were here in attendance on the annual convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Their guests were Mrs. L. E. Fisher, of Hendersonville; Mesdames John F. Yount and W. C. Feimster, of Newton; Mrs. W. F. Marshall, of Raleigh; and Mrs. F. L. Smyre, Mrs. S. A. Robinson and Mrs. D. M. Jones, of Gastonia. The evening was a thoroughly delightful one throughout. Among the many delightful dinner parties given last week in hon-



LADIES' SHOES

We have just received by Express one lot of Ladies Grey Kid Lace Shoes and one lot of Ladies Gem Kid Lace Shoes. These are the newest styles and they are selling fast.

Price \$6.00 and \$7.00

ROBINSON SHOE CO.

NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

For President:
 Woodrow Wilson, New Jersey.
For Vice-President:
 Thos. R. Marshall, Indiana.
Democratic Electors at Large:
 Cameron Morrison, Mecklenburg; J. O. Carr, New Hanover county.
Democratic District Electors:
 First District, J. C. Carter, Jr.; Second District, G. V. Cowper; Third District, D. E. Henderson; Fourth District, T. T. Thorne; Fifth District, Thos. J. Gold; Sixth District, J. B. Clark; Seventh District, B. C. Ashcraft; Eighth District, Mark Squires; Ninth District, W. M. Wilson; Tenth District, Felix E. Alley.
Democratic Congressional Nominees:
 First District, John H. Small; Second District, Claude Kitchen; Third District, George Hood; Fourth District, Edward W. Fou; Fifth District, Chas. M. Stedman; Sixth District, H. L. Godwin; Seventh District, L. D. Robinson; Eighth District, R. L. Doughton; Ninth District, E. Y. Webb; Tenth District, Zebulon Weaver.
For Governor:
 THOS. WALTER BICKETT
For Lieutenant-Governor:
 O. MAX GARDNER
For Secretary of State:
 J. BRYAN GRIMES
For State Auditor:
 W. P. WOOD
For State Treasurer:
 B. R. LACY
For Superintendent of Public Instruction:
 J. Y. JOINER
For Attorney-General:
 JAMES S. MANNING
For Commissioner of Labor and Printing:
 MITCHELL LEE SHIPMAN
For Commissioner of Agriculture:
 W. A. GRAHAM
For Member of Corporation Commission:
 WILLIAM T. LEE
For Insurance Commissioner:
 JAMES B. YOUNG
For Judge Superior Court—Third District:
 JOHN H. KERR
For Judge Superior Court—Eighth District:
 W. F. STACY

Thirty thousand people attended the Central Carolina Fair at Greensboro last week. The Carolina State Bank at Gibson, Scotland county, will open for business this week. Kannapolis now has a population of 5,099 according to a house-to-house census just completed. Ham White, superintendent of the Cornelius Cotton Mills, died Saturday. Miss Anne Rosette Shelton, of Mobile, Ala., a teacher in the Spartanburg city schools, died Saturday from burns sustained two weeks previous when she overturned an alcohol lamp.