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No hotel spells no town. A good hotel contributes to the making of a good town.

Some men are "sponging" upon Edgefield—taking in everything and giving little or nothing.

The four doctors who have formed a professional co-partnership in a near-by town should be able to heal a man cap-a-pie.

Pershing says the Thirtieth did it—broke the Hindenburg line, and he is the court of highest resort.

If Edgefield fails to have a commodious hotel, it will be because a few citizens failed to do their duty.

The Alabama moonshiners who seized several officers and are holding them for ransom have compounded their crime.

The paterfamilias who has his bunkers full of coal now realizes that it pays to practice preparedness.

The very sharp advance in candy is said to cause some of the young swains to think much upon the "high cost of loving."

The high cost of printing is causing the average publisher to lose more sleep than the high cost of living.

Instead of heralding the fact that a cold wave is coming, it would be much more welcome news to say a coal wave is headed this way.

Print paper, the kind The Advertiser is printed on, is keeping pace with cotton, the price being now \$150 per ton, plus the freight.

Since the government has recently increased freight rates the man who "pays the freight" these days catches thunder and lightning.

The Greenwood paper announces that "the local military company will drill every night this week." Don't you wish Edgefield had a "local company?"

Next to Edgefield's need for a new hotel, is the need for more residences. A dozen houses could be rented in Edgefield before tomorrow night.

The estate of the late tobacco king, R. J. Reynolds, has been appraised at more than seventeen millions of dollars. Practically every chewer and smoker of the weed in the country has at some time contributed to this fund.

Ready Pistol Should Go.

Having outlawed the bottle, let's concentrate upon the pistol. While it was outlawed years ago, yet we still have the unlawful pistol with us. There is great need of a stronger public sentiment against carrying a concealed deadly weapon. The pistol will go when the people decide that it shall go. The ready pistol has caused the unwarranted shedding of human blood times without number. It is generally the cowardly, irresponsible fellow who carries a pistol on his person. A truly brave man does not feel the need of such protection, if lugging a pistol around with you be any protection. Let's by word upon word and line upon line create a sentiment that will finally drive out the unlawful pistol.

Are You a Good Citizen?

In an address before the New York Chamber of Commerce some years ago, the late Col. Roosevelt gave utterance to these words: "The first requisite of a good citizen in this republic of ours is that he shall be able and willing to pull his own weight; that he shall not be a mere passenger, but shall do his share in the work that each generation of us

finds ready to hand." Now, the part you have taken in promoting the proposed hotel for Edgefield will test whether you are a GOOD CITIZEN OR NOT. Are you pulling your own weight or are you lagging behind, doing as little as possible, and letting some one else pull his own share of the load and yours too? We have a score of citizens who are ABLE but NOT WILLING to PULL THEIR SHARE of the weight. Better loosen up and become public spirited rather than dwarf through more and more selfishness. Money that is hoarded for selfish ends will in time—in the next generation, if not in this—burn the hoarding hands. It will prove a curse rather than a blessing.

Edgefield NEEDS A NEW HOTEL. PROVE yourself to BE A GOOD CITIZEN by PULLING YOUR SHARE of the weight.

Letter From Rev. John Lake.

Dear Advertiser: My long suffering correspondents have had to put up with my from-bad-to-worse hand writing long enough! It is twenty years and more since I owned and used a typewriter, and now I am having to learn all over again, especially since the machine I used to own is different from the one a friend in the homeland has recently sent me. My friends will doubtless feel grateful to him as I do.

Wife and I were much interested to learn from the home papers that the editor of The Advertiser had been elected President of the Press Association, and she very much appreciated receiving some copies of the Greenville papers. When I was editing that little paper at Batesburg while teaching to fulfill my Citadel obligation, I was a member of the Press Association—and what a change in the personnel of the organization during the years that have intervened! Makes a fellow realize how the years are passing. Fifteen years ago this week since I left for China.

Thought you'd be interested in the inclosed clippings from our Canton English paper—English language, but thoroughly Chinese in its management and editorship, and American in its sympathies, so far as foreign matters go.

And now I've had to catch a train—the Chinese kind, that bumps—so I'll not write much on the train.

Lots of love from us to all the friends "at home" and everywhere.

Cordially,
JOHN LAKE.

P. S. We are both just out of the hospital, but are O. K. now.

The following article from the Canton China Times has been received by this office from Rev. John Lake:

China a Dumping Ground For American Liquor.

The enactment of a prohibition law in the United States and Canada will affect Asia, especially China, much more than is generally thought of. China and other oriental countries of the Pacific will come to be, if it is not yet, the dumping ground of much of the liquor from the United States and Canada.

The breweries and liquor interests of America are now sending men throughout the Orient to look into the possibilities of the business here. In Canton there arrived the other day a representative of the British Columbia Distillery Company, Mr. M. McCideel who is traveling through out the Orient for that purpose. Other representatives of the liquor interests are also busy making connections in China and preparing for the coming "boom."

"The liquor trade possibilities in China look good," remarked Mr. McCideel to a Canton Times reporter when interviewed yesterday at the Asia Hotel. After visiting the city, Mr. McCideel will go to Shanghai, Tientsin, Peking and other cities and then return to Vancouver, Canada. His company will push their liquor trade from northern Vladivostock down to Calcutta. They specialize in whiskey.

With regard to the extent the American and Canadian liquor trade is invading China may be gleaned from the fact that on all the local bars and hotels, the liquor that predominates is American made, especially in the case of beer. Not many weeks ago the steamship Venezuela, of the Pacific Mail, was dispatched to the East with practically no other cargo but wines champagne and beer and other kinds of liquor, as a result of prohibition in the United States.

Another business contemplated by the liquor interests in the establishment of bars throughout the Orient. The bars will be outfitted so attractively as to attract high class customers and will be backed by capital

A Crisis Reached, What Will Old Edgefield Do?

At a joint meeting of the boards of directors of the proposed new hotel and hospital, recently organized for Edgefield, it was unanimously agreed that SOMETHING MUST BE DONE NOW or the NEW HOTEL project will fall, and "great will be the fall."

There is no argument against the fact that a hotel of modern design and conveniences and of adequate capacity will mean more toward the future growth and development of Edgefield than any other one thing, if not an IMPERATIVE NECESSITY.

There is no better way of advertising a good town than by the free advertising done by the commercial traveling men and the tourists, inspired by good fare and hospitable treatment at "a dandy good hotel." On the other hand, nothing causes more "kick" by these same free "boosters" than a "bum hotel," or NONE AT ALL. Try to imagine, if you please, the dismay and disappointment experienced by the many people who have come to our good old town during the past year or two looking for a new place for business of different kind, and looking for a home or a farm and instead of a hearty WELCOME TO EDGEFIELD find NO ROOM for them even overnight. Many traveling men and tourists on the railroad and over the DIXIE HIGHWAY, instead of selecting Edgefield to spend a good night, or over Sunday, have actually figured Edgefield out of their stopping program. These are hard and lamentable facts. Edgefield is facing a stern situation, and there is no way of evading the issue that will uphold her former honors, and glorious records except by awaking to the reality and each and everyone in the town and surrounding country should do their part and "go over the top" in subscribing for stock. This only, is becoming to our Edgefield people when they become thoroughly interested and make up their minds to do a thing. This characteristic has been quite noticeable to the writer during the past sixteen months spent with you. There is no question as to the success of this proposition when the people become fully awake to the meaning and necessity of it. And NOW is the time to act. It is a LIVE or DIE issue. YOU cannot afford to NEGLECT this matter.

Edgefield has felt the thrill of a REAL BOOM in recent months, which has had a little cold water thrown upon it, for the time being, by Mr. Boll Weevil and his folks, but if only the people of this old town and county would see the natural resources, and possibilities, especially in fertile soils and congenial climate, favorable for diversified farming and live stock raising, as is seen by the new comers from less favored sections of the country, nothing could keep Edgfield county from forging rapidly to the front ranks of progress. In the past year a number of new stores, garages, warehouses and residences have been erected, and are now under construction, with the New Hotel, Hospital, Bank and Water Works and Sewerage system and considerable road building in the county in prospect for the near future. Nothing will contribute more to the progress, development and general good of the town and community than the New Hotel, with the right management, and then the other thing will follow—Edgefield will, indeed, be a good place to live in.

To the business men and property owners in and near Edgefield, there is nothing in my opinion, that will pay larger dividends in increased business and enhanced values of property in a general way than by putting your money in the New Hotel stock.

Come along now, one and all, put your shoulder to the wheel, and make the NEW HOTEL a reality. There will never be a better time for this than now. May it be a perfect SUCCESS.

M. W. S.

Edgefield, S. C.,
November 18th, 1919.

FOR SALE: Five or six desirable building lots. Apply to

G. V. CROUCH,
Edgefield, S. C.

Keep an eye on Edgefield. Watch it grow!

YONCE & MOONEY.

FOR SALE: A Ford Touring Car, practically new. Apply to

H. H. SMITH, Jr.

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and much newspaper and poster advertising to make them popular.

Isn't this sad?

JOHN LAKE.

The Mild Fall Weather

that we have had so far this fall means two things: that we are going to have some very cold weather or that we will have a late spring, and it be best for all for us to have some real cold weather in order to kill off the boll weevil, which would be a blessing to our farmers. But are you prepared for the cold spell if it should come our way in such as Wool Blankets (a shipment just received), Sweaters, Knit Caps, Underwear, Hosiery and Wool Serges. On all orders sent in for these goods, most are returned with the words: "Sold up. Will have no more to offer." Better heed the warning and get what you can while we have it in stock.

Have just received a shipment of Misses Cloaks, and can save you money on them. Also, a shipment of Moccasins and Soft Sole fine kid shoes for the baby in the popular colors. We are well stocked in other departments. Give us a chance to serve you.

The Corner Store
Service Counts

WELCOME!

No matter whether you come to buy, meet a friend, or wait for a car, you are welcome to our store

Prescriptions and Sick Room Supplies
Are Specialties of Ours

QUALITY

Always the first consideration in the goods we carry in stock

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Edgefield, South Carolina