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OF COTTON GOODS INDUSTRY HAS STEADILY INCREASED SINCE THE INVENTION OF GIN IN 1792

Coming South Because of Proximity to Source of
Abundance of Hydro-Electric Power and Avail-
able White Labor of American Extraction

The cotton gin, since the invention of the cotton gin which gave such tremendous impetus to cotton production in the South, has turned over to its cultivation the area of forty millions of pounds yearly. The advent of the cotton gin, but small quantities of cotton were raised in the South, but even the practically negligible amount of cotton that had been produced for the purpose of wool from the multitude of seeds it contained.



MABEL CLARE ORR

World's Only Woman Oil Well Drilling Contractor

Chamber of Commerce Secretary Brings Big Hotel To Hendersonville

Live Chamber Needed in Tryon to Stimulate
Town's Growth. Present Organ-
ization Fails To Function.

While secretary of the Hendersonville Chamber of Commerce A. M. McWhirter interested the Stolls in the possibilities of that city and now Mac's work is bearing fruit. A salaried secretary earns every cent he gets and his efforts are accumulating in value as has been proven in this case. Tryon needs an up-and-going organization. The present Chamber of Commerce does not function.

A city or town that expects to grow should have a strong Chamber of Commerce. It is the one place where public opinion can be moulded into direct and responsive action for public welfare and without reference to politics or factionalism. Without some centralized body to direct public activity there would be small chance of the various ideas and opinions of individuals ever being crystallized into form for action.

The compelling motive for action of public officials is often the group contact with the Chamber of Commerce. Public officials have come to recognize such an organization as giving the non-official or semi-official expression of the community.

It is interesting to note how in recent years Chambers of Commerce have unconsciously assumed many of the functions of government. This is particularly true in sections of the West, where often county boards of supervisors and city councils are greatly influenced by actions of the Chambers of Commerce.

The ideal situation would be where every property owner as well as every business man or man in business belonged to his town's or his city's Chamber of Commerce. If things do not go to suit a citizen he is not barred from getting into the Chamber of Commerce and seeing that they do. To cite instances of the work these bodies have done to develop their respective communities would be to indict the intelligence of the readers of newspapers of today. This being true, and is also being true that the majority of people want their community to grow and prosper, it follows that membership and active work in a Chamber of Commerce is one of the finest expressions of community spirit and loyalty. It helps to get things done.

If Tryon grows it must have a Chamber of Commerce that helps to get things done and not a collection of individuals who pull against each other and against the growth of the community, when they do meet which appears to be once in a blue moon.

MA'S NIGHTMARE— After Canning Peaches All Day

By A. B. CHAPIN



Plain Facts Plainly Stated Concerning The Polk County News and Its Value As A Publicity Medium For The Community

A Letter by the Editor Addressed to All Those Who Are Really Interested in the Development of Polk County. Live Newspaper as Essential to Growth and Expansion as Churches and Schools. Property Owners of Section Can Make Definite Decision. To Be or Not To Be.

I came to Tryon a year ago believing that Polk County needed, and would support a live progressive paper constructive in policy and impartial in its viewpoint.

Today, the NEWS favorably compares with any county weekly published in these United States. It has attained prestige and acquired real advertising value. It is liberally patronized by those who watch advertising returns closely and KNOW when they get results.

Practically every home in the county gets the paper. It has conservatively 7,500 readers. Those readers are the makers of the potential wealth of this community.

When taking over the NEWS, I found it had no accounting, advertising or subscription departments. Its mechanical equipment was in very inefficient shape. It had no credit, no visible assets and an accumulation of debts.

During the past year its business

has been tripled. Lack of capital has prevented it being still greater. Salaries have been paid and the outstanding indebtedness somewhat reduced.

A close analysis shows that the NEWS is fast becoming a valuable newspaper property because of its rapid increase in circulation and advertising, but that it is and has been insufficiently capitalized and is in danger of being crushed by its past debts, which I had no part in contracting.

My time, and the time of my wife has been given to the rebuilding of the property. We haven't the means to finance it. Ten thousand dollars is necessary.

If the NEWS continues to exist, ten thousand dollars must be raised immediately. We shall issue preferred stock in ten dollar shares, drawing 8 percent interest. We'd like to have every reader own at least one share in the paper, and with each four shares of preferred stock we will issue one share of common stock with no par value.

Provision is made for the retirement of the preferred stock before any dividends can be paid on common. When the preferred stock has all been retired the common stock will have a real value—and not until then. Preferred stockholders are fully protected from loss by first lien on the property which will inventory much more than the full ten thousand dollars.

I love a fight. I've had a fight to make the NEWS a success. I'm game to keep on fighting until Polk County comes to its own, and after. I have reasons to believe that my readers and friends are with me. Those who are can PROVE it by buying stock in the NEWS and doing it RIGHT NOW. Who will be first?

Unless enough money is raised to pay off the outstanding indebtedness, and put the NEWS on a firm financial business it will be forced to struggle for existence as it has done for the past thirty years.

Polk County needs the NEWS. It must have a fair and impartial organ fighting for the best interests of all of its people if it forges to the front. The NEWS needs the support of every reader, every business man, every farmer, every merchant in the county. Ten, twenty, thirty dollars or a thousand dollars, any amount will prove a safe and sane investment drawing a good rate of

interest. I'm not asking for charity. I'm well known in the newspaper field, and have always been connected with successful ventures. I'm offering the people of Polk County an opportunity to share in real profits in a home enterprise, and one which directly affects every resident and tax-payer in the county.

Shall the NEWS continue as a live wire weekly under my management, or will the people of the county be satisfied to see it slip back to the place it once occupied if it manages to survive?

Money talks. Sympathy and good will don't pay insistent credit men. I have fought them as best I could for a year, unassisted. Old debts must be paid, a line of credit established and enough capital placed in the bank to insure successful operation. It can be done. WILL YOU help me do it?

Howard A. Shannon
Editor and Business Manager.

William Jennings Bryan Found Dead In Bed In Dayton, Tennessee

William Jennings Bryan, three times candidate for the presidency and Secretary of State during the earlier part of the Wilson administration was found dead in bed at Dayton, Tenn. on Sunday afternoon three hours after he had eaten a hearty dinner.

The "Commoner" as he was called in his native west, was sixty-five at the time of his death and had acquired a national reputation for his eloquence being known as the "Silver-Tongued Orator of the Platte" during his campaign for the adoption of the free coinage of silver.

Never colorless, William Jennings Bryan played an important part in Democratic political circles, for years holding the balance of power at national conventions and practically dominating the selection of presidential candidates.

For years a resident of Lincoln, Nebraska, Mr. Bryan recently acquired holdings in Florida which kept him there, and his home was in Miami, at the time of his death.

POLK COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION OPENS IN COLUMBUS SATURDAY EVENING AT BAPTIST CHURCH WITH BIG PROGRAM

Pennant to be Presented to Sunday School Having the Largest Representation at Convention. Noted Speakers to Address Crowd. Fine Musical Program Completed.

Beginning at 8:00 o'clock Saturday night, August 1, and continuing through Sunday, the Polk County Sunday School Convention will be held at Columbus Baptist Church.

Participating in the convention program will be Miss Bose, New Orleans, La., Educational Superintendent New Orleans Council of Religious Education, and Mr. D. W. Sims, Raleigh, General Superintendent North Carolina Sunday School Association. Among the local county workers will be Rev. S. A. Stroup, Rev. R. N. Hunter, Rev. M. C. Lumsford, Dr. J. L. Justice, and Rev. J. B. Simpson.



MISS FREDA BOSE
Will Address Columbus Meeting

Street Loafers No Asset To Tryon Or Any Other Progressive Community

Workless Wonders Annoy Passing Pedestrians and Keep Women Off Streets With Shady Stairs

Every street loafer is a potential mischief maker and "tin-horn sport" using the vernacular; but expressing it exactly. Loafing is Little Town business and Cheap Town business. As business it never grows into anything worth while. Any town that encourages loafing by permitting it on the street corners; any business that permits the tired youth of the community to use its front windows as a parking place—will never get much farther on its Road to Progress.

In a nearby city noted for its recent influx of millionaire promoters, therefore subsequent phenomenal growth and development, a young man established a drug store. It was one of the finest in that city, as he had staked his all on the development that was in progress. Everything in this big place smacked of elegance and refinement. It was splendidly patronized, and did a flourishing business. The young druggist was a good fellow. He was good natured and friendly. These qualities are fine assets to anyone, but there are times when they can't be mixed with business. This store gradually became the loafing place of the young bloods who sought relaxation and recreation from their arduous labors of doing nothing. After a while the store became too small for the gang that accumulated there morning, noon and night. It became known as the "hangout" for "Drugstore Cowboys." They overflowed into the street and made suggestive remarks about the passing throng.

When this place went "to pan" it was razed in the local papers. Tryon is a small town. It will stay small unless a number of things happen to distinguish it from the ordinary "Cheap Little Town." One of the first things it must abolish is the loafing habit. Escorts, resent having the ladies of their party made the subject of sub rosa remarks by this element. Ladies dread passing the street corners or in front of business houses where they congregate. In the vicinity of the Government Post Office, the colored loafers congregate. From there on down considerable space is taken up by white young men who seem to have no further business in life than using their legs for props to lean on. We might add here a fervent Thank God, for the Boy Scout Movement, for from this army of clean cut, industrious youth we can expect our future builders. They are never developed from the common street loafer, no matter what his parentage, education, or advantages.

One feature of the Convention will be the presentation of a beautiful pennant to the Sunday School having in the Convention the largest number of representatives, sixteen years of age and over, according to the number of miles traveled. The contest is open to all Sunday Schools in the county. The pennant will be presented at the close of the session on Sunday afternoon.

An unusually large attendance of workers from the entire county is expected. All sessions of the Convention are open to the public, and all who are interested in the advancement of the Sunday School, whether they are active workers or not, are invited to attend.

The full convention program is as follows:

- Saturday Night, August 1
- 8:00 Song.
- Scripture Reading and Prayer. Rev. S. A. Stroup.
- 8:15 Youth and the Church. Miss Freda Bose, New Orleans, La., Educational Supt., New Orleans Council of Religious Education.
- 8:45 Song.
- 8:50 Trained Workers—Why and How. Mr. D. W. Sims, Raleigh, General Superintendent North Carolina Sunday School Association.
- 9:20 Record of attendance.
- 9:30 Adjourn.
- Sunday Morning, August 2
- 10:30 Song.
- Scripture Reading and Prayer. Rev. R. N. Hunter.
- 10:45 The Sunday School organized for service. Miss Freda Bose.
- 11:15 Business Period: Reports of officers, Appointment of Committees. Record of attendance.
- 11:35 Song.
- 11:40 Better results Through Better Cooperation. Mr. D. W. Sims.
- 12:10 Offering for Support of County and State Sunday School Associations.
- 12:25 Announcements.
- 12:30 Adjourn.
- DINNER AT THE CHURCH. Everybody Come and Bring a Basket
- Sunday Afternoon, August 2
- 2:00 Song.
- Scripture Reading and Prayer. Rev. M. C. Lumsford.
- 2:10 How to Make Missionary Instruction Effective in the Sunday School. Dr. J. L. Justice
- 2:30 Preparing and Telling a Story. Miss Freda Bose.
- 3:00 Song.
- 3:05 Lesson Preparation. Mr. D. W. Sims.
- 3:35 Suggestion and problem solving Period. Everybody requested to present their suggestions and problems for discussion.
- 3:50 Business Period: Reports of Committees and Election of Officers. Place of next meeting. Presentation of attendance Pennant.
- 4:00 Adjourn.
- Sunday Night, August 2
- 8:00 Song.
- Scripture Reading and Prayer. Rev. J. B. Simpson.
- 8:15 Worship in the Sunday School. Miss Freda Bose.
- 8:50 Song.
- 8:55 Key to a Greater Sunday School. Mr. D. W. Sims.
- Special Notice
- A pennant will be presented to the Sunday School having in the Convention the largest number of representatives, sixteen years of age and over according to the number of miles traveled. Records will be taken at each session of the Convention. The pennant will be presented at the close of the session on Sunday afternoon.
- R. N. HUNTER, President.
- ESTHER GIBBS, County Secy.
- R. N. HUNTER, County Pres.