



Cotillion Dance
Elegant Affair.
With a number of charming visiting girls and many outside guests the dance given at the Cleveland Springs hotel on Thursday evening was a most brilliant affair.

To Attend House Party
In Gastonia.
Miss Viola Nolan and Miss Nannie Jones leave this week for Gastonia to attend a house party given by Mrs. Burnette. They will be gone a week. Miss Nolan and Miss Jones are now on their vacation, Miss Nolan being bookkeeper for the Dover mill and Miss Jones for the Shelby electric company.

Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins
To Entertain.
Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jenkins will give a bridge party this evening at 8:30 o'clock at their lovely home on South Washington street honoring Mr. and Mrs. James McBrayer of Raleigh, former Shelbyites and always welcome visitors.

Miss Ruth Dellinger
Gives Beautiful Dance.
On Wednesday evening Miss Ruth Dellinger was the charming young hostess at a beautiful dance given at her home at 8:30 o'clock. The rooms were thrown together and lovely with decorations of garden flowers.

Miss Betty Suttle
Signally Honored.
Miss Betty Suttle who has been visiting in Springfield, Mo., has been signally honored in many ways during her delightful stay. In the papers have been printed large pictures of her and she was voted the most beautiful and popular visitor for many a day in this city.

Mrs. Ben Suttle
Honors Visitor.
Mrs. Ben Suttle was a most gracious hostess at her attractive home on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock honoring Miss Eleanor Covington of Cheraw, S. C. The lovely house, guest of Miss Lula Moore Suttle. The rooms were aglow with beautiful garden flowers and four tables were placed for bridge.

Miss Mary Moore
Hostess.
At the beautiful new Moore home in Alexander near Forest City, Miss Mary Moore was the charming hostess to the members of the luncheon club at a lovely buffet luncheon on Thursday morning at 12 o'clock. The members left Shelby at eleven, motoring up in time for the luncheon. The home was most attractive with its decorations of all kinds of lovely garden flowers.

Mrs. M. P. Coley Honors
Miss Hamrick's Guests.
One of the loveliest parties of the summer season was given by Mrs. M. P. Coley at her charming home on Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock, honoring Miss Virginia Hamrick's attractive guests, Misses Bumpass and Baker of Greensboro and Charlotte. A beautiful color scheme of yellow and green was carried out most perfectly in the decorations of garden flowers, and also in the elegant refreshments served at the conclusion of the afternoon. Five tables were placed for bridge, and on each, the yellow and green of the flowers and greenery made a cool and beautiful setting. The most attractive little fans were used for place and card cards. When the cards were laid aside the honorees were presented with lovely gifts. Miss Idelle

SOCIETY.

All items intended for this department must be telephoned or sent in to the Society Editor before 11 a. m., the day before publication. All news items of interest to women are welcomed.
By Mrs. Madge Webb Riley
Telephone No. 80

Lowie was also a most charming honoree. Miss Lowie is from Detroit, Michigan.

How About All This Rain We're Having? Something's Got To Be Done About It Or We'll Be Wet

Gastonia Gazette.
What of this weather that we are having now?

What about the showers that have come almost every afternoon since the last of May? How long will they last?
There is an old superstition that if it rains on St. Swithin's day, or July 15, that it will rain every day for 40 days. Look that one over.

Thus far, this old belief is being lived out. Last Friday was the 15th and we had our usual shower although it came a mite earlier than its wont. A display of electrical forces appeared with the rain and thunder, thus giving the Saint's day a nice start.

Since then, every day has seen its quota of drizzle, drop and drizzle. The mornings may be hot enough to sizzle but the late afternoon or night are sure to change that to drizzle.

There have been more showers during the past month than there have been in Gastonia since shower baths were invented. One man declares that he is going to knock the ceiling off his bath room in order to save the water bill. He says that it rains every afternoon about his bath time, and what could be nicer than a nice shower of rain-water from the blue cerulean? It saves soap, too.

Really, people about town carry their slickers and umbrellas with them much as they do matches and vanity cases. It's being done this season for no other reason than that it rains. And rains hard.

Gastonia's street sweeping department is having a picnic since its job is being done by Jupiter Sully every afternoon. There's simply no use in going over it all again like some picnisher housewife who has to follow the maid around to see that everything is well done.

One of the favorite plays to read around here is "Rain." Raincoats are the principal topic of discussion when it comes to dress and rainfall is the main trend of talk among the country gentlemen.

The farmers have a lot to kick about or swim about as the case may be if there has been hard enough rain on their farms. The ducks are doing all right but there are little chickens two months old which have not seen dry land yet. Gows have seen so much rain that their milk tastes even more like rain than you get from the dairy.

The foot of the modern girl has within the last decade outgrown the 4B size which for generations was the average size of the foot of the American woman. Athletics and dancing are said to be the cause.

Breeders and trainers of canaries claim that both the voice and the temper of the songsters are spoiled by jazz music.

Walking aids the complexion, according to an expert in physical culture, but most of the ladies have their delivered.

Now that the fourth of July has passed, there is nothing much to do except labor until Labor Day.

- AT THE MOVIES -

Beam Brothers throw a picture on the screen tonight one of the best pictures to be shown here lately. It is Richard Dix in "Mar. Power." Also a Fox News.

Tom Mix in "The Broncho Twister" which is due for tomorrow at the Princess theatre, makes the Brady mansion look like a sieve. A gang of desperadoes, working for Brady, are holding prisoner Brady's beautiful step daughter, who wants to wed Tom Mason, the starring role of Mix. Tom shoots up the place and does it effectively, because these scenes were staged just after he had received a "one-man" machine gun, which Chicago friends sent him.

John Barrymore in "Don Juan" is the attraction at the Webb theatre again today. The writer saw the play last night, and this is to be said of it. For a romantic drama which it is, perhaps none better was ever put on the screen. It is exceedingly spectacular and elaborate, the mere physical aspect of the performance, meaning the beauty of the scenes, will repay an attendance.

Barrymore is entirely convincing in the light-of-love role, and Jack Dempsey's Estelle Taylor, rises to new heights in her interpretation of the imperious Lucretia Borgia. It is a rarely good performance, one that pleased the big audience, and is more than well worth seeing.

- PENNY COLUMN -

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-Drama Of The Undeatead-

(By Harry Stillwell Edwards, in Asheville Citizen.)
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Again that faithful historian of the South. The Manufacturers Record, takes up the story of its annual Blue Book of Southern Progress; a book that should be made accessible to every Southern boy or girl. What we as a people have done is important, often grandly so; but what we are doing is vital. 'Tis the forward look that counts. Here is a part of the story as told in the Blue Book:

The South embraces 969,237 square miles of territory—approximately one-third of the United States. Its population is 39,711,000; approximately one-third of the whole. In New England over 60 per cent of the population is foreign stock, and 23.3 per cent foreign born. Rhode Island leads with 69 per cent of foreign stock followed by Massachusetts with 66; and Connecticut with 65. Westward the percentage runs down to 50.

In the South including even Missouri and Oklahoma, the percentage of foreign stock is about 8 as compared with 48.2 for the whole country otherwise. The West South-Central states have 13.5 per cent foreign born population; the East South-Central only .8 of one per cent; the South Atlantic 2.1. North Carolina has but .7. These figures do not constitute a degradation from the drama. They are necessary to the profoundly interesting thought that the glory of America today and possibly her safety tomorrow, rests with the Anglo-Saxon blood.

The South has 3,323,303 farms; a little more than half of all in the United States. It has 38.5 per cent of all the farm acreage; 34.5 per cent of the crop land, and 36 per cent of all farm property in the South is \$15,462,648,885. A three-fold increase in twenty-five years! We are talking about billions. And about people who stood in the ashes of their homes sixty years ago and gazed over only desolation to their horizons.

Greater agriculture advantages exist in the South than anywhere else in the United States. Every table of figures proves it. They show, too, that the South furnishes about one-half of the commercial truck crops—\$156,787,000. Also more than one-fifth of all the wheat grown in the United States—175,000,000 bushels. And more than one-third of all the corn—805,111,000 bushels. And about one-fifth of the oats; 1,152,418,000 pounds of tobacco—more than 80 per cent of all the whole crop; and practically all of the cotton.

Cotton Here is romance enough for a hundred columns like this. Cotton, produced by Southern labor, under Southern skies, with Southern capital, and oftentimes with none at all! The defeated arise from their ruins of their own homes, paid their debts with their own labor, and turned the balance of trade in favor of America, with one product—cotton. Maybe the answer to "who won the war?" is found in one word—"cotton." The Allies had it; the enemy lacked it. Friendly labor had it and grew fat; enemy labor lacked it and starved.

In 1926 the South produced \$994,340,000 worth of cotton, and \$150,000,000 worth of cotton seed. Other products followed in bewildering figures. Barley, buckwheat, rye, velvet beans, peanuts, sweet potatoes, white potatoes, cabbage, sugar cane, rice, all hay, sorghum cane, soy beans, cowpeas, broom corn, pears, grapes lettuce, asparagus, peppers, carrots, oranges, grapefruit, apples peaches etc. The values run into billions. The diversity is complete.

What an anomaly! The greatest "one-crop" producing section, continuing and increasing the crop enormously, now shows the greatest diversification not only in America but in the world. Why? Because the South is at once a farm, a home and a factory. It runs all the way down the Atlantic and along the Gulf sloping, as a garden should, to the southeast and south, its bosom bared to the kisses of the morning sun. Beyond its mountains that pluck moisture from the clouds and shed it impartially right and left to the eager fields, lie the grain lands that rot in the long-ripening heat of the afternoon, drained by mighty rivers; irrigated by many streams. Between the East and West, the mountain slope and mountain valley green with grass and golden-wheat grain.

Why? Because the latitude is that which has most favored the human race from time immemorial. In it man was born. And the arts, and agriculture, and civilization, "There Delos rose and Phoebus

There, too, was Gethsemane of the soul of man—his Calvary, his resurrection. Man first ceased to be an animal only in the latitude of the South and became man, as we know him. Why? Because it was this high produce of humanity, blest with faith, with high ideals of home and heaven, with courage, awe, sublime courage! which, bearing the banners of the Anglo-Saxon, came into this heavenly land, set up those banners, and giving themselves to the soil and to God, fought the world to a standstill for their possessions. And they still possess them!

What the bold adventurers and their children have done with these lands has been crudely outlined. But there is a vaster story which cannot contain. It is the story of the South's manufacturers, mining and building and development. The fascinating story of iron, gas, oil, cement, hydro-electric power, cotton and trade. Think of the drama behind cotton alone! From contentment with the first values, crude lint, the South now manufactures 67 per cent of the cotton its fields produce, and retains at home the second and third and even the fourth values as the scale ascends. It is this battle for these upper values that has forced New England capital Southward.

The value of the South's crops and livestock products in 1926 was \$5,232,000. The value of its manufactures, \$10,372,185.00. It takes a mighty fine imagination to hold these figures, but in them is summed up the material triumph of the South. And much of the spiritual. For while it is true that our late enemies have taken our bonds and invested otherwise heavily in the South, the basis of it was faith and confidence. And that faith and confidence the South won on the field of battle, and by patience, conservation and indomitable courage in the long struggle with poverty, and by the way her people lived up to the pledges of Appomattox.

Helps to Build Farms and Men



Miss Gladys Bull, of Worcester county, Maryland, was the only woman to address the recent agricultural convention in Washington. She is seeking \$6,000,000 appropriation for the 4-H farm clubs of the country which are to encourage youths to stick to the farms.

- PENNY COLUMN -

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