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GASTONIA, THE SOUTH'S CITY OF SPINDLES.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 23, 1919.

MORE ABOUT CLOSING EARLY.

Tuesday's Gazette carried an editorial article advocating the early closing of stores in Gastonia on Saturday nights. It was pointed out that this custom is but a habit that can easily be changed if all the merchants will co-operate in this matter. This custom is one that harks back to the habits and practices of people a generation ago. It is a relic of the village store. Every crossroads store in the country keeps open on Saturday nights. In the larger cities the custom of closing the stores at an early hour on Saturday nights has become a fixed one. New York and Boston and Richmond stores adopted the habit some time ago. The idea is fast spreading southward. It is being tried in Charlotte for the first time this winter, and we have the word of those who are feeling the benefits that they would not want the old way again.

Of course, there will be some opposition to this measure at first. Any radical change in the habits of a community meets with opposition from the ultra-conservative. It was a long time before all the merchants here were convinced that they would lose nothing by closing at six o'clock on week-day evenings and on Wednesday afternoons throughout the summer, but not a one of them would go back to the old way now. So it is with this movement for early Saturday night closing. We'll admit that for a time you may lose some of the trade you have been getting at the price of tired and weary clerks too exhausted on Sunday morning to go to church. You may sacrifice a few dollars but you will gain the esteem and favor of the right thinking element of this city's citizenship. This is a right good thing to have and might serve you in better stead than the dollars you will miss from the trade you have been enjoying.

Read the page ad on this very subject in The Charlotte Observer of Wednesday morning. All the leading organizations in Charlotte are in favor of this early closing movement. All the progressive stores in Charlotte close at six o'clock.

If that hour seems to be too much of a radical change from the present plan, a compromise might be effected on the 8 or 9 o'clock closing time which is far better than 11 and 12.

TO SOLVE:

It's nothing but a simple geometrical problem—this thing of labor and high prices and increased production—according to The Asheville Citizen:

"The settlement of the labor problem is dependent upon the solution of the price problem, says Henry Clews. The price problem is dependent upon increased production and thrift. Increased production and thrift depend upon willingness to work long hours and to avoid extravagance. Work is no longer considered a virtue but a necessary evil. Luxury is considered as a means to happiness. The simple life is known only in theory. His rebus cognitis, quod erat demonstrandum, things equal to the same thing are equal to each other. That is to say, we are still in a bad fix and nobody knows for sure the way out."

SACRED MUSIC.

The Gazette commends to its soldier readers, particularly those who served overseas, The Home Sector, the weekly magazine published by the former editorial staff of the Stars and Stripes, the official newspaper of the A. E. F. This magazine abounds in remarks and reminiscences of the life of the American Army while in France and is certain to be read with interest and enjoyment by every man who touched foot at Brest or St. Nazaire, or any of the "French ports."

From a recent issue we take the following, headed "Sacred Music," the sentiment and spirit of which will be appreciated by any who has ever wandered down the Rue de la Paix in Paris or St. Catherine street in Bordeaux:

When early convoys of American troops arrived in France to the tune of "Hail, Hail, the Gang's All Here!" played by their own hands, the laugh aroused at sight of a breathless crowd of native onlookers baring their heads respectfully echoed back to America and made a nation hilarious. The laugh was nearly reversed when, at the appearance of the visiting Chasseurs Alpins in a western city, a local newspaper announced that the men in blue entered a great assembly hall "to the strains of the sublime hymn, 'Madelon'."

Both were right, the French in regarding "What the hell do we care" as a national anthem, the western newspaper in canonizing the cafe waitress. Too many fuzzy-faced little poilus have marched up to the line in time to the catchy ditty—marched up never to come back—not to lend the latter song, gay and rollicking as it is, a measureless sublimity.

And no one who ever watched an Army transport dock at Hoboken while several hundred returning soldiers bellowed that statement that "the gang's all here" could listen without a lump in the place where lumps of sentiment lodge, despite the fact that the singing was a brazen attempt to smother sentiment. It really meant that the gang was not all here, that nearly eighty thousand of them were still over there—eighty thousand who had gone forth with a smile in their eyes and that same song on their lips—a song that was to be sanctified in the blood of America.

The old-fashioned consumer of John Barleycorn has a hunch that all this disorder is occasioned by the effort to deprive man of his natural beverage.

There are two kinds of workmen in America: Natural-born simpletons, and those who save a part of the high wages they are getting now.

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CLOSING SESSIONS OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

South Carolina Delegates Returned to Their Homes Yesterday.

(By Rev. Geo. R. Gillespie.)

The ladies of the Woman's Missionary Union of the First Presbyterian church have been in Gastonia for two days, and Gastonia has profited by their coming, and Gastonia sends with them the hearty good will and best wishes of all. The last day of the session was devoted largely to the transaction of business, reports and greetings from Synodical the Church Forward Movement and election of officers for the ensuing year. At the morning session there was an open discussion, participated in by many of the delegates, as to "Best Methods for our Work," at which many new ideas were suggested. During the afternoon session a departure from the regular program was taken in the observance of "A Quiet Hour" which was most impressive though laden with sadness. This time was spent in earnest prayer for the missionary work in India and Mexico. Especially was this true with regard for the work of Rev. J. G. Dale, in Mexico. He is feeling personally and very keenly the strenuousness of the strained relations between that country and the United States. Word comes from him that he dares not dress in his best clothes but finds it necessary to garb himself continually in the clothing of native laborers. The situation is becoming so threatening it may be necessary to abandon the missionary work in Mexico for the time being. The hour of prayer was indeed impressive and all

hearts were bared to God in their supplications for His protecting care to be thrown around those exposed to the dangers of the enemy.

Another very impressive service of the afternoon session was the Memorial Service in honor of members deceased since the last meeting. Mrs. J. Y. Miller, of Gastonia was in charge of this service and to the call of each name, and there were a larger number than usually, owing to the epidemic of influenza last year, there was a response from the audience. The Union having voted to divide the presbytery, it was necessary to elect officers for both branches, and these elections, with the reading of the minutes and benediction brought to a close a most delightful and profitable meeting and the Gastonia latch-string will ever "hang on the outside" for the good women of the Associate Reformed Presbyterians.

Statesville was selected as the meeting place for the next year.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

First Presbytery: Mrs. D. A. Garrison, of Gastonia, President; Mrs. W. B. Lindsay, of Charlotte, First Vice-President and District Leader; Mrs. Ira Ransom, of Charlotte, Second Vice-President, and Foreign Missionary Secretary; Mrs. M. L. Plonk, of Kings Mountain, Third Vice-President and Home Missionary Secretary; Mrs. J. P. Kennedy, of Charlotte, Recording Secretary; Mrs. J. H. Kennedy, of Gastonia, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Mason Wallace, of Charlotte, General Treasurer; Mrs. B. D. Miller, of Statesville, Orphanage Secretary; Mrs. J. M. Bigham, of Huntersville, Literature Secretary and Chairman of Memorial; Miss Lola Bright Falls, of

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Catawba Presbytery: Mrs. M. W. Patrick, of White Oak, S. C., President; Mrs. J. R. Miller, of Rock Hill, S. C., First Vice-President and District leader; Mrs. W. H. Flenniken, of Winnsboro, S. C., Second Vice-President and Foreign Missionary Secretary; Mrs. W. D. Glenn, of York, S. C., Third Vice-President and Home Missionary Secretary; Mrs. M. H. White, of Chester, S. C., Recording Secretary; Mrs. E. B. Hunter, of Sharon, S. C., General Treasurer; Mrs. Bessie Barron, of York, S. C., Orphanage Secretary; Mrs. W. W. Parkinson, of White Oak, S. C., Literature Secretary and Chairman of Memorial.

The union made gifts to various causes amounting to \$1,600. A feature of the memorial service was the quartet singing of the 103rd Psalm by Mrs. J. H. Kennedy, Mrs. G. G. Willis, Mr. W. M. Boyce and Mr. A. F. Whitesides. Dr. Galloway paid a splendid tribute to the ladies of the Gastonia church for the excellent manner in which the meeting had been planned and carried through.

JACKSON, Miss., Oct. 23—Indictments charging murder were returned this morning at Starkville against Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Smith, charged with shooting to-death several weeks ago Sid J. Wallace, wealthy cattleman, who resided near Starkville.

JUGO SLAVIA'S CURRENCY

IN CHAOTIC CONDITION.

BELGRADE, Sept. 5. — Via Paris, Sept. 20. — Not the least of the ills that beset Jugo-Slavia is the scrambled condition of its paper currency. The paper money of half a dozen countries is in circulation in various parts of the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes. In Belgrade itself the "krona" of Austrian ancestry is still the unit in which all commodities are priced.

The situation is further complicated by the fact that the ratio of exchange between the different moneys varies from day to day.

Indirectly, the chaotic currency situation has aggravated the problem of provisioning the country by impeding the movement of surplus foodstuffs from one section to another. Farmers who possess a surplus which they would willingly sell under stable money conditions, decline to barter them for paper whose value is one thing today and another thing tomorrow.

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