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New Issue

Exempt from all Federal Income Taxes

\$800,000

Gaston County, North Carolina

Direct Obligation
Serial 6% Bonds

Dated January 1, 1922 No option Due serially, January 1, 1923-1946
Coupon bonds, denomination \$1,000, registrable as to principal only.
Principal and semi-annual interest, January 1 and July 1, payable in New York City.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Assessed Valuation, 1921 \$62,675,510
Net Bonded Debt (including this issue) 1,967,000
Population (1920 Census) - 52,242

GASTON COUNTY, located in the southwestern part of the State, is in one of the richest agricultural sections of North Carolina. Gastonia, the county seat, is the largest cotton manufacturing city in the South.

THESE BONDS, authorized at an election, are the direct obligation of the County and are payable, both principal and interest, by an unlimited ad valorem tax levied against all taxable property in the County. The proceeds of this issue are to be used for the construction of hard surface roads.

MATURITIES AND YIELDS

1923 to 1926 to yield 5.40% 1932 to 1934 to yield 5.30%
1927 to 1931 to yield 5.35% 1935 to 1939 to yield 5.20%
1940 to 1946 to yield 5.10%

Legal opinion of Chester B. Marshall, Esq., New York City.

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NEW YORK BONDS

Table listing various New York bonds with columns for issuer, amount, and price. Includes entries like Canadian N.Y., City of New York, and various municipal bonds.

NEW ISSUE

Table listing new bond issues with columns for issuer, amount, and price. Includes entries like N.Y. Cent. 4 1/2, N.Y. Cent. 5, and various municipal bonds.

Equipment Trust 6% Gold Notes

Dated January 15, 1920 Due January 15, serially, as shown below

We offer subject to prior sale and change in price, \$1,750,000, purchased from the

United States Railroad Administration

Issuing Companies:

Delaware & Hudson Company
Amount \$250,000

New York Central Railroad Company
Amount \$640,000

Michigan Central Railroad Company
Amount \$225,000

Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company
Amount \$485,000

Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railway Company
Amount \$150,000

These notes constitute the direct obligations of the issuing companies and are secured by standard railroad equipment, under Equipment Trust Agreements dated January 15, 1920, between Walker D. Hines, Director General of Railroads, the respective railroad companies and the Trustee. Under said agreements no railroad company secures title to equipment until the Notes of that particular company have been paid in full. The Notes issued by each company are due in fifteen approximately equal annual installments, the first of which matured and was paid Jan. 15, 1921.

Maturities and Prices:

Table showing maturity dates (1924, 1925) and approximate yields (5.75%, 5.75%).

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CONTINENTAL and COMMERCIAL TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

TAX REFUND IN PENNSYLVANIA

\$2,250,000

The Shelton Looms

First Mortgage 15-Year 7% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds of Sidney Blumenthal & Co., Inc.

Dated December 1, 1921. Due December 1, 1936. Interest payable June 1 and December 1, in New York or Boston. Redeemable in whole or in part by lot on any interest payment date on 60 days' notice, at 107 and accrued interest, up to and including December 1, 1922, and thereafter at 100 and accrued interest plus a premium of 1/2% for each full year by which the date of maturity is anticipated. Coupon bonds in denominations \$500 and \$1,000 with privilege of registration as to principal. The Company agrees to pay interest without deduction for any normal Federal income tax to an amount not exceeding 2%. Pennsylvania tax not exceeding four mills, and Connecticut tax not exceeding four mills, refunded upon application. Central Union Trust Company, New York, Trustee.

Mr. Sidney Blumenthal, President, summarizes as follows his letter, a copy of which will be sent upon request:

This Company, incorporated under the laws of New York in 1899, in continuation of a business established 1854, is engaged in the manufacture of the largest variety of pile fabrics made by any one single manufacturer in the world. Its products include velvets, plushes, and other materials for use by upholsterers, drapers, furniture manufacturers, automobile and carriage makers, manufacturers of ladies' coats, dresses and suits, milliners and various other industries. A large part of the output consists of high quality standard merchandise, which constitutes raw material to other manufacturers. The Company numbers among its customers practically every large department store in the country. Its trade-mark, "The Shelton Looms," is well and favorably known throughout this and foreign countries. Its sales have increased fivefold in the past decade. The diversified nature of the Company's products and the flexibility of its equipment permit of an unusually high rate of operation throughout the year.

CAPITALIZATION

(Upon completion of present financing)

Table showing capitalization: First Mortgage 15-Year 7% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds (Closed Mortgage) \$2,250,000; Preferred Stock 8% Cumulative (Authorized \$1,500,000) 1,128,900; Common Stock (no par value) 55,000 shares.

SINKING FUND The Mortgage will provide for payment to the Trustee of 10 1/2% of this total issue in each year, payable semi-annually on the first days of June and December, the balance remaining after the payment of the interest on these bonds to be devoted to the retirement of these bonds by purchase or call, bonds so acquired to be cancelled. It is estimated that this sinking fund will retire over 80% of the entire issue before maturity.

SECURITY These bonds will be secured, in the opinion of counsel, by a closed first mortgage upon all the fixed assets of the Company, as defined in the mortgage, now owned or hereafter acquired, including a complete modern plant with 430,000 square feet of floor space occupying 12 acres of ground at Shelton, Connecticut, and by pledge of the entire capital stock of the South River Spinning Co., Inc., which owns a modern spinning mill with 130,000 square feet of floor space at South River, New Jersey. These plants are modern in design and equipment, advantageously located and efficiently operated.

ASSETS The fixed assets of the Company, and the South River Spinning Co., Inc., as defined in the Mortgage, have been appraised at a sound value of \$4,897,028, or over \$2,000 for each \$1,000 bond. The net quick assets, as defined in the Mortgage, according to the annexed balance sheet prepared by Messrs. Haskins & Sells, after giving effect to this financing, amount to \$4,222,816, or over \$1,875 for each \$1,000 bond, and the net tangible assets thus amount to \$9,119,844, or over four times the par value of this closed first mortgage issue.

The Company will covenant in the Mortgage not to pay any dividends, except on the authorized issue of Preferred Stock, or take any other voluntary action which will operate to reduce net quick assets, as defined in the Mortgage, below 150% of the par value of all outstanding first mortgage bonds.

EARNINGS The average net profits of the Company, for the five years ended December 31, 1920, according to the audit of Messrs. Haskins & Sells, before depreciation and Federal taxes, amounted to \$934,212, or about six times the interest charges and about four times the interest and sinking fund requirements on these bonds. During this period the smallest net profits in any one year amounted to \$614,398. The Company's earnings similarly computed for the year 1921, December estimated, will show a small profit. There is every indication of an increased volume of business at a normal rate of profit in the coming year.

We Recommend These Bonds for Investment

Price: 96 1/2 and interest, yielding about 7.40%

Bonds are offered when, as and if issued and received by us and subject to the approval of counsel.

E. H. Rollins & Sons

Hambleton & Co.

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