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## BUILDING A TOWN?

The merchants of Camden do not like the idea of Camden citizens patronizing a grocery store on the outskirts of the city conducted by a large foreighn corporation. They feel that they ought to be at least given a square deal, everything being equal. Many of the patrons of the suburban store could get goods at exactly the same price, or maybe, cheaper if they would trade on the same terms. They drive out to this store, pay cash and carry their packages home. On the other hand many of them have a charge account at the Camden stores and have their goods delivered by carrier boys and trucks. And sad to state some of them who patronize this suburban store pay cash for what they get and make the home merchants who have taken care of them for many years wait until it suits their convenience to pay them and some of them never pay. Then again the merchants in Camden pay city license and a city tax which all goes to the upkeep of the streets and the city government, and as we understand it the corporation store does not pay a city tax. The Chronicle has no interest in this matter other than we like a square deal and we do not think this is the proper way to build a town.

Don't monkey with the man who smiles when he gets mad, is the advice Luke McLuke gives out.

The trouble with this cry of hard times is the fact that many take advantage of the situation and do not pay their honest debts. Many would not pay if they didn't have an excuse. This causes times to be worse than they really ought to be. Pay as far as you can go and then the other fellow can do the same. To do any other way is bound to cause business stagnation.

Charles Ponzi, promoter of the get rich-quick scheme in which thousands of persons invested millions of dollars before it collapsed last August, pleaded guilty to using the mails in a scheme to defraud in the federal district court in Boston Tuesday. Sentence of five years in the Plymouth county jail was imposed by Judge Hale. The court took into consideration only the first count of one indictment of 43 counts, in which it was charged that Ponzi had represented falsely that he was able to pay interest at the rate of 50 per cent in 45 days.

Wheat went below $1.50 a bushel on the Chicago market Friday for the first time since the beginning of the world war.

Rev. Lawrence Chavis, a local Methodist preacher and farmer residing 8 miles northeast of Bennettsville was found dead near his home Sunday morning with the top of his head blown off with a shot gun and all evidence goes to show that it was a case of suicide because he could not pay his debts.

Publication of a copyrighted dispatch to the Chicago Tribune from Berlin stating that many thousand dollars worth of gems stolen in America were being smuggled to Germany and disposed of there brought confirmation from Charles M. Schwab, head of the Bethlehem Steel Company, that a gold jewel case presented to him in 1916 by the city of Baltimore had been stolen. Over the long distance telephone from his home in South Bethlehem Pennsylvania, Mr. Schwab said: "When I heard of the Berlin report I investigated and discovered that the box was missing. I have no solution to offer as to how or when it disappeared." It was reported in the dispatch that a gold box, bearing the initials "C. M. S." had been sold in the German capital by a soldier. Closer watch has been placed on outgoing vessels to prevent stolen goods leaving the country. Precious stones valued at several million dollars have mysteriously disappeared from the Belgian capital within the last few weeks, it is reported here. The robbers in both instances are believed to have made their escape to Holland.

[illegible] South Carolina [illegible] treasurer.

Once upon a time there was a moving picture audience without anybody in it that read the captions aloud so everybody else could hear; but, as Luke McLuke says, all fairy tails begin with "once upon a time."

Final figures on army casualties in the world are contained in the annual report of Surgeon General Ireland made public Tuesday night, showing 34,294 killed and 224,089 wounded. The proportion of killed to wounded is about the same as in the civil war, although mortality from gunshot wounds in the world war was only 8.26 per cent as compared with 13.6 per cent in the civil war. The report said this indicated that improved surgical and sanitary methods in the recent war had saved the lives of 5.34 per cent of all American soldiers wounded. Of every 1,000 men sent to France 110 were admitted to hospitals as the result of battle casualties, the report says, and nearly seven men out of every 1,000 died as the results of wounds. Infantry losses were heavier, 215.6 out of every 1,000 men in the army being wounded and 12.77 killed. The signal corps was next with 52.22 wounded and 313 killed per 1,000. Deaths from wounds totaled 13,691, or slightly more than 6 per cent while 158,885 of the wounded or 70.7 per cent were returned to duty the remainder being invalided home for treatment or discharged. Shell wounds were by far the most deadly, the report said adding that no American soldier lost both arms and both legs in the world war, or both legs or both arms and one other extremity. Eleven lost both legs at the thigh, one both legs at the knee, nine both legs below the knee, one both feet, and three one arm above the elbow with one leg at the thigh. More than 4,000 soldiers lost part of one or more extremities. Sixty-six lost the sight of both eyes, 44 lost the partial sight of both eyes and 644 lost one eye or the sight of one eye.

H. L. McColl and E. P. Hiller have been appointed receivers for the Mutual savings bank of Bennettsville are now checking up the accounts. Last reports show that the bank was short about $109,000. Bankruptcy proceedings have been begun in the United States court at Charleston against T. B. McLaurin.

The trouble with a man who chews tobacco is that he looks as if he had a deckle edged mouth, says an exchange.

J. Kemper Cook, known as the "backwoodsman" of Horry county, is making speeches to the farmers in which he is scolding them for their extremely impudent and unwise business policies, especially criticizing the practice of raising large crops of cotton on credit and thereby putting themselves in a position where they have but little say-so in the marketing of crops, which can be forced on the market in such manner as to demoralize prices. What he says is generally conceded by his audiences to be the whole truth especially as to the consequences of trying to get ahead of the regular process by going on credit. He advises the raising of cattle and hogs and the planting of grain, potatoes and very little cotton, and says also that they should use little or no commercial fertilizers.

While Dr. T. W. Sloan and wife of Greenville, were out visiting last Saturday, thieves entered the house with a key taken from under the front door mat and carried awayabout $500 worth of household goods, including clothing and other articles. Dr. Sloan is pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Greenville.

The educational commission of the Baptist general board has voted to take over Limestone college as a Baptist institution. The college will get $200,000 of the seventy five million fund.

Dr. James D. McDowell, who for more than two years has been a member of the medical corps in the United States army and who for the past two months has been a patient in Fitz Simons general hospital near Denver, Col., will return to York, S. C., within a few weeks to become his practice.

The British government announced a wholesale foundation in Irish Sinn Fein leaders last Friday with the arrest of Arthur Griffith, founder of the organization, Julian MacNeil and E. T. Daggett, Sinn Fein members of parliament and others. It was not made clear at the time of the arrest, but it was intimated that the action had some connection with the alleged recent discovery of documents tending to prove these leaders with activities seeking to raise funds to cover [illegible] the support of [illegible].

Major General Frederick H. Beach, [illegible] estimates that [illegible] $78,207,065 will be required [illegible] work. He would [illegible] for Charleston [illegible].

## THE TURNING POINT

### Board Thinks Difficulties of Transition Period About Over.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The close of the business year of 1920 is described by the federal reserve board in a statement tonight as the turning point in the transition from war produced conditions to the normal economic basis of international and industrial life.

The reserve board's statement, which reviews the economic and financial situation, confronting the nation during the year, treats of present conditions generally in an optimistic manner, declaring that the difficulty of transition will not be much further aggravated. It also asserts that owing to the nation's strong situation will be restored with far less than the usual distress usually attendant on periods of readjustments.

The board declares that previous periods of marked readjustment have been accompanied by sharp reductions in prices, heavy decreases in production, extensive un-employment and business reaction often involving bank failures. While necessarily uncomfortable the transition through which the country now is passing the board asserts, has thus far been attended with only a minimum of these unfavorable symptoms.

The fiscal situation both at home and abroad, however, is still uncertain, the board declares. This is held to be due to the late date at which the war was over in the financial sense and to uncertainty as to the best methods of taxation.

In international trade a return to normal conditions is now is progress, the board says. With the exception of agriculture, in which the output was the largest on record, production has been decreasing since the spring of the year, the board stated. Textiles ship building and very recently the iron and steel industries are said to have exhibited tendencies of this nature.

The board describes the tendency in the retail trades as downward the lessened activity occurring for the most part considerably later than the turning point in production.

The slowing down of the export trade of the United States during the year is attributed by the board in some measure to the exchange situation which its asserts has steadily deteriorated. American exports seem to be closely conditioned upon the volume of imports, the board asserts and warrant the inference that there should be a larger movement of goods into the United States as a result of the extensive credits granted foreign countries.

### World War Echoes.

Under the new war basis a company in the regular United States army will total 200 men.

The former German Kaiser is compelled to pay the Dutch Government taxes on an income of 1,500,000 guilders per year.

Nearly all of the American colleges and universities have made provisions to establish war memorials in honor of their dead.

Since the beginning of the world war the surplus female population of the world has risen from about 5,000,000 to 15,000,000.

During the war with Germany there were fifty-two John J. O'Briens in the United States army, fourteen of whom made allotments to wives named Mary.

The French Government has placed the Hotel de Sans, in Paris, at the disposal of Marshal Foch as a residence. This is one block from the French war office.

Since the armistice it has been found that there are 2,000 American army deserters in Paris and 5,000 in France, some without "papers," some without money.

More than 12,000 women are members of the International Machinist Union.

The Philipine Islands have their first woman mayor. Bangungan Inuk, an ignorant old Moro woman, having been elected mayor of the little village of Dolmar.

More than $1,000,000 worth of narcotics soon will be available for use in hospitals throughout the country as the result of seizures by government agents in New York within the past two months.

[illegible] "Daddy" [illegible] per cent girls.

The erection of barriers eight feet high which will exclude the public from Downing Street and adjacent Charles Street with instruction that the work should be continued until it is completed. Both streets lead from White Hall to a group of government department offices, including the foreign office and the India office and also the official residences of Premier Lloyd George and Andrew Bonar Law, the government leader in the house of commons. The barriers are to be of a [illegible] foundations have [illegible] to remove them.

The most thrilling and absorbing play of the screen history "The River's End" [illegible] Majestic today.


# Look Forward

**And make preparations for the coming year that will usher in business problems upon which your future may depend.**

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### A Good Friend.

To have a good friend is one of the highest delights of life; to be a good friend is one of the noblest undertakings. Friendship depends not upon fancy imagination or sentiment, but upon character. There is no man so poor that he is not rich if he has a friend; there is no man that is so rich that he is not poor without a friend. But friendship is a word made to cover many kindly, impermanent relationships. Real friendship is abiding. Like charity, it suffereth long and is kind, like love, it vaunteth not itself, but pursues the even tenor of its way, unaffrightedly by ill report, loyal in adversity, the solvent of infelicity, the shining jewel of happy days. Friendship has not the irridesent joys of life, though it is closer than is often known to the highest, truest love.

Its heights are even serene, its valles know few clouds. To aspire to friendship one must cultivate a capacity for faithful affection, a beautiful disinterestedness, a clear discernment. Friendship is a gift, but it is also an acquirement. It is like the rope with which climbers in the mountains bind themselves for safety, and only a coward cuts the rope when a comrade is in danger. From Cicero, and forever after Emerson, the praise for friendship has been set forth. Even fragments of friendship are precious and to be treasured. But to have a whole, real friend is the greatest of earth's gifts save one. To be whole, real friend is worthy of high endeavor for faith, trust, courage and loyalty bring one close to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Quarrels arise, in an immense majority of instances from letting things go too far. Do you not say this is obvious, and turn away. Try and cultivate your faculty of foresight. How many a man who will give himself the trouble to think to stave off a miserable outburst of uncharitableness, by watching the turns of conversation, and handling suggestions of the moment dexteriously, so as to make a redeeming diversion in talk?

People are sadly afraid of thinking too much about each other, and scatter pain right and left by little neglects and thoughtlessness, which the smallest amount of reflection would prevent.—Selected.

### The Grand Jury

If asked the question as to which is the most important officer under the state government, nine average citizens out of ten will say the governor, and the other is apt as not to say the cheif justice of the supreme court while the same question asked as to the county government will show up a diversion of opinion as to whether it is the sheriff or the clerk of the court.

Ask all the supreme court justices and the circuit judges the same question, and without exception they will tell you that the foundation of our whole scheme of self government rests upon the grand juryman; that he is bigger than the governor, the judge or anybody else.

And theoretically the judges are exactly right about the matter. The grand juryman is really a bigger man than the judge, provided only one thing and that is that he be endowed with the intelligence, courage and character necessary for the proper discharge of his duties.

The grand juryman is drawn from the people to stand for and represent the people in all that pertains to their general well-being, including liberty, security and good behavior.

In actual practice, the grand juryman is often a pretty insignificant person, principally because he lacks the information and intelligence to realize his responsibilities and the character and courage to live up to those responsibilities if he did realize them.

The governor is usually the creature of a party and so is a representative of the legislature, and while theoretically each has the same relation to all the people actually they are most interested in pleasing the majorities to whom they owe their selection and from whom they got their support.

But the intelligent grand juryman is not so much a representative of any individual or set of individuals as he is an exponent of right, reason and justice as they are inseparable from the common welfare. And just to the extent that all the people realize the real office of the grand juror and the intelligence and sincerity with which he discharges that office, all of the people will back him up to the limit, for in so doing they will only further their own interest.

Let it be remembered that there is no tyranical power inherent in the grand juryman. It is not in him to be unjust to anybody if he wants to, he can only present the things that ought to be presented, and leave it to the people to decide through a petit jury what further there should be done.—York Enquirer.


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