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AMERICA PROSPEROUS

Don't allow the spectacular events in Europe to obscure these less spectacular but fundamentally important developments and conditions at home—

American labor is fully employed at, on the whole, equitable wages.

America's agricultural population has been developing substantially greater purchasing powed and has been spending and will continue to spend larger amounts to cover needs which had to go unsatisfied during the period of abnormally low prices for agricultural products.

America's railroads are carrying more than a normal volume of traffic, and, like our farmers, our railroad companies are becoming financially able to spend rather large sums to make good the shortage of equipment, etc., caused by inability to buy during impecunious days.

America's stock of finished goods is unusually light, and as demand is confidently expected to be good for some time, manufacturing activity doubtless will continue.

America's supply of houses is still far short of requirements, and there is litle likelihood of any notable let-up in the recent and current efforts to make good this deficiency.

America's sales of commodities and merchandise to other countries are well maintained, latest export reports reveal.

American securities have appreciated several billion dollars in market value since the sustained recovery set in, so that the savings and the assets of millions of security holders have added very substantially to their wealth.

America continues to have an abundance of liquid and loanable funds available at reasonable rates.

American corporations have been increasing their supply of capital by the issuance of almost unprecedented quantities of bonds and stocks; hence their financial position has been fortified so as to handle whatever expansion may be deemed expedient.

American confidence in the general domestic business outlook remains unshaken—an important consideration.

American prices, as a consequence, continue to tend upwards, and this has a quickening effect upon business operations. —B. C. FORBES, in Forbes' Magazine.

Mr. Editor of The American Union:

Would you allow me a little space in your valuable paper to ask the taxpayers, and especially the Democratic voters of Caroline County, the question that the lord of the vineyard asked the working man: "Why stand ye all the day idle?" Are wou just sitting idle and see your money squandered by a few politicians? I am not referring to our main leaders, for they would not dabble in such small things. I would like to ask our county commissioners why they spent several thousand dollars sending two men from each district to assess the property and then later on assessing it over again. I first received a notice from Mr. Rutter, clerk to the commissioners, stating that my assessment had been raised several hundred dollars. I submitted and kept quiet. Then in a few days I received another notice from Mr. Whitby, stating that the commissioners, sitting as a Board of Control and Revision, had again increased my assessment, and to my surprise and disgust, the Hon. John MacIntosh, clerk to this body, wrote in red ink, so he would not have so much to do as sign his name. They furnished a rubber stamp, why could not Mr. Rutter stamp his name there?

I wish Mr. J. Olan Clark would have been appointed 12 months sooner.

I will add more. Those properties on which they raised my assessment, I will take today one thousand dollars less than I was offered 3 years ago.

It is a noble thing to do right in public office. Take our Clerk, Mr. Deakyne. He has more than filled the pledges that he made before his election, and take it from Simon, he is going to be hard to move. His clerkship is an honor to the office, and he is found on the job.

SIMON PELEG

LENT

Lent is a fast of forty days (excluding Sundays), observed annually, from Ash Wednesday till Easter, by the Anglican Roman Catholic and a few other churches, as a season of penance and self-denial.

Penance, according to Webster, "suffering labor or pain to which a person voluntarily subjects himself or which is imposed on him by authority as a punishment for his faults, such as fasting, flagelation," etc.

Penance is one of the seven sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church. 1 Tim. 4:8. Paul says "Bodily exercise profiteth little, but Godliness is profitable unto all, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come."

Lent was introduced in 142 A. D. by Catholicism and like many other innovations, dates too late to claim the authrity either of Christ or His apostles. Such as holy water, introduced in A. D. 123. God fathers and god mothers, introduced at christenings, A. D. 153. Wax candles introduced into churches A. D. 320. Marriage during lent prohibited A. D. 350. Penance was introduced in A. D. 1215.

It is not more self-imposed punishment that will last for only a few days that we need, but more of the indwelling Christ that will lead us to deny ourselves and take our cross and follow Christ daily, Luke 9:23. A life that leads the Christian into continuous daily service not doing his own will but the will of Christ.

The danger of introducing innovations is that after awhile we begin to think they are authorized by Christ's work, and we begin to give them first place. This has set many systems of religion at variance with the teaching of Christ and His apostles. This variance can be most clearly seen by direct comparison of our lives with the life of Christ and His word.

The religious life must control the social condition and not the social condition the religious life. The church was designed to be a working model of Christ's kingdom. A local church must choose between being a religious club, with a private chaplain for a minister and being a church of Jesus Christ, who came "not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to gve His life a ransom for many." It cannot be both. The two conceptions are antagonistic, not only must the church declare her faith in the teachings of Jesus Christ, she must consistently practice it or loose her power with God and her standing in the community as an institution to lead men to Christ. Quite recently a man made this statement to me, saying "I have quit attending church services anywhere because I am convinced the church has lost her message." This is only one case out of many and shows the absolute need of the church holding to the standard of Christian living, consecration and devotion as taught in God's word, that the church may have the largest influence possible over men who are struggling for victory over the powers of evil and sin. We are not needing lent nearly so much as we are needing a pentecost. O, Lord, there is power in the old time prayer, that filled every heart that lingered there. 'Till we in Thy glory seemed to share, Lord, send that power again.

J. H. BEER,

St. Patrick's Social

Last Friday evening the first of a series of monthly entertainments, planned by the Community Club, was given at the home of Mrs. J. Virgil Moore. In spite of the terrible downpour, there was a good attendance. The entertainment was based on St. Patrick's day, and the hostesses were dressed in white, with gay green sashes and saucy caps. The house, which is splendidly arranged for any such affair, had been dressed in green also.

A short program of music and recitations, most of them Irish, seemed to please the audience who applauded generously. Then came a social hour, with a guessing contest or two, the sale of delicious candy, facors and the ever welcome "Cupid." It was a most enjoyable evening in every way.

Won Prize in Hospital Exams

Miss Myra Ramsdell of Long Branch, N. J., is spending a ten-day vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Ramsdell. Miss Ramsdell recently won a prize of $50 in gold given for the highestmark in the second year examinations at Monmouth Memorial Hospital at Long Branch, where she is in training.

HOLIDAY NOTICES

The Peoples Bank
Denton, Md., March 22, 1923
This bank will close all day Monday, March 26, Maryland Day, it being a legal holiday. All notes payable here and maturing on that day may be paid on the day following.
T. F. JOHNSON, Cashier

The Denton National Bank
Denton, Md., March 22, 1923
This bank will close all day Monday, March 26, Maryland Day, it being a legal holiday. All notes payable here and maturing on that day may be paid on the day following.
W. I. NORRIS, Cashier

The Farmers & Merchants State Bank
Denton, Md., March 22, 1923
This bank will close all day Monday, March 26, Maryland Day, it being a legal holiday. All notes payable here and maturing on that day may be paid on the day following.
S. E. HIGNUTT, Cashier

The Caroline County Bank
Greensboro, Md., March 22, 1923
This bank will close all day Monday, March 26, Maryland Day, it being a legal holiday. All notes payable here and maturing on that day may be paid on the day following.
T. CLAYTON HORSEY, Cashier

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

SEALED PROPOSALS for building one section of State Highway, as follows

CAROLINE COUNTY—Cont. CO-33
One section of state highway between Goldsboro and Marydel, for a distance of 4.5 miles—(Concrete)

will be received by the State Roads Commission, at its offices, 601 Garrett Building, Baltimore, Maryland, until 12 M. on the 3rd day of April, 1923, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read.

Bids must be made upon the blank proposal form which, with specifications and plans will be furnished by the Commission upon application and cash payment of $1.00, as hereafter no charges will be permitted.

No bids will be received unless accompanied by a certified check for the sum of Five Hundred ($500) Dollars, payable to the State Roads Commission.

The successful bidder will be required to give bond, and comply with the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland respecting contracts.

The Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER of the State Roads Commission this 14th day of March, 1923.

L. H. Steuart, Secretary.
JOHN N. MACKALL, Chairman

WALTER EWING
vs.
ANNIE EWING
In the Circuit Court for Caroline County in Equity, Chy. No. 2232

The object of this suit is to procure a divorce avinculo matrimonii by the plaintiff from the defentant. The Bill states first, That the plaintiff and defendant were married in the city of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, in the month of August, 1904, immediately removing to Caroline County, Maryland, where they lived together until 1912.

Second, That the conduct of the plaintiff towards the defendant was always kind, affectionate and above reproach and that the defendant without any just cause or reason abandoned and deserted the plaintiff and declared her intention to live with him no longer.

Third, That the defendant is a non-resident of this State and resides in the City of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania.

The Bill prays for a divorce avinculo matrimonii by the plaintiff from the defendant.

And for such other and further relief as may be right and proper as well also as for an order of publication against the non-resident defendant.

It is thereupon, this 26th day of February, 1923, ordered by the Circuit Court for Caroline County, in Equity, that the plaintiff, by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in some newspaper, published in said Caroline County, once in each of four successive weeks before the 30th day of March, 1923, give notice to the said absent defendant of the object and substance of this Bill, warning her to appear in this Court in person or by solicitor, on or before the 17th day of April, next, to show cause, if any she has, why a decree ought not to be passed as prayed.

GEO. A. DEAKYNE, Clerk
True Copy—Test:
GEO. A. DEAKYNE, Clerk
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$27,000.00

Caroline County, Maryland
5 PER CENT

Road Bonds

FOR SALE

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received by the County Commissioners of Caroline County, Maryland, for $27,000.00 Caroline County Lateral Road Bonds until one o'clock p. m.

Tuesday, March 27th, 1923

at the office of the County Commissioners of Caroline County, in Denton, Maryland.

The above bonds are offered for sale pursuant to the power and authority contained in Chapter 203 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, Session 1922. Bonds will be dated April 1st, 1923, and will be in denominations of $1,000.00 each maturing serially, $3,000.00 annually April 1st, 1936, to 1944, inclusive. These bonds and interest payable thereon are exempt from all Federal income taxes.

Each bid must be accompanied by certified check, bank draft or cash for an amount to five per centum of the par value of the Bonds bid for as a guarantee that the successful bidder or bidders will receive and pay for said bonds upon delivery. The County Commissioners hereby reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

By Order of the
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CAROLINE COUNTY
Walter S. Rutter, Clerk.
J. Owen Knotts, Attorney.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This is to give notice that the subscriber of Caroline County, has obtained from the Orphans' Court for Caroline County, in Maryland, letters of administration c. t. a. on the personal estate of

KATE B. CASSON

late of Caroline county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased are warned to exhibit the same to the subscriber, with the vouchers thereof legally authenticated, on or before the 13th day of September, 1923, or they may otherwise, by law, be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 13th day of March, 1923.

S. MITCHELL CASSON,
Administrator c. t. a. of Kate B. Casson, deceased.
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ORDER NISI

CALVERT C. MERRIKEN, Assignee,
vs.
JOSEPH L. SENGR and
ANTONIE B. SENGR

Ordered, this 14th day of March, 1923, that the Sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by Calvert C. Merriken, Assignee, be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 17th day of May next,—Provided a copy of this Order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Caroline County, once in each of four successive weeks, before the 16th day of April next.

The Report states the amount of sales to be $1500.00

GEO. A. DEAKYNE, Clerk
True Copy—Test:
GEO. A. DEAKYNE, Clerk
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AMERICAN STORES CO.

National Prune Week!

"Shake hands with health every day," is the slogan of the California Prune Growe rs.

Medical authorities and die titians generally admit that the prune is among our most healthful fruits.

Coupled with our prune pr ogram for this week, we are listing the most delicious Cal ifornia Peaches that you ever ate. Delightful Lemon Cling fruit packed under our own Asco Brand as well as the w ell-known Del Mone pack. These fruits are very timely for the Lenten season and offer the wideawake housekeeper an opportunity to save on her table expense.

Where quality counts and your money goes furthest means more than the mere statement when applied to the American Stores Plan of Adversiting.

Asco or Del Monte **Peaches** Big 2 1-2 can **25c**

Regular price, 29c. These are extra fancy California lemon cling peaches, packed in an extra heavy sugar syrup.

Doctors Say—"Eat Stewed Prunes Every Day"

Our Reg. 19c California Sunsweet **Prunes** lb **15c**

Very Fine Imported **Prunes** 3 lbs for **25c**

Fancy Calif. *"SUNSWEET" PRUNES* lb *12 ½c*

Reg. 5c Domestic **Sardines** 3 cans for **10c**
Your choice of either Oil or Mustard dressing
Reg. 15c Portugese Sardines can 12½c

Victor Bread loaf **6c**
The particular choice of hundreds of thousands of homes.

Asco Pork & Beans ....
Gold Seal Macaroni ....
Asco Buckwheat .....
Gold Seal Oats ... .
Asco Golden Syrup ....
3 for 25c

Blue Rose Rice lb **5c**
Buy ahead while this low price prevails

N. B. C. Honey Blocks .....lb 29c
Snaparoons ..lb 21c
Fancy Assorted Chocolates .....lb 39c

Gold Seal **Flour** 12 lb bag **49c**
Milled from the choicest wheat.

Apple Butter or Apple Sauce can **12½c**
Regular price, 15c. Made of the purest ingredients.

Asco **Teas** 1-4 lb pkg. **12c**
Five quality blends.

Chocolate Eggs .....lb 25c
Jelly Gum Drops ....lb 19c
Chocolate Straws lb can 29c
Hard Candies .....lb 19c
Asco Caramels .....lb 39c

Asco Coffee lb **29c**
You must drink a cup of Asco Coffee to really know how good it is. One sip and you'll taste the difference!

304 Market Street Denton, Md.

FOR YOUR APPROVAL

We have a splendid display on the second floor.
Furniture for every room in the house
Fine assortment of Rugs, 9x12 Rugs from $6 to $50.00.

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Congoleums and In-Laid Linoleums

Few Specials in Slightly Used Goods, viz.—

Mahogany Victrola, No. 80, regular $100.00 **$85.00**
Mahogany Kingsbury Piano, guaranteed 1st class condition 200.00
1 Upright Piano 100.00
Drop-head Singer Sewing Machine 35.00
HOOSIER KITCHEN CABINETS—$40 TO $85

M. K. NEWNAM

Phones—Day 130; Night 81-J

SEEDS

Garden Seeds,

Flower Seeds,

Grass Seeds

SEED HEADQUARTERS

THE FARMERS SUPPLY CO., Inc.

Denton, Phone 137 Maryland

Campfire Girls Begin Work

The first ceremonial meeting of the Wendot Campfire was held last Friday evening. After the law was explained by the guardians, six girls took the vows. They will now start with their Campfire work.

Services at Episcopal Church

Services at Christ Episcopal church Denton are held every Sunday morning at 11 a. m., and during the Lenten season, every Thursday evening at 7:30 p. m. Service Good Friday at 10:30 a. m. The subject of the rector's sermon next Sunday morning, Palm Sunday, is "Christ's Triumphal Entrance into Jerusalem." On Thursday he will speak on "Christ, the Fulfillment of Prophecy."

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