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"Let reverence for laws be breathed by every American mother to the lisping babe that rattles on her lap; let it be taught in schools, in seminaries and colleges; let it be written in primers, spelling books and almanacs; let it be preached from the pulpit, proclaimed in legislative halls, and enforced in courts of justice. And in short, let it become the political religion of the nation; and let the old and the young, the rich and the poor, the grave and the gay, of all sexes and tongues and colors and conditions, sacrifice unceasingly upon its altars."

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 1916.

Why do we not make Lancaster a flyless town? Surely we can do what other good towns are doing.

The good season of picnics and family reunions is now at hand and the grown-ups as well as the children are happy that the good old summer time is here again.

The county hospital is a real and not an imagined need. Every day this need becomes more and more apparent. Why doesn't somebody get busy on this proposition?

The door of opportunity is generally closed to the knockers" is the wise comment of the Anderson Mail. Boosting is the best known means of opening this door so the booster should never grow weary in well doing.

When the roses will bloom again is still indefinite, depending entirely on how long they will have to wait for the rain. And the rose season is always a beautiful season in Lancaster, for our women understand rose culture, which experience has made well nigh perfect. Lancaster is at its best when the roses are in full bloom.

If your neighbor does not send regular correspondence to The Lancaster News, arrange with somebody to furnish news letters and thus give the community a little helpful publicity. Tell the world its advantages. If you would attract others to it and further develop its resources.

If we have faith in Lancaster we will show that faith by our community service. If we have no faith, neither will we have any work to offer for the making of a better town and county. It is easy enough to say what the community needs, but only men and women of vision will help to supply these needs.

The climate of this piedmont section of the Carolinas is such that any flower of field or garden will grow and bloom in its perfection. If we fail to have flowers it proclaims us a thriftless people, lacking in the love of the beautiful. Every plot of ground should be planted in flowers or ornamental shrubs.

Again South Carolina is showing her faith in Wilson and her appreciation of his wise conduct of national affairs during several grave crises. Every county convention has endorsed the administration and South Carolinians are solid in their determination to stand behind the president and reelect him.

Lancaster has reasons to be proud of its attractive store windows, in which displays are artistically arranged and frequently changed. This advertising feature together with a judicious use of newspaper space form a combination that always brings results. Are you trying both means of business getting?

A number of homes in Lancaster have recently been repainted and their improved appearance is noteworthy. By cleaning up and painting up marvelous changes may be wrought and are being wrought in Lancaster. Money invested in paint benefits the whole community as well as the individual owners of the property painted.

COTTON IS KING

Of recent years we hear a lot about diversification, of crop rotation, stock raising, etc., and a discouragement in connection with the culture of cotton, all of which, we suppose, is well and good, and further, we would not for one moment have our readers believe otherwise than but what we are in hearty accord with the "rais-enough-at-home" movement, for certainly such is our attitude, having time and again during the past year or so, urged our farmers to raise sufficient corn, oats, wheat, meat, etc., at home to do them and let the cotton raised be surplus; yet with all this we must still acknowledge cotton to be KING.

Cotton is the most profitable crop known in agriculture and it is one of the most youthful and powerful of American industries. Millions cultivate the plant; as many more wear at its looms and its fibre clothes mankind. The plant yields the southern producers millions and millions, its harvest moves the world's currency across the continent and when marketed the bulls and bears of two hemispheres tear at it until one or the other falls with a crash.

It has ever sought diligently the friendship of man and by its endurance, adaptability and many useful characteristics, has won the heart of mankind, until to-day it meets him at the cradle, is his closest companion through life and goes with him to the grave.

From a worthless weed infesting the highways of agriculture it has become the world's most useful product. The splendor of its fibre attracted the attention of the inventive genius, led for the recognition of the producer and appealed to the wisdom of the consumer, and with these powerful allies it has fought its battles on every merchant's counter on the globe, has conquered 48 per cent of the textile trade of the world and it has scarcely begun its conquests.

Production

KING COTTON runs a million plows; turns a quarter of a billion spindles and reaps supreme over sixty-three million acres of the most fertile land on the globe. His campaigns with the producer have had their hardships; his mortal enemy, the boll weevil, has sapped the vitality of the plant, but raised the price of the fibre. The producer has time and again rebelled and resolved to diversify only to return a penitent one crop subject; sensational writers have maligning it during the planting season and at harvest time recorded a glorious conquest. No nation ever expressed victory in more forcible language or heralded tidings of conquest in more convincing terms than UNCLE SAM when he announced to the world the supremacy of COTTON as a money crop over all staple products. We quote below his official language:

"Farm value of products per acre in Continental United States in 1910, census: Cotton, \$24.97; Corn, \$13.27; Wheat, \$12.63; Oats, \$19.99."

It will be observed that cotton outdistances its nearest rival \$11.60 per acre. Few people really understand how necessary cotton is to the carrying on of the world's industries. Every year the world is becoming more and more dependent upon cotton to supply the increasing demands of the textile industry for fibre.

History of Cotton

India, from the best accounts, is the birthplace of the cotton plant. The earliest mention we have of cotton is by Herodotus, about 450 B. C., who speaks of a tree of India that bore fleeces more delicate and beautiful than those of sheep. Two of Alexander's generals came back to Europe with unbelievable stories of the wonderful fibre. From India, cotton was gradually introduced into Greece and Rome. Spain was the first European country to extensively take up cotton culture, it being brought into the Iberian peninsula by the Moors in the tenth century.

The first notice of cotton as an article of commerce is about the end of the fifteenth century. In 1700 about 1,000,000 pounds were consumed by Great Britain. The consumption had increased to 2,200,000 pounds in 1720 and 3,900,000 in 1764. Between this last date and the end of the eighteenth century the cotton industry received a wonderful impetus due to the inventions and improvements of Arkwright and Crompton in cotton manufacturing machinery. In 1800 the amount consumed was about 3,000,000 pounds. In the intervening 100 years, from 1800 to 1900, the consumption of cotton has increased 8,860,500,000 pounds, the total consumption of the world in 1910 being 9,160,500,000 pounds.

The first planting of cotton in this country was in 1621, when it was undertaken as an experiment; whether the experiment was a success or not, cotton culture evidently did not receive much encouragement, for as late as 1784 eight bags of cotton shipped to England were seized on the ground that so much cotton could not be produced in the United States. This appears truly ludicrous to the cotton exporter of to-day, in view of the fact that our exports to England alone in 1910 were 3,372,900 bales.

U. D. C. MEETING

One of the most pleasant meetings of the year was the May meeting of the U. D. C., which was held with the beloved president, Mrs. G. J. Derrick, Thursday afternoon. About twenty members responded to the roll call.

Mrs. Mary B. McDow, one of the delegates to the Ridge District Conference, was next asked to make a report of the conference, which she did in a very pleasing manner. All plans were made to serve the old veterans the annual dinner at the court house after which all are requested to attend the Memorial services to be held at the school house at 4:00.

The Daughters were glad to enroll two new members, Mrs. Henry McManus and Mrs. M. E. Jordan. The report of the treasurer showed the Chapter in good standing. Mrs. W. E. Taylor, historian, then read two very interesting papers, after which the Chapter adjourned to meet with Mrs. M. R. McCardell in June. The hostess then served delicious refreshments.

BLONDS FOND OF CHEESE

At Least That is the Opinion Arrived At by Waitress Who Has Been Observing.

Are you a cheese eater? Do you eat your noonday wedge of mince or apple with or without?

If it is "with," it is a 10-to-1 bet that you are a blond, for all blonds eat cheese, according to one of the Marie Antoinette counter girls in a Boston restaurant.

This counter girl besides being an expert manipulator of the hot and cold coffee and master of the mazes and electric order buttons is a close observer and psychologist.

She says that after three years of close comparison of those who patronize her counter she has reached the conclusion that cheese is the preference of blonds. A few dark-skinned and pirate-like men may use cheese, but the blonds all partake, and she suspects that a brunet who asks for the "with" when ordering pie either has a blond strain or a fair-haired sweetheart.

Prisoners Save Money.

An unusual plan was adopted and tried with success in the Dayton (O.) workhouse, which deserves the careful consideration of penal authorities throughout the country, says the Nashville Tennessean.

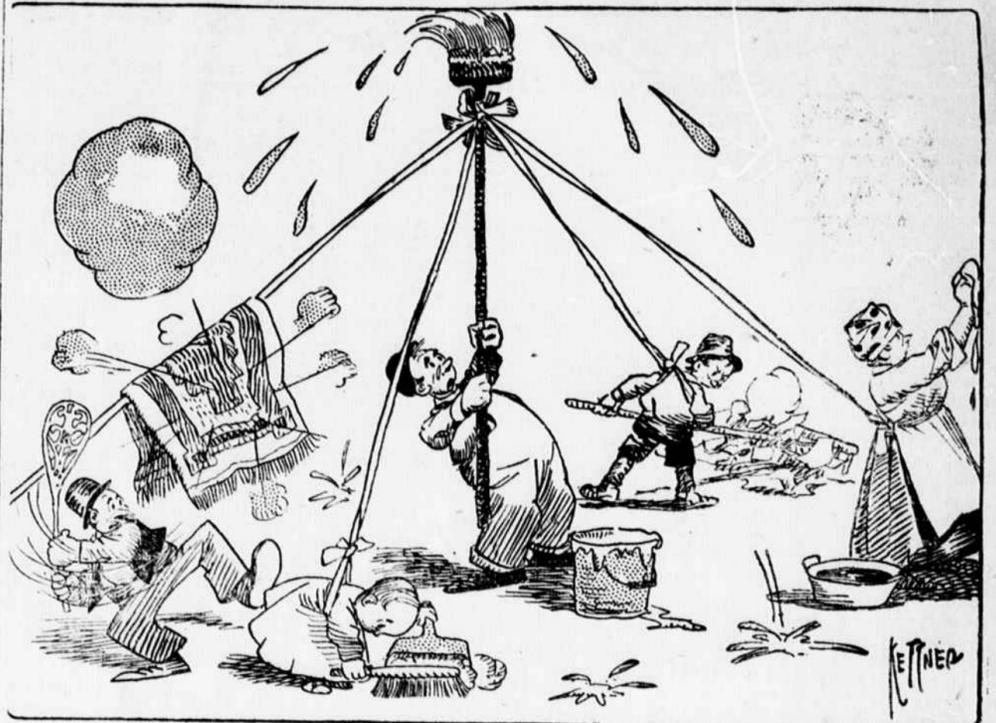
Through a board of parole, prisoners are allowed certain liberties in accordance with their behavior and their appreciation of freedom allowances. Regular work in factories is secured for a number of prisoners, but they are compelled to return to the workhouse at night. They are required at the end of the week to bring their pay envelopes to the superintendent of the workhouse. The latter summons the prisoner's family and opens the pay envelope with them and the prisoner present. He divides the money as seems best. It is said that under this unique system of parole one prisoner, who is serving a term for non-support, has placed more than \$100 in a savings bank in addition to taking care of his family and paying his creditors. He still has two months to serve.

The man who is not in accord with President Wilson was found in such a hopeless minority that he is ashamed of himself. People have reasons to question the motives of any man who knocks Woodrow Wilson, and said knockers are therefore few and far between. It is indeed an old-fashioned man who knocks the president.

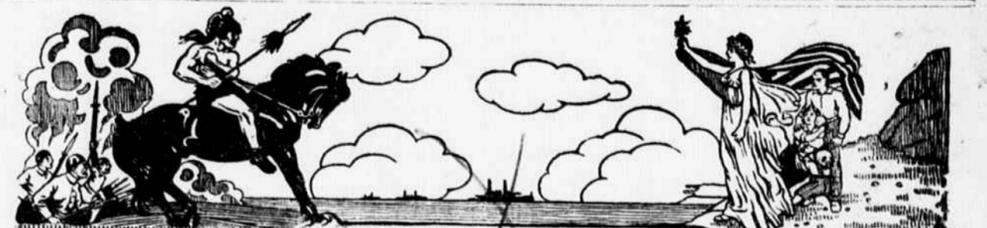
While patronizing home industries, remember your county paper. The Lancaster News advocates a "trade at home" policy and this policy applies to job work and advertising as well as to all other business. If this town is to continue to grow, we must become mutually helpful and loyal. We are standing by you. Are you going to stand by us?

Dr. M. R. Campbell Registered Optometrist and Manufacturing Optician. ANDERSON, S. C. Standard Drug Co., local representatives. Take your broken lenses and repairs to them for prompt and accurate work.

THE MAYPOLE



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The fall of a world power is depicted before your eyes in J. Stuart Blackton's masterpiece.

THE BATTLE CRY OF PEACE

This call to arms against war deals with America's unpreparedness in such a way that it touches the heart strings of your emotion, awakens patriotism within your bosom. CHARLES RICHMAN world famous actor, is supported by a wonderful Vitagraph cast.

"BATTLE CRY OF PEACE" TO BE SEEN AT THE STAR THEATRE, MAY 18-19-20

Wanted Market Price for Votes.

A corpulent negro woman came into the office of Judge George I. Griffith of Kansas City, Kan., one morning and inquired for the "judge." "What can I do for you?" asked the judge. "Is yoh runnin' foh judge again?" she asked. "Yes, I'm trying to get the nomination," the judge replied. "What's the sideration foh votes dis yeh?" "What!" almost yelled the judge, beginning to understand the drift of the conversation. "Ah means," explained the negress, "is votes with one dollar or two dollahs dis 'lection'?" "Are you aware that it is a serious offense for a person to sell his vote?" sternly demanded the judge. "Ah don' 'zactly undahstan' yoh, judge, but of yoh means yoh ain't buyin' 'em, dat's all right. Ah believe yoh's no plittish-un nohow." And with this contemptuous parting shot she left the office.

New Use for Submarines.

It is reported that the Germans are laying mines from submarines. The mines are carried one above another in a vertical air-tight chamber within the submarine. When they are to be laid, water is admitted to the chamber and a door in the outer shell of the hull closing the chamber is opened. The mines are then released, one by one, through proper appliances. The mine anchor sinks to the bottom and, by suitable mechanism, the anchorage cable is unwound to permit the mine to float at the desired depth below the surface. This method of mine laying is absolutely secret, and therefore is proportionately dangerous to the enemy.

Where Accordions Are Popular.

The natives of Madagascar are great lovers of music, and in addition to their own primitive instruments the accordion is very popular. Within the last few years the importation of these instruments has shown a steady increase, about 20,000 being imported annually to the value of about 150,000 francs (\$28,950). These goods have practically all been imported from Germany.

White Crow in Pennsylvania. A white-feathered crow, according to residents of Logansville, can be seen in Solomon Kessler's woods. Hamilton Joseph says he saw the crow sitting on the limb of a tree with two black crows. Joseph has a reputation for veracity in all matters.—York (Pa.) Dispatch Philadelphia North American.

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