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GASTONIA, THE SOUTH'S CITY OF SPINDLES.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 14, 1919.

THE AMERICAN LEGION.

Every returned soldier and sailor in Gaston county should resolve now to become a member of the American Legion, the organization of ex-service men, a post of which is being organized in Gaston county. This is not a partisan or a political organization. Politics has no part in its make-up.

The American Legion has used as a slogan "Let's Stick Together." This may not be the permanent slogan of the legion, but it does typify the feeling of those who served in this war, that they should stick together.

The results from this cannot but be good for our country.

These strong, virile young men, largely between 20 and 30 years of age, will not live in the past. They are thinking of the past only as knowledge of it, and experience in it, suggest improvements for the present and for the future.

Within the American Legion there are no military ranks. Its members are simply comrades who have served in arms in the world war. It is distinctly a civilian and not a military organization. The honorably discharged private stands shoulder to shoulder with the honorably discharged general. And this applies, within American Legion, to those who are still in the military service of our country.

The national convention of the American Legion at Minneapolis in November of this year will have as its delegates representatives from every state and territory in our country, and these delegates will bear instructions from the members of the American Legion, and put into permanent form a constitution correctly representing the ideals of those who served in this war.

WHY NOT AN ATHLETIC CLUB?

There ought to be some sort of an athletic organization in Gastonia for the benefit of some of those who do not get the proper amount of physical exercise from their work. We note that the young men of Lexington have organized a football team, composed of ex-college and high school stars, and that they have already won one or two games. A basketball team will soon be organized also. There are several benefits that accrue to a city from having an athletic club. Not only does it give much needed exercise to the members, but it stimulates activity in high school and college circles. Many college football and basketball teams could be brought to Gastonia for contests if the athletic talent in this town were properly developed. It may be too late to think about football, but there is ample time for the organization of tennis and basketball teams. The basketball season runs till February or March. As a game, basketball is very interesting to the spectator, and if we had a good basketball team in Gastonia, a number of college games could be booked.

This matter of physical exercise is one that ought not to be overlooked. We all think we are too busy to have a care about our body and physical development. Some day when it is too late, we shall regret our apathy in this matter.

Properly directed recreation is needed and the physical man must have it or suffer injury and impairment. We would like to see the young men of this town organize an athletic club and bring some good college teams to Gastonia this winter.

THE CHARLOTTE ELECTION.

The situation in Charlotte has certainly reached an acute stage. Never has the city been more strongly stirred. Mass meetings are staged every night. The fight, from this distance, has narrowed to a contest between law and order, on the one hand and rioting and disorder on the other—McNinch and the administration against Flowers and the recall ticket. The Charlotte papers, both The Observer and The News, are taking active parts in the fight, on the side of the administration. The whole State is watching the outcome in Charlotte with a great deal of interest. It is somewhat of a test case in court for the rest of the State.

Antent the election and the bitter fight being waged, there are many items of interest happening that do not find their way into the Charlotte papers, but leak out elsewhere. Here is one that shows the cheap, underhanded sort of fight that is being waged against Mayor McNinch and the administration. It is from the Charlotte correspondence of The Greensboro Daily News, and reads thus:

"Various rumors, threats, reports, etc., are scattered over the city practically every day. The telephone rang in Mayor McNinch's office this morning before he had arrived for the day. Inquiry was made of his secretary as to whether he was in. Upon being informed that the mayor had not arrived, the voice stated that he would not reach the office, or that if he did he would be on a stretcher. The secretary hung up. A few minutes later the bell rang again, and the same voice asked her why she wanted to work in that office for such wages. She was informed that when "my crowd" (meaning, the voice explained, the anti-administration forces) were elected she would receive a much better salary. Such occurrences and statements have been frequent, the indication being that they come from a few unbalanced individuals and do not come from any one representing either of those fighting for the reins of the city government.

In the old days, royalty wouldn't trust the people too far. Now it won't trust them too near.

Parson Maynard has helped to put Wake Forest on the map nationally.

Men no longer talk of what they can earn, but merely of what they can get.

NOT GROUCHING, BUT—

Yorkville Enquirer.

Relating the fact that the Lockmore Cotton Mill of Yorkville paid a 50 per cent dividend the other day a former Yorkville man in talking it over with Here and There said: "Well that is one time I didn't back my judgment. I owned a bunch of that stock one time and let her slide for sixty-two and a half. It didn't look a bit good to most people then but somehow or other it did to me provided that I could hold on and buy some more on top of it. A friend of mine in Yorkville and myself started to borrow \$10,000 from a Yorkville man and buy some more. I was finally talked out of it, however and let what I had go. If I had borrowed that \$10,000 and held on until now I figure I would have cleaned up \$14,000 for my part of it. I am not belly aching bud, I am just telling yer."

TO CURE THE LAME.

Asheville Citizen.

Plans long cherished by R. B. Babington, of Gastonia, for the establishment of an orthopedic hospital appear to be near realization, according to The Gastonia Gazette. The contract has been awarded for a structure to cost over \$100,000 and work is to start at an early date.

Of the works which man may accomplish on his sojourn through the world, none can give more enduring satisfaction than those which have as their motive and reason for existence the doing of some lasting good for mankind. The North Carolina Orthopedic Hospital is an institution which will give straight and strong limbs to boys and girls who are starting the race of life handicapped by deformities. If, as present plans indicate, the hospital soon opens its doors, many hundreds will have reason to bless the name of R. B. Babington!

THE GASTON COUNTY FAIR.

Yorkville Enquirer.

Opening his gates Tuesday night to an immense crowd the Gaston county fair has been attended this week by the largest crowd in Gaston fair history. Hundreds of people from not only all sections of Gaston county but from York, Cleveland, Mecklenburg and other counties surrounding being in attendance. Officials connected with the fair and who have devoted untiring energy to make it a success are well pleased with the showing made and it is the opinion of Gastonians and people generally that the fair was one of the most successful ever held.

A representative of The Enquirer visited the fair Wednesday evening and spent an hour or two visiting the various exhibit halls. The agricultural exhibits display the progress of Gaston county farmers and excited the interest of hundreds of people who are not only farmers but people of other professions. The live stock exhibits this year are unusually large and a collection of the most magnificent animals ever seen at a fair in Gaston have been on exhibition.

JOHN L. M'LAURIN IN YORK.

The Enquirer.

Hon. John L. McLaurin was very much pleased with his visit to Yorkville Wednesday. He came by way of Gastonia, Tuesday evening, spent the night with Mr. W. D. Grist, and went back home by way of Rock Hill and Charlotte. He said he did not expect a very large audience, considering how busy the farmers generally are at this season, and he was surprised to find the audience as large as it was, notwithstanding the fact that he has many personal friends throughout the county. "It did not suit me very well to come," he said, "and I hardly believe I could have been induced to go anywhere else than to York county just at this particular time; but I decided that if I could do any good, I would strain a point and come anyway." Mr. McLaurin is not farming this year. He has his farm rented out for a fixed rent, and is not worrying about it; but he has many other interests that keep him quite busy. He was offered \$400 an acre for his 1,000 acre farm not long ago; but he would not sell, mainly because he is very much attached to the place and is unwilling to part with it for any price. "But I would hate to be the man who would undertake to pay for that place by digging the money out of the ground these times. I am afraid I would never make it." But he did sell another plantation of several hundred acres he owned a few miles away. It was sold at auction on the day he was in Yorkville, and he had not heard the price realized at the time he left, though he was expecting to receive a report during the day.

STOCKHOLM, Monday, Oct. 13—The American steamer Governor John Lind, with a cargo of phosphate, has gone aground among the Nidingarna islands, in the Cattegat off Gothenburg. Salvage is doubtful, as a gale is blowing. Two steamers are attempting to float her.

The Governor John Lind, 2,039 tons, left Baltimore for Reval, September 17. She was reported off Cape Henry September 18.

James Stucky Says, "Rat Cost Me \$125 For Plumbing Bills."

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We Are Responsible for All Damages to Foreigners in Mexico Since 1910

By SENATOR A. B. FALL—Debate in Congress



The Calvo doctrine, as acknowledged and accepted by Latin-American countries, provides simply this, in effect:

No government shall be responsible for damages to any of its citizens occurring during a revolution, or by virtue of a riot.

No citizen of a foreign country shall be entitled to collect damages against this government except as a citizen of this country would be entitled to collect damages. Under the Calvo doctrine, as it was presented at The Hague tribunal and refused, we could not have interfered diplomatically in Mexico to recover damages for any of our citizens, either for death or otherwise.

In 1913, prior to the recognition of Carranza when he proclaimed himself first chief of the revolutionary forces, and when he was seeking recognition, he issued a decree known as the Calvo decree, and in that decree he pledged himself to us, because he filed it in the state department of the United States government, that immediately upon the success of his revolution he would go back to the year 1910, to the inception of the Madero revolution, and that he would, by a joint commission, ascertain all damages done to any foreigner or to his property up to the time that he founded his government substantially in the City of Mexico, no matter from what source, whether by revolution or by riot; in other words, that he would not do as they had continuously done, put in a defense that the damage had occurred by revolution.

But the decree of 1915, which the president sent to the senate, as the foundation of his recognition of Carranza, repudiated the decree of 1913 and adopted the Calvo rule and we recognized him upon it; and what is the consequence today? That we are bound by every rule not only of morality but of international law to every government under the sun for every dollar of damage done to any foreigner in the Republic of Mexico from the time the revolution occurred in 1910 down to date, because the secretary of state and the president of the United States called upon France and Germany and Great Britain to yield to us in handling Mexican affairs, as was announced by the state department, and they yielded.

When they yielded Carranza's decree agreeing to pay damages was in full force and effect. We handled Mexican affairs, and when we recognized Carranza we recognized him under an absolute repudiation of that decree.

Have we not placed the Monroe doctrine at least in pawn to every foreign government?

PLUMBING ORDINANCE.

City Commissioners Passed Ordinance Last Night Placing All Plumbers Under City License—Regulations Adopted Covering Every Detail.

The most important business transacted by the city commissioners at their regular monthly meeting held in the city hall last night was the adoption of a plumbing ordinance. This ordinance, which will be published in full within the next few days, places all plumbers, both master plumbers and journeymen, under a city license, which is issued only after the applicant has passed a rigid examination. It also provides regulations and specifications covering all the details of plumbing of every kind, which must pass a rigid inspection by the city plumbing board, which is a body created by the ordinance.

Mr. W. W. Piat, of Durham, engineer in charge of the plans for the city's sewage disposal plant, was present at the meeting last night and reported progress being made on the plans. Work is expected to begin at once on the actual installation of this plant.

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 25—Since the coup that resulted in Zapata's death, rebel leaders are not taking chances with deserters from the government ranks, if a story published by Excelsior is well founded. Some time ago, the paper says, about 500 members of the 16th infantry, stationed at Esperanza, Vera Cruz, joined the forces of Celso Zepeda, operating in the state of Puebla. Zepeda has placed his recruits in the front line whenever there was necessity for fighting. Federal forces have been pushing an active campaign against Zepeda and, of the 500 deserters, there now are about 150 left.

RALPH BINGHAM IS FIRST LYCEUM ATTRACTION

Noted Humorist and Lecturer Opens Lyceum Course Monday Night, October 20th—Tickets On Sale at Library.

The first number on the Lyceum course offered to the people of Gastonia this winter is Ralph Bingham, humorist and lecturer, who appears here next Monday night, October 20th at the high school auditorium.

Ralph Bingham has given more than 7,000 performances and has filled more return dates, in more towns, than any other humorist. He has missed but two engagements in 20 years and has been with the Redpath Bureau for 15 years. Opie Read says of him:

"If humor be a gift of the gods, there was on high Olympus a mighty deal of tittering when Bingham was born. There are 'funny' men and they make us groan; there are 'humorists' that make us weep. But there are philosophers of creative mirth, and for them we are grateful. A mere jest may be of flimsy quality, but true humor is Nature's economics set to an inspiring tune. Bingham is a humorist of the highest order, because your soul laughs with his own. In his mind are all the bright colors of universal fancy; in his heart is the glow of the cherished freeds. His evenings on the platform are as clean as new leaves in the forest; and you come away as from an Arden of rest, where brooks have sweetly sung."

Miss Lottie Blake requests all those who want season tickets to see her at the library as soon as possible.



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NOTICE

All accounts against the Big Gaston County Fair must be rendered not later than Saturday, October 18, 1919, as the books will then be closed.

F. M. ALLEN,

Executive Secretary, Gaston County Fair Association. Oct 13 c 2

NOTICE.

There will be a meeting of Gastonia Chapter No. 66 Royal Arch Masons at 7:30 o'clock tonight. Work will be done in the Mark Master degree. All members are urged to be present.

IDEAL

WILLIAM DESMOND

—In—

"THE MINTS OF HELL"

Margurite Marsh and Herbert Rawlinson

—In—

"THE CARTER CASE"

A Craig Kennedy Story

—And—

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—In—

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