

Agriculture And Industry Effect

Below are two items that appeared in the same issue of The Parisburg Herald. Parisburg, Va., Jan. 28.—Despite what was described as a difficult year, the Riverside and Dan River cotton mill corporation of this town was able to increase its surplus account to \$8,300,000 and to pay the usual common and preferred dividends after all necessary offsets. This was disclosed at the annual meetings of the stockholders. The same board of directors headed by A. A. Schoolfield, was re-elected. Paris River, Mass. Jan. 28.—Stockholders of the Pecoset Manufacturing company unanimously voted Thursday that the directors continue operating the plant. President Louis K. Liggett reported that the mill showed a manufacturing loss of \$133,000 and a net loss of \$190,000 for the year and owed over \$100,000. The mill is one of the oldest of the plants here and is equipped with 120,000 spindles. It has not been in operation since the summer. Commenting on this The Herald says: "Months have been written in recent months dealing with the difficulties in New England, the labor element there, the labor conditions, the lack of modern machinery, the failure of management due to the passing of personal contact with the plants on the part of the owners, and many other conditions more or less mentioned. However, a new and interesting element was introduced into the discussion a few days ago by a Southern banker who had recently visited the East. He advanced the idea that the utter failure of agriculture in New England was the beginning of industrial difficulties. The region he held had long since neglected, and all the while he pointed out, are shipped into the New England states, and its people, especially its labor, live out of tin cans and other things. The cost of living is high, and that reason and labor costs are necessarily high. He is of the opinion New England's industry began to fall when its agriculture prospered. "If his position be well taken, there is new reason for industry in the Southeast to be concerned in the development of the agriculture of this region. Our farms should feed our industrial labor."

Industry is dependent on agriculture. This has been proven time and time again and is a pertinent question in the South today. We must develop our industries but at the same time we must not lose sight of the farmer. Agriculture is the backbone of American life. Worse Than Blackmail. The era of posthumous scandals persists. Recently Rupert Hughes, a current fiction writer, undertook to depict the real George Washington and presented a picture which has been widely presented as a slander upon the name and a smirch upon the fame of the first president. Of course, only a few who are prone to believe evil of everybody and to whom the fame of no one is sacred will swallow the Hughes characterization of the Father of the Country. Now we have another and even more surprising instance of illustration of the fact that no man's character is secure from the wipers of scandal. We refer to the recent publication by a certain Captain Peter Wright, Englishman, in a volume called "Portraits and Critics," in which William E. Gladstone, veteran British statesman, is said to have been guilty of moral lapses and was hypocritical in his pretenses of morality. And this too of the foremost figure of the Victorian era, honored and trusted by the queen herself! If the Victorian age is noted for anything, it is for the rigid standards of morality and conduct generally enforced by the queen and the positive precept prevailing during the later decades of her reign. The significant part of such publications is that they come years after they might be effectively disproved and forever set at rest by the man slandered. Gladstone died full of years and honors and with a spotless reputation as to morals and adherence. Assuming that his lapses from morality as alleged by a comparatively unknown writer of today, occurred during his earlier years when fiery youth held sway, it necessarily follows that this Peter Wright could not have had any firsthand or personal knowledge of the lapses he charges to the famous British prime minister. Nor is it conceivable that had Mr. Gladstone been guilty of scandalous conduct or immorality that his political foes would not have uncovered and ventilated a story which would not only have defeated him, but wrecked his whole career. This makes the Wright story utterly incredible. Small wonder that Viscount Gladstone, son of the former prime minister, has flatly

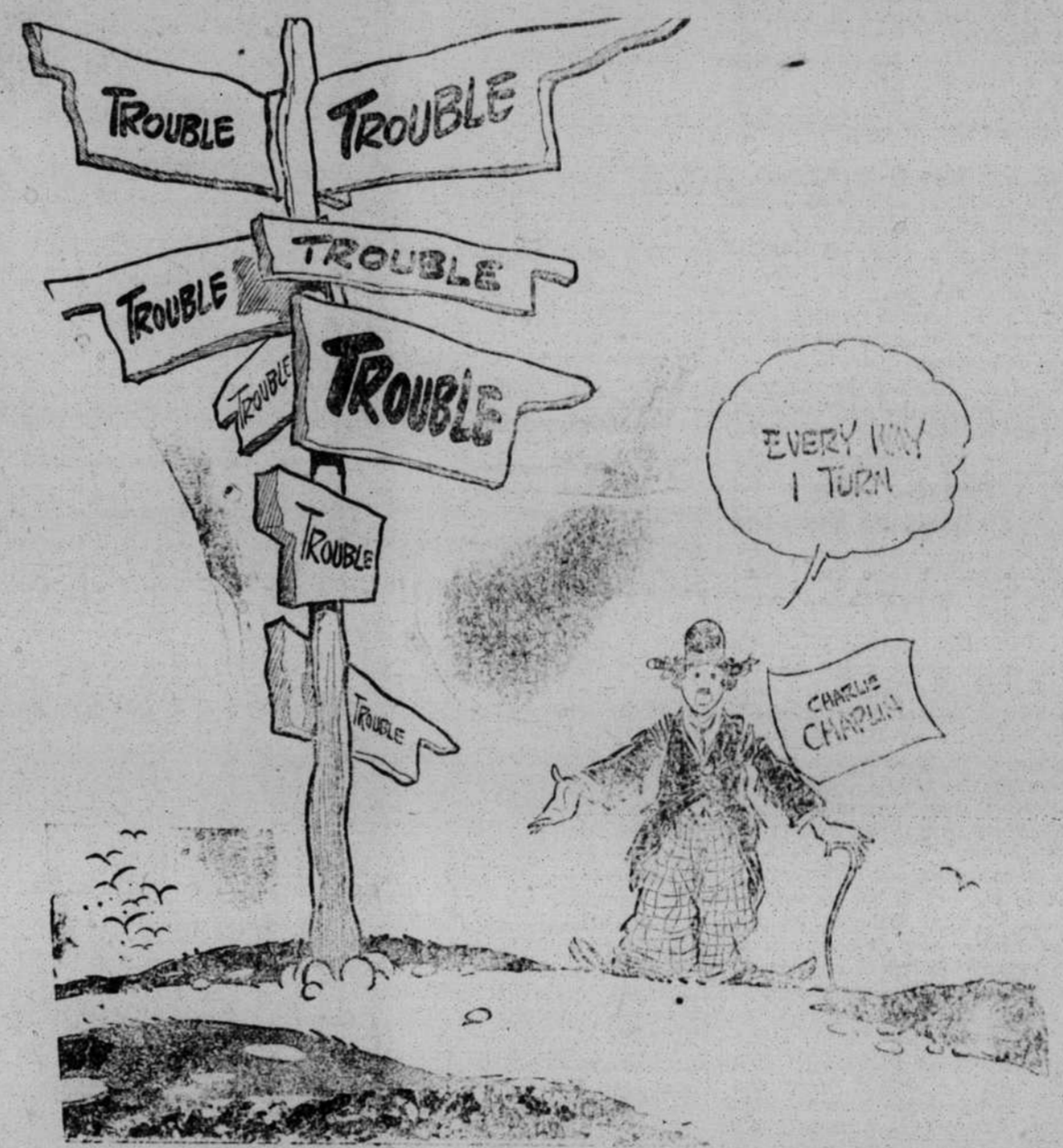
denounced the Wright publication, as far as it relates to his father, as a lie. The posthumous slanders of eminent men may be properly characterized as scabrous and are evi- dently attributable to a desire to capitalize such appeals to the groundings, to the financial benefit of the writer. The difference between such posthumous slanders and blackmail is that the latter is not so discreditable as blackening the name or discrediting the fame of a man long dead and for the sake of selling the story.—Greensboro Record. THE GIRL DOES NOT ROLL HERS; HER CIGARETTES. Views and Interviews noted in a Charlotte newspaper a few days ago a statement to the effect that about one-fifth the cigarettes sold in the Mecklenburg metropolis were purchased by flappers. We think the estimate too large; but however that is neither here nor there. What we started out to say was that while careful inquiry, investigation and observation on the part of this news-hound shows that no big number of Yorkville flappers smoke cigarettes, nevertheless there be some. V. & I. was in a local grocery store talking things over with the proprietor a few days since. There blew into the store, a rather handsome blonde of the brick-dust, paint and powder, lipstick and luscious variety. She appeared to be some eighteen years old, although she might have been twice that—they do say it is hard to get a line on flapper ages these days. "Want a package of cigars?" she told the merchant in a loud, ugly, airish, rough and raucous, no-chalant and nery manner. "Yes'm," replied the store-keeper, in a hushed, surprised sort of voice—"You want Piedmonts?" "Naw," she returned disdainfully. "I don't like them Piedmonts. They bite my tongue. None but Camels for mine." "Yes'm," said the merchant, and he reached for a package of that brand of fags. The young woman pitched seventeen cents on the counter; put the package of smokes in her coat pocket and breezed brusquely out. "Guess, she is buying 'em for her brother or father," suggested

The tobacco dealer laughed. "The —, you say," he laughed. "She comes in here for 'em ever so often. If they were for brother or father, she wouldn't have said what she did about the brand and the brother or father would come himself occasionally, don't you think? I asked her whether she wanted Piedmonts, just for your benefit. I knew the kind she smoked. It's getting to be a fast world even in a small town like Yorkville, isn't it old friends?" he inquired of the newspaper man.

And we agreed that it is getting to be a fast old world even in a small town like Yorkville. Girls Worry Him; He Leaves School. Hebronville, Ky.—Girls worry him, writes notes to him and pick at him and he isn't going to school because of that, an eight year old Belmont youngster told the triant officer here. The youthful misogynist refused positively to return to school un-

til his seat was changed. "I don't like my teacher because he put my seat right with the girls. The girls in my room at school write me notes and pull at me all the time and I just ain't going to school as long as I have to sit with the girls," he said, in giving his reason for being absent from school two days ago. Miss Mollie Martin, triant officer, said tonight that since the youngster had issued an ultimatum, his conditions would be met.

Movies, Auto And Radio Drive County Fair Out Of Business. By Louis J. Humphrey. Springfield, Ill.—Has the county fair outlived its usefulness? Has the automobile, the radio, the movie and other modern attractions forced the country fair into the discard as a means of entertainment throughout rural districts? From a glance at the annual reports of the 79 fairs in Illinois this would seem to be true. Of this number 49 fairs show a deficit for the 1926 season. These losses run from \$11.76 for the fair at Knoxville to \$14,270.91 for the fair at Aurora. Total receipts of the 79 fairs totaled \$1,317,685.61 while their total expenditures totalled \$1,378,451.95. To these fairs the state gave \$151,183.91 financial aid last year. Fairs Lose Money. A total indebtedness of \$1,595,709.97 is registered against the 79 fairs. Only 8 have no indebtedness. And on the other side of the ledger the 79 fairs have only a total of \$38,094.71 on hand and this is in the treasuries of 53 of the expositions, leaving the remainder worse than "broke." Premiums, excluding those for auto and horse races, paid last year totalled \$56,250.99 and for speed events the total was \$198,380.75. Music and other attractions cost the fairs a total of \$223,653.34 and other current expenses for 1926 totalled \$600,161.96. True, 53 fairs paid a total of \$242,261.22 on previous indebtedness. The 79 fairs' real estate and improvements thereon have a total value of \$3,524,709.32. Few Show Profit. There were 26 fairs which showed a profit when the year's receipts and expenditures had been checked over. These had accumulated a total gain of \$62,061.45. Perhaps a new salvation is in store for the fairs, however. A bill to legalize pari-mutuel betting in the state will be presented to the general assembly. Under this system a percentage of the money placed on the various horses goes to the management. These receipts might lift the fairs from the slough of financial embarrassment, officials believe, so the bill will be backed by the state association of agricultural fairs. The measure, however, will face strong opposition. Now that Illinois has placed in effect the boxing bill, long a source of strife in the assembly, supporters of the racing bill feel that their chance of securing favorable action on their pet measure is greatly strengthened. FIND 47,000,000 TONS OF RICH MINERAL ORE. By International News Service. Winnipeg.—The Bunker Hill-Sullivan group of mine capitalists of San Francisco have uncovered what is regarded as the biggest bunch of single wealth ever blocked out in Northern Ontario, mining men here learn. The strike is reported to have been made at Chelmsford, Ontario, and the block of zinc-lead ore is estimated to contain 47,000,000 tons of mineral which assays at \$22 to the ton. Diamond drilling in the townships of Balfour, Belezard and Lumsden uncovered the huge mineral block. Tracings of platinum and palladium are reported to be showing on the surface. Make River Navigable. Trenton.—(INS)—Trimming of trees below here on the Trent River bank to make the stream navigable is expected to be made soon by the war department, according to advices received here. The district boat 'Neuse' recently made a trip up the river, and found several trees obstructing passage. After the Neuse's captain had these cleared away, the ship was able to proceed to Trenton without difficulty, it was said. Additional trimming, however, is necessary, the War Department has reported. Modernizes Fords. Detroit.—Henry Ford plans to inaugurate a service for the rebuilding of Ford cars. The cars will be taken only from Ford dealers, overhauled and modernized for a fixed price, said to be around \$60. Tail Lights For Horses. Bradford, England.—Tail Lights for horses are required by this city in the future as a result of an accident several weeks ago when a constable, on horseback, was killed by a motorist.



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