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IS AN INSPIRING STORY

OF DAYS OF ROMANCE NOW GONE BY

"The Birth of a Nation" Pictures realistic scenes in the "Time That Tried Men's Souls"—To be Seen Here Wednesday and Thursday.

Art is long, says the poet, and outlasts throne or emperor. Occasionally, however, old art ideals sway and totter to their fall, whilst a daring revolutionist seizes the sceptre and remakes the world. This is exactly what David Wark Griffith, foremost of directors, is believed by many critics to have done by the production of his magnificent spectacle, "The Birth of a Nation," which will be seen at the Ideal Theatre next Wednesday and Thursday.

Griffith had an idea that oral speech could be eliminated in great drama. He supplied the absence of words by a symphonic musical score which fits the action like a garment. Result: A new kind of grand opera—motion picture plus music plus mechanical effects—that bids fair to surpass the achievements of the dramatic stage on the one hand and the most pretentious works of operatic composers on the other.

The director put on "The Birth of a Nation" as no other filmed play—not even "Cabaria" or "Quo Vadis"—had been put on. He used half of a great State for his locale; 150 years of American history as his subject; 18,000 people as his actors; 3,000 riders and steeds as his cavalry; 5,000 scenes instead of a few scores or a few hundred. His work dwarfed the old-fashioned stage art to such pettiness that many are wondering whether the so-called "indoor" drama is not doomed to long and possibly total eclipse.

"The Birth of a Nation" is an inspiring story of romance, love and patriotism culminating in the "times that tried men's souls", the times of Civil War and Reconstruction. Suggested by Thomas Dixon's "The Clansman", it covers a far wider

scope and imparts a vastly greater thrill. New York, Chicago, Boston, San Francisco, Los Angeles crowded for many months the theatres where it was being simultaneously played.

For the first time in theatrical history a motion picture is being presented as a regular attraction at regular prices in regular first-class playhouses. The success speaks for itself. The Griffith drama comes here with a baggage equipment of two sixty foot cars, a complete staff including mechanical experts and stage crew, and a large symphonic orchestra regularly carried on tour—a company of 50 people altogether.

The story embraces beautiful romances of the Blue and the Gray. Ben Cameron the Clansman and his Northern sweetheart Elsie; Capt. Phil Stoneman, U. S. A., and sweet Margaret Cameron the South Carolina lassie. Among the principals of the largest cast ever assembled for a dramatic entertainment are Henry B. Walthall, Mae Marsh, Lillian Gish, Mirlan Cooper, Josephine Crowell, Spottiswoode Aiken, Ralph Lewis, Elmer Clifton, Robert Barron, Wallace Reed, Mary Alden, George Feggenmann, Walter Long, Joseph Henderson, Raoul Walsh, Donald Crisp, Howard Gaye, John McGlynn, Ernest Campbell, John French, J. A. Berneice.

DO WE OWE THE MERCHANTS A LIVING?

To the Editor of The Gazette:

From indications some merchants seem to think that the town in which they live owes them a living and that if they are not prospering the people are to blame. They blame the people for going to the larger city to do their trading. Why shouldn't they go if their home merchants don't carry what they want, or don't display it in nice style, or don't have clerks that know their business and their stock? Why not, if the home merchant doesn't advertise his goods. Actually some merchants boast of not spending any money advertising. The idea of such a thing. He should be ashamed to ever admit it. This kind of merchant has some limit to his

business. If this same merchant would do some common-sense advertising, spend a few dollars once in a while to show his customers his appreciation of their trade, he would be a bigger merchant. Service sometimes makes sales when prices won't. There isn't a merchant on earth that hasn't the same chance to build up a million dollar business that the big merchants have, but he's got to take a few chances and be a public-spirited man.

How many stores in Gaston county towns are advertising their goods. How many keep attractive clean windows with fresh stock. How many are not crowded to death with stock on tables in the middle of the floor, some of which stock is salable only in the hottest day in June? How many Gaston county store clerks know their stocks, their prices and how to wait on a customer intelligently? Stores with these faults send their trade to the larger cities because the customer finds in the larger cities clean attractive stores, with neat looking clerks who know their business and their goods. A small store, if its only stock, can look clean and neat and keep the stock orderly and teach the clerks to know their business.

Gaston county merchants are no exceptions, but why not make them an exception? Do we want to be like all other stores, or do we want to take the lead by having attractive stores with clerks intelligent and attractive fronts and courtesies written on every side. Which?

TRADE-AT-HOME.
December 4, 1916.

The Aspen Cotton Mills of Fayetteville has granted a ten per cent increase in wages to their operatives.

Vance C. McCormick, chairman of the democratic national committee, has been presented with an 18-inch loving cup by the democrats of Winston-Salem. The money for the cup was raised by popular subscription and is given in token of the appreciation of the W-S people for the services rendered the American people as chairman of the national committee.

DR. JOHNSON HERE SUNDAY.

Editor of Charity and Children, of Thomasville, Was a Gastonia Visitor and Made Address at First Baptist Church in Interest of the Thomasville Orphanage—"Thanksgiving; Was His Theme.

Gastonia Baptists had the pleasure Sunday of hearing Dr. Archibald Johnson, of Thomasville, who is editor of Charity and Children. He spoke at the First Baptist church at the 11 o'clock service, basing his talk on the following scripture: "Give thanks unto the Lord for he is good. His mercy endureth forever." In substance he said:

Thanksgiving originated in New England with the Pilgrim fathers who at Plymouth gave thanks to the Almighty for a year of abundance they had been blessed with after their first year's habitation on American soil. In New England Thanksgiving is celebrated mainly by a social gathering with good things to eat, when loved ones gather around the parental fireside. It is a day of pleasure and unalloyed happiness. This is certainly a fine thing but there should be some thanks of praise and sacrificial service to the Lord for the benefits we have received during the past year. In North Carolina and the South the supreme aim of our people, when they meet on Thanksgiving Day, is to help and bless those who most need help. Thanksgiving in the South means more than a mere day of jollity. It means a day in which the people not only give praise to God but make their thanks efficient by aiding the destitute and afflicted.

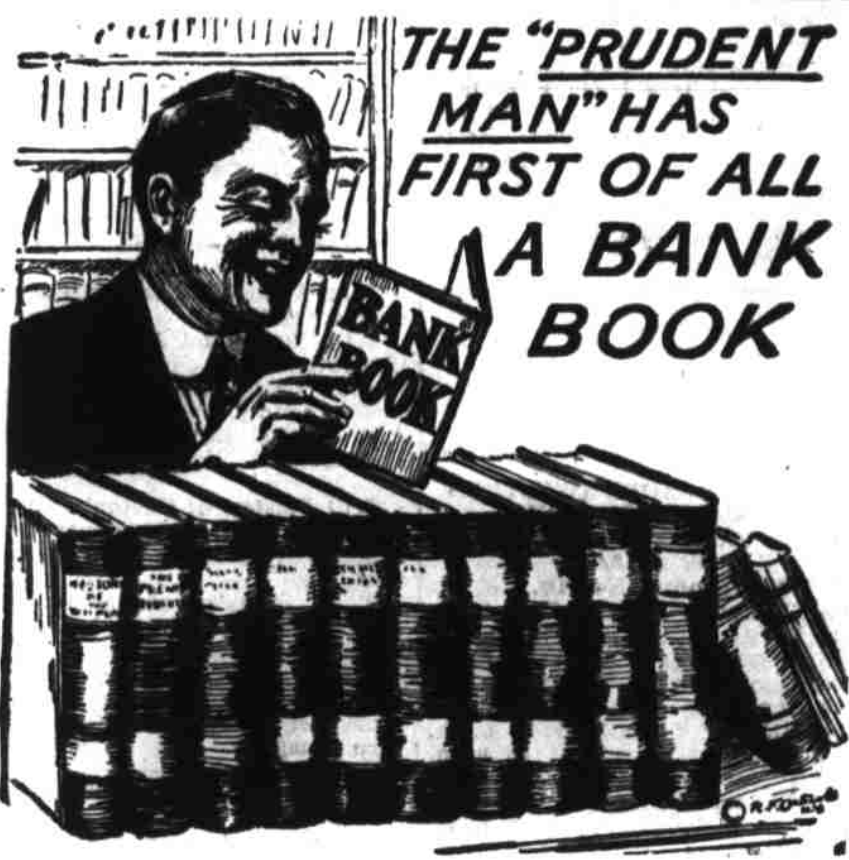
All of the Thanksgiving proclamations the one written by Governor Jarvis many years ago was the best. He asked the people to send assistance to the orphanages over the State because he knew the children in those homes needed help much more than any other class of people. President Wilson's 1916 proclamation was evidently given over to the boys to write. It falls to measure up to the fine work that he is capable of doing.

The people of America have never had a time to be more grateful than now. More than half of the world is bathed in fratricidal blood and this country is at peace with God and man. I believe war always and everywhere is of the devil, because God did not intend that man should destroy his brother. I have never been convinced that the Civil War was a righteous war. I stand with the Quakers on the subject of war. There is never any excuse for war and the United States should not become embroiled in the conflict.

Your orphanage is doing a great work at Thomasville. It is taking care of 500 fatherless children, 450 at Thomasville and 50 at Kinston, in Lenoir county. The health during the past year has been excellent, and never was the outlook brighter than now. The debt of the orphanage has been completely wiped out and the institution is now on a solid foundation. The Baptists of North Carolina have supported this institution since it was founded, not a cent having been received from the State or any other source. It is a great and laudable undertaking and the Baptists of the State are proud of it.

Dr. Johnson then spoke of the management of the orphanage and the efficient work they were doing, of the life of the children in the home, of the money it required to support the institution and how nobly the obligations had been met, and various other phases of the orphanage work that was of especial interest to his audience.

While in the city Dr. Johnson was the guest of Rev. W. C. Barrett, pastor of the First Baptist church. He left Sunday afternoon for another city where he had an appointment.



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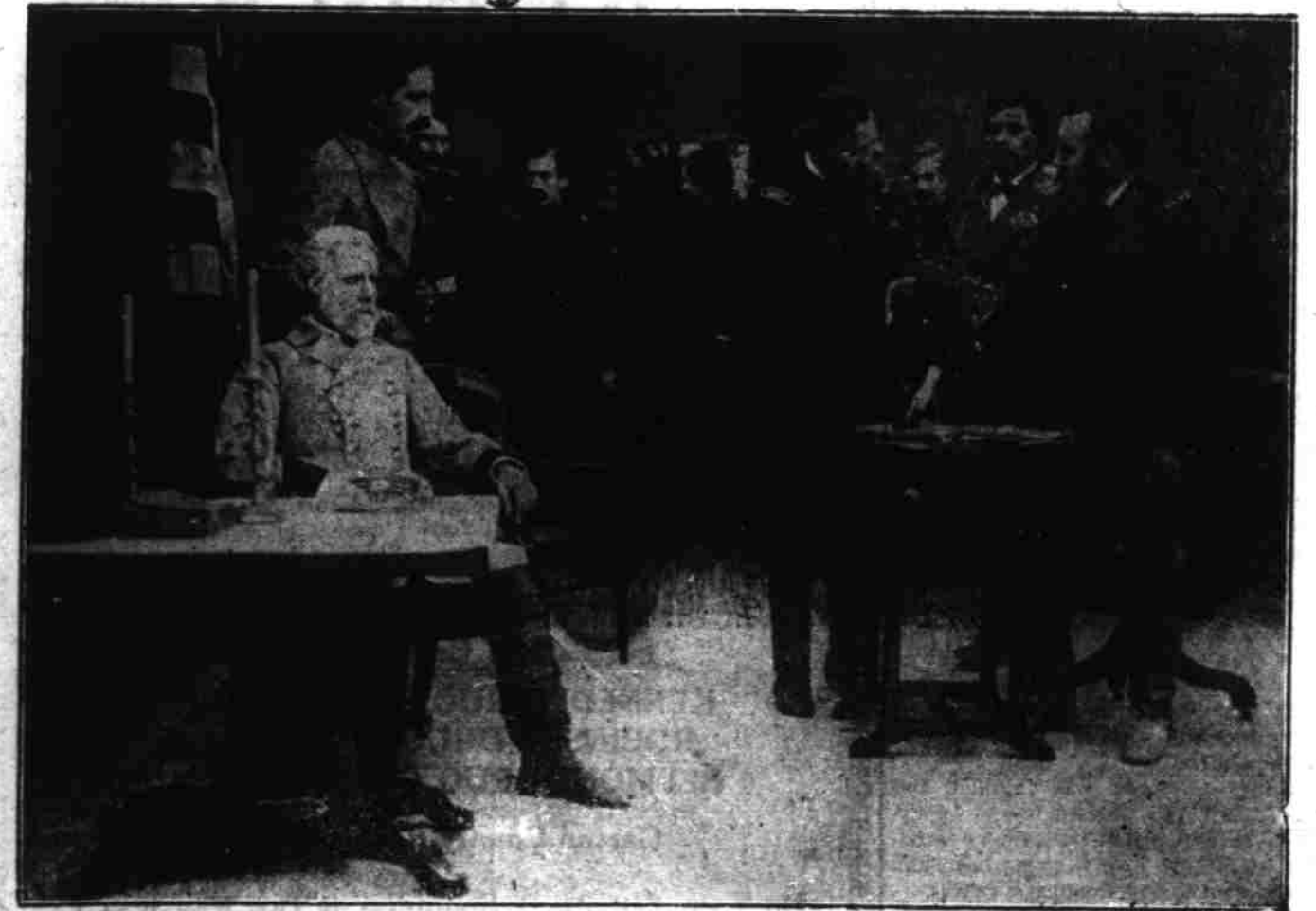
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Safeblowers robbed the postoffice at Johnson City, Tenn., Saturday night of \$100 and \$10,000 in stamps.