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SHOULD BE CAREFUL.

The Gazette learns that considerable recklessness is being indulged in by numbers of people in the county in the making of affidavits accompanying claims for exemption from military service. It is very patent to the county exemption board that in many cases affidavits are making oath to statements which the members of the board know to be false and which those making said statements could not substantiate with acceptable proof.

This is a very serious matter. The War Department is very thorough and careful in all the work it undertakes and it is altogether probable that affidavits such as those referred to above may return ere long to plague the makers. This is a very serious period in our country's history and no trifling with the truth is going to be tolerated by the government.

The Gazette simply mentions the matter here in the hope that persons who may hereafter have occasion to make affidavits in matters pertaining to the selective army draft will be exceedingly cautious and confine themselves to such statements as they can prove absolutely if called on to do so by the local or district board or the War Department. Only by so doing can one be on the safe side. The fact is it ought not to be necessary to remind people that they ought to tell the truth and nothing but the truth but under the present circumstances it seems that it is necessary.

A BLOT ON OUR FAIR NAME.

It is a blot on the fair name of Gaston county that she harbors a single citizen who would oppose the holding of patriotic meetings. Yet he is in our midst. It is a disgrace that we have within the county people who are against the government, against the war and against the army. Some people have never yet been able to grasp the fact that this is a dead-in-earnest struggle we are in for the very preservation of our lives, our liberty and our democratic form of government. It has to be fought to a successful finish and the man who would put a single stumbling block in the road to victory is traitorous to his country and to himself. Let us have an end of such things.

Personal Mention.

—Mrs. W. T. Love and children have just returned from a two weeks visit to Lincolnton Lithia Inn.

—Dr. William C. Boyden, of China Grove, spent Sunday here with his sister, Mrs. J. M. Holland.

—Mr. John A. Clayton, of Albemarle, is spending some time with the family of his daughter, Mrs. Frank Brumley, at their home, Clayburn, on the Union road.

—Mrs. John Blum, a sister of Mrs. W. T. Love, of Liberty, S. C., who has been visiting in Lenoir, will visit her sister here before going to her home.

—Rock Hill Herald, 28th: Mrs. J. H. Rudisill and children have returned from a visit to relatives in Dallas, N. C. They were accompanied home by Miss Rudisill, who is their guest.

—Mrs. R. H. Lanier and son Master Allison Lanier, of Memphis, Tennessee, who have been the guests for several days of Mrs. Lanier's sister, Mrs. J. M. Holland, will leave for home tomorrow.

—Lieut. C. B. Woltz, of Dobson, spent Sunday night in the city as the guest of his brother, Mr. A. E. Woltz. He was en route to Columbia, S. C., where he is second lieutenant in the quartermaster's corps at Camp Jackson.

George Galloway, an escaped negro convict, was shot and perhaps fatally injured Monday at Wilmington by Deputy Sheriff Burt Kelley.

John Houser, a prominent farmer living about 17 miles north of Cherryville, died suddenly Monday afternoon.

The first casualty to an officer of General Pershing's forces in France occurred Tuesday, when Second Lieutenant Frederick Wahlstrom, of the marine corps, was killed in a motorcycle accident. No details of the accident were given in the cablegram.

SCRIPTURE ON DRESS.

Minister Lectures to Women of Columbia About Their Clothes.

"The Bible on Women's Dress" was the subject of the Rev. Andrew W. Blackwood last night at the First Presbyterian church, says the Columbia State of Monday. This congregation and the Washington Street Methodist Episcopal church again worshipped together. In part Mr. Blackwood said:

"In these last days before the soldiers come, while we are busily engaged in preparing to make them welcome, we must not fail to set our own houses in order, for we trust that when at last they go away they will be even better men than when they came, and that they will leave us an even better community. Hence we should concern ourselves just now with the welfare of our young women and girls. They must not be led astray and they must not make it harder for any soldier to be good, or easier for him to be bad. It is becoming increasingly clear that their welfare depends somewhat largely upon their habits of dress, and so we turn to the Bible and listen to its unfamiliar teaching upon this timely subject.

"The Bible is strangely up-to-date. Instead of being filled, as we sometimes suppose, only with stories about the remote past, and with visions of the remote future, it is filled most largely with teachings for today. The prophet Isaiah, for example, writes about women's dress in terms which are quite as strong as those of Mr. Sunday. Isaiah warns his sisters that they will perish if they do not repent, and that they will drag down with them the men of their city. Instead of thinking that unseemly dress is only a theme for jesting, he sees in it a token that his beloved land is about to fall.

"Isaiah spoke almost altogether to the women of the upper classes, for they set the standards. They alone had the money and the leisure for riotous dressing. He enumerated 21 different sorts of gawags, some of which have not yet been rediscovered by the artists of today. Scholars assure us that no woman was required by fashion to wear of these ornaments at once, but even they can not explain how a mere man could be so familiar with such mysteries. Even a fool could see that it was possible for women to squander fabulous sums on their attire only because their husbands and fathers were grinding the faces of God's suffering poor. With blood bought dollars these women were indulging to all sorts of vulgar display, not to speak of their shameless indecency.

"In such excesses the prophet saw the tokens of two great, black facts. First, his city was beginning to rot, and second, ruin would quickly follow, unless these vain women repented. For when woman falls she falls further than man, and faster by far, perhaps because she has further to fall. When the wives and the daughters begin to dress so that no one save an expert can distinguish between them and the lewd women of the town, the men in their homes will not long remain true. History tells that the women of Jerusalem did not repent, and that their city did not long survive. The women of Columbia, with certain sad exceptions, have not yet stooped so low, but let them beware.

"What, then, does the Christian religion demand of her daughters? Are they to cease to think about dress, or to care about their personal appearance? God forbid. A thing of beauty is a joy forever. The Bible teaches that dress is essential for health and for comfort, that it is a worthy setting for woman's beauty, and that it is safeguard to her virtue, as well as to our own. Dress enables one handsome woman to walk un molested through city streets where her more careless sister quickly meets her fate. Dress enables one woman to mingle among men as a messenger of light, making them think of mother and home and heaven, while her foolish sister suggests little save sin. And yet we often think of dress as naught but a theme for jesting, and say that it scarcely deserves the attention of the Christian pulpit.

"The Bible commands women not to worry about dress, not to let it assume too large a place in their world. It commands them to cultivate the charm of a beautiful soul, and to dress with all the quiet, pure beauty of the lily of the valley. The ideal dress calls no attention to itself; it is only a means to an end higher than itself. Mere cloth and feathers should never for a moment call attention away from a woman's soul, for that alone is made in the image of God.

"Will our young women and girls be safe after the soldiers have come? Yes, if they are pure in heart, if they are modest in dress and if they conduct themselves always as the daughters of the King. Dr. Kelman told us that Tommy at heart wished to be a gentleman. So let us frankly face the fact that if any of our daughters fall, the blame will lie at the door, not only of the men, but of the careless parents, and of the Christian community. If parents persist in permitting their daughters to shock the neighbors, if older women vie with each other in indecent display, and if the entire community, including the church, receives without rebuke those who thus offend, all of us must share in that guilt which must ever follow when unseemly dress leads the way towards the bottomless pit."

Attending National Convention.

Mr. W. L. Walters leaves tonight for Fort Worth, Texas, to attend the annual meeting of the National Convention of the United National Association of Postoffice Clerks, which convenes next Monday, September 3. Mr. Walters goes as the representative of the North Carolina Association, of which he is president. He will be away about ten days.

Sigfried Gomieck, a German prisoner interned at Hot Springs, this State, escaped Sunday night from the camp at that place. A general alarm has been sent out for him. He was 32 years old. Gomieck was the first prisoner at Hot Springs to attempt to make his escape. A thorough search is being made in the mountains of Western North Carolina for him.

COZY THEATRE

TODAY—WEDNESDAY BUTTERFLY DAY

"The Field of Honor"

Five-Act Butterfly Feature of War Times

THURSDAY—VARIETY DAY

"THE GREY SEAL"

2-Act Detective Story

"THE LITTLE FAT RASCAL"

L. K. O. Comedy

HEARST PATHE NEWS

FRIDAY—BLUEBIRD DAY

DORTHY PHILLIPS

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"THE GIRL IN THE CHECKERED SUIT"

5-Act Bluebird Play

SOUTH LEADS.

Now Consumes A Million More Bales Of Cotton A Year Than All The Other States—Wonderful Growth Of Manufacturing Industry In The South.

Special to the Gazette.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 25. —"Consumption of cotton in Southern mills during the twelve months ended July 31 exceeded that in all other states by more than a million bales," said President Harrison, of the Southern Railway System, today.

"The report of the United States Census Bureau for the statistical year shows that the mills in cotton-producing states consumed 3,901,413 bales, as compared with a consumption of 2,899,775 bales in the mills of all other states. The increase for the year in the Southern mills was 373,885 bales, or nearly 11 per cent, as compared with an increase of 29,690 bales or barely one per cent in the other states.

"The growth of the cotton manufacturing industry in the South may be said to date from 1880, in which year Southern mills consumed but 188,748 bales, while the consumption in all the other states was 1,381,596 bales. A comparison of these figures with those of the year just ended shows an increase of 1,966 per cent in the Southern mills and but 155 per cent in the mills of other states. (adv.)

Gaston's Roads.

Charlotte Observer.

The Gastonia Gazette thinks that "if Mecklenburg's commissioners could come over and take a look at the new permanent asphalt roads Gaston is engaged in building, they might find a valuable suggestion toward the solution of their road troubles, of which they seem to have a plenty just now." In constructing this type of road the authorities of Gaston County are but pursuing the policy which this paper has consistently advocated as the only type of road construction that pays in the long run, and which the State is destined to adopt before long. In building permanent roads Gaston undoubtedly takes the lead over other counties in North Carolina, and when process of asphaltting her system of highways is completed, Gaston will be pointed to as the finest good roads county in the State. Moreover, other counties will still be maintaining an expensive repair system while Gaston will be in the enjoyment of finished roads that call for small repair expense. The hard surfaced road is the economic road, and the sooner county authorities quit considering any other kind the sooner will they come into the class of money-saving counties.

Mrs. John S. Cunningham, president of the North Carolina Equal Suffrage League, expresses the belief that if the papers would cease writing up the pickets and cease giving publicity in any form to their antics, the pickets would soon be a thing of the past. The National Woman's Suffrage League is loyal to the flag, obedient to the President and to the law, says Mrs. Cunningham.

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NO THREE-CENT POSTAGE

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Aug. 28. — The opposition scored a victory today when the section of the \$2,000,000,000 revenue bill providing for 3-cent letter postage was stricken out by a vote of 39 to 29. Flushed with triumph the followers of LaFollette predicted that the bill will be practically rewritten before it is passed so as to place the burden of war taxation on the rich.

RED CROSS ...DEPARTMENT...

RED CROSS NOTES.

There were 28 workers in the work room on Tuesday afternoon.

Through the kindness of Mrs. G. A. Gray the work room has been furnished with a much-needed desk.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Crawford and Mrs. Robert Falls from the Crowders Creek Auxiliary were visitors to the work room Friday. They brought a quantity of clippings and a generous amount of old linen as a donation from this auxiliary.

Members of the Machine Gun Troop, 1st N. C. Cavalry, have been furnished with blankets. The ladies of the local Red Cross Chapter were requested to assist the soldiers in marking the blankets. This marking was done by sewing a piece of white cloth bearing the words "Machine Gun Troop Cavalry" together with the soldier's number, on the left hand corner of the blanket. The soldiers expressed themselves as being very grateful for this assistance.

Major-General J. F. Morrison yesterday assumed command of Camp Sevier at Greenville, S. C., relieving Col. J. Van Metts, of North Carolina, of the executive details of the camp.

The Field Hospital Corps of North Carolina is now encamped at Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C. The North Carolina Hospital Corps is the third unit of its kind at the Greenville Camp.

Large crowds attended Balls Creek camp meeting in Catawba county last week. People came for many miles around and it is said that on Sunday there were 3,000 automobiles parked on the camp grounds.

JAPAN MAY SEND ARMY. (By International News Service.) LONDON, Aug. 29. — Reports are again current here that Japan may send an army to France to assist in the mighty joint offensive against the Germans.

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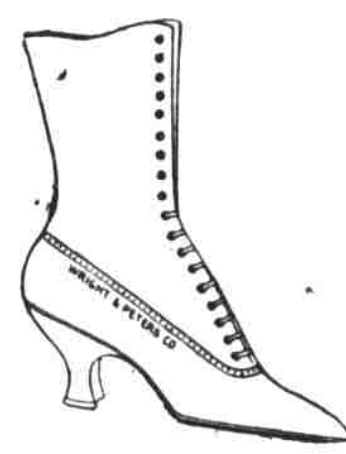
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By S. G. FRY, City Clerk

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Leave McAdenville	5:13 A. M.
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Leave Thrift	5:32 A. M.
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Leave Lakewood	5:40 A. M.
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This train will make local stops at Ozark, Ray, Goshen Grove, Hutchinson, Beatty, Rhyme, and Toddville. Connection made at Belmont Junction from Belmont.

BROADWAY

TODAY VITAGRAPH UNIT PROGRAM

THURSDAY VALESKA SURRATT in "SHE" It's a Fox Feature

FRIDAY - Edisons 7 Reel Conquest Program Something new, don't miss them.

Watch Our Program Next Week

Get a Rand-McNally War Map at The Gazette office; 15 cents.