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Big Union Meeting For Saturday, 3rd WALNUT COVE TOBACCO FACTORY

AMONG THE IMPORTANT MATTERS TO BE TRANSACTED—COMMITTEE TO REPORT ON PLANS AND WAYS AND MEANS--SPRING FERTILIZERS TO BE DISCUSSED, AND A COUNTY BUSINESS AGENT TO BE ELECTED--LARGE ATTENDANCE EXPECTED.

The Stokes County Farmers' Union has a very important meeting billed for Danbury next Saturday, February 3, which doubtless a large crowd of union men from all sections of the county will attend. The object of the meeting is to adopt plans for the building of a big union tobacco factory at Walnut Cove. At the last county meeting Messrs. J. S. Taylor, B. J. Savage, J. W. Slate, J. A. Lawson and J. T. Kallam were appointed a committee to draw up plans and devise ways and means with reference to the factory proposition. At next Saturday's meeting this committee is expected to submit its plans, which, though of course tentative only, will be the nucleus, and upon which the deliberations of the general meeting will proceed. The capital of the proposed factory will be something like \$100,000. It is said many prominent and wealthy farmers and other citizens of the county are interested in the idea, and will take stock liberally. The farmers claim that if there is profit in their product, they are entitled to it, and steps will be taken toward the attainment of that end. Among the big farmers of the county who are able to invest largely in the factory, and who are said to be enthusiastic over the proposition, are B. J. Savage, Chap Bodenheimer, J. S. Taylor, R. J. Petree, J. Thos. Kallam, J. T. Joyce, and many others too numerous to mention. While of course the factory will be, probably, backed largely by union men and union money, all persons who have the best interest of the farmers at heart, and who consider the investment good, will be permitted to take stock in the concern. It is argued with great reason and business sense that we are in the center of the tobacco region, tobacco is our staple and money crop, we are the producers of the great wealth that the manufacture of the product has piled up in the hands of others, then why should we not reap the fruits of our own labor and toil? If there is wealth to be coined from the product when manufactured and sold by expert labor paid and directed by the American Tobacco Company and other corporations, why should there not be wealth for us when this product is manufactured and sold by expert labor paid and directed by us?

The committee above-mentioned will meet with the county council of the union on Friday night, the 2nd, for the purpose of arranging important matters to come before the union on Saturday. At the county meeting on Saturday, among the important matters to be discussed will be spring fertilizers, the election of a county business agent, etc.

Irish potatoes are bringing forty cents a peck and hard to find at that.

EXCELLENT SHAPE

BANK OF STOKES COUNTY

Annual Meeting of the Stockholders at Walnut Cove—Usual Dividend Declared, and the Surplus Increased—Old Officers Re-elected.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Stokes County was held at the Walnut Cove bank last Friday, January 26, attended by a considerable number of the stockholders. The reports of the special finance committees, which examined the loans, and audited the accounts of the bank, showed all the paper of the bank to be good, the accounts in excellent shape, and the institution to have experienced the most successful year's business in its history.

The bank declared its usual dividend, placing the balance in the surplus, which now amounts to about 50 per cent. of the bank's capital, and making a showing which few financial institutions in the State can beat.

All the old officers, with the same board of directors, were re-elected. After the adjournment, the stockholders enjoyed a good dinner at the Dodson Hotel as the guests of Mr. O. N. Petree, Cashier of the Walnut Cove bank.

A GIRL'S WILD MIDNIGHT RIDE.

To warn people of a fearful forest fire in the Catskills a young girl rode horseback at midnight and saved many lives. Her deed was glorious but lives are often saved by Dr. King's New Discovery in curing lung trouble, coughs and colds, which might have ended in consumption or pneumonia. "It cured me of a dreadful cough and lung disease," writes W. R. Patterson, of Wilmington, Tex., "after four in our family had died with consumption, and I gained 87 pounds." Nothing so sure and safe for all throat and lung troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by all Druggists.

Another Good Roads Bill.

Eighty million dollars is proposed to be appropriated from the national treasury for the building of permanent highways under a bill introduced in congress last month by Representative Prouty of Iowa, who advocates national, state and corporate aid in road construction and maintenance. His bill proposes that congress appropriate and apportion among the various states \$5,000,000 in 1912, \$10,000,000 in 1913, \$15,000,000 in 1914, \$25,000,000 in 1915, and \$30,000,000 in 1916. The federal expenditures on each road is limited to one-half the total cost.

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NEWS OF WESTFIELD

AN INTERESTING LETTER

Choppings and Quiltings—Boy Suffering With Old Pistol Ball—Republican County Ticket Suggested—Something Of Interest to the Girls Promised For Next Week.

Westfield, Jan. 29.—Choppings and quiltings are becoming very fashionable in these parts. We also have receptions and sociables occasionally.

The Farmers' Union had a meeting at this place last Saturday.

Messrs. R. V. Marshall and E. J. Payne went to Dobson last week on business.

Rev. Wesley Wooten filled his regular appointment at the Friends church last Sunday.

The Modern Woodmen of America will have the regular meeting at their hall next Saturday night. This is a new order at this place but is becoming very popular. The insurance you get is a very prominent feature besides you get a nice ride that you will very likely remember.

Messrs. S. F. Shelton, R. K. Simmons and several others took a trip to Sauratown mountain last week in search of foxes, but the foxes must have heard they were coming and all hid as they failed to find any.

Mr. E. F. Inman has accepted a position with the Leader Warehouse at Winston.

Jim and Etta were last heard of in Roanoke, Va.

Silas Morefield, who has been in the John Hopkins Hospital at Baltimore for treatment for three months, is back at home now and is able to be in school.

Mr. Josie Carson is suffering now from a pistol ball that was accidentally shot into his body by his brother about ten years ago. The bullet entered one side of the body and lodged in the other. The doctors met at his house last week to cut the ball out but they decided that he was too weak to stand the operation. The old pistol that he was shot with was not supposed to be loaded.

Say, let me suggest a county ticket for the Republicans this time, and if I am not right I would like to hear from some one else through the columns of this paper:

They are as follows: W. C. Slate for sheriff. A. M. Jessup for register of deeds.

Thomas S. Petree for treasurer.

Mr. J. E. Pell lost a fine cow last week and the same night Mr. Alfred Cook lost a fine horse. Mr. Cook says the horse was apparently well as usual when he fed him that night and next morning when he went to feed the horse it was dead and cold.

The wedding bells are expected to ring any old time down at D. M.'s. for Baby goes quite often.

Gaston called on Irene again last Sunday.

We will send something next week for publication that will make the girls all sit up and take notice. A bachelor wants to advertise for a wife. He has had many disappointments in this life along that line and now chooses to advertise in a newspaper. He has plenty of money and the lady who takes him will never regret it. His ad will appear next week.

SERIOUS CHARGE

AGAINST ROBERT L. SOUTHERN

Native Stokes County Man Arrested At Winston—Accused of Misappropriating Funds of Spach Bros., By Whom He Was Employed—Belongs To Good Family of this County.

Robert L. Southern, a native of Stokes county, and the son of Mr. Alex Southern, of German-ton Route 1, was last week arrested in Winston on the charge of the embezzlement of about \$2,400 from Spach Bros., wagon manufacturers, in whose employment he has been for several years. Southern is in Forsyth county jail and will probably be tried at the present term of Forsyth Superior court, in session this week.

Much sympathy is felt for the parents and brothers and sisters of Southern, who are among this county's best people.

The following account of the affair is taken from Winston Sentinel and the Journal of the 26th inst:

Robert L. Southern, an employee of Spach Brothers, wagon manufacturers, and roller mill and store proprietors, pleaded guilty to the charge of larceny of \$2,471 from Spach Brothers before Squire J. P. Charles yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock and is now in the county jail awaiting trial at the January term of superior court which convenes Monday.

Southern was arrested yesterday afternoon on suspicion by Sheriff Flynt and Jailer J. J. Adams and when he was confronted with the charge he broke down and admitted his guilt.

He carried the officers to his room which is in the same building as the store room of Spach Brothers, and here the officers found about \$120 in silver and currency. About a gallon of pennies were found in another part of the room. He admitted that the money was taken from the office safe with the exception of the pennies which he has been taking for some time.

An account book of the amounts taken almost daily, and totaled weekly, was found which Southern has been keeping since last May. The books indicated that the operations have been carried on for the past 33 weeks. The largest amount taken during any one week aggregated \$213 and the smallest, \$24. The total amount taken as shown by the book amounted to \$2,471.

Southern was not suspected until last Wednesday. A trap was set Wednesday night when small strips of paper were pasted across the door leading from his room to the store and a stick was placed against the door. On the following morning, the strips of paper were broken and stick had been knocked down and \$4.50 had been taken from the safe.

Southern is about 35 years of age and looked upon as an excellent employee. He has spent practically all of the money secured, it is said.

When Southern was arrested Thursday it was known that he had a wife and child in Greensboro, and he confessed to the officers that much of the money he had stolen had been spent with lavish hands upon the woman.

Sheriff Flynt and Jailer Adams, taking Southern with them, and accompanied by J. J. Mock, an employee of Spach Brothers, went to Greensboro yesterday. They proceeded immediately to Southern's home on West Lee street. A maid met them at the door of the elegant

residence and showed them into an elaborately furnished parlor to await the coming of her mistress. When Mrs. Southern, handsomely gowned, appeared at the door she was much surprised to see her husband at home. The officers allowed the prisoner to "break her news," and after several attempts Southern succeeded in finding words with which to tell his wife the purpose of his unexpected visit.

Mrs. Southern expressed great surprise at hearing of the larceny and declared that she had never suspected such a crime of her husband. She thought Spach Brothers had surely raised his wages and in this way account for the handsome presents he had given her and the generous weekly allowance he had made for the luxurious support of his family.

Of all the money the man had stolen only \$286 in cash was found. This was in the bank, part in the wife's name and part in the name of an adopted son. The rest of the cash had been spent.

With Southern, a very willing assistant, the wife's wardrobe and the whole house was searched and every article which the man declared had been purchased with the stolen funds was taken.

Following are the articles taken from Mrs. Southern's, together with the declared purchase price:

Diamond ring, \$85; ear rings, \$75; watch, \$30; pearl necklace \$9.50; set of white furs, \$45; set of black furs, \$25; parasol, \$10; willow plumes, \$22; rain coat \$20; silk lined cloak, \$23; three silk chemise, \$10, and other ladies' wearing apparel, consisting of fine dresses and the like, \$150.

All of this the officers brought home with them last night, together with a suit belonging to Southern worth \$25, an overcoat valued at \$15, three \$1 shirts, a clock that cost \$8 and linen collars worth about \$3.

Besides the articles taken from the wife the following:

Piano, \$250; parlor set, \$82; many fine druggets valued as high as \$27 each; several costly mattresses; a stove; lace window curtains; costly ornamental pictures, with which most of the rooms were decorated; and several other articles, which the officers ordered not to be moved, and which together with the wife's personal belongings cost an aggregate of nearly \$1,500.

Besides the property found Southern told the officers he had spent about \$400 in part payment for his handsome residence and the lot, making the sum for which he can account for spending amount to about \$2,000. The rest, however much more there may have been, he evidently spent foolishly.

The officers declared that they seldom had been in a more elegantly furnished home than was Southern's. Every room of the large house was most superbly furnished with everything that wealth apparently could afford.

Southern declared that all his high living began last May, when he first began slipping from his sleeping room into the office of Spach Brothers and lifting cash each night from the safe. His wife corroborated him as to the date of their wealth.

She said that she would hold all of the furniture willingly and the officers will return for it later. They will secure every article which Southern identified as that purchased with the stolen money, with just one exception.

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WILL SUE SOUTHERN

FOR INJURIES IN WRECK

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Morefield Confer With Counsel Looking to Action For Damage—Mrs. Morefield Hurt In Wreck Near King's Mountain in December Last.

It is learned that Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Morefield, of Sandy Ridge Route 1, will enter a damage suit in the Superior Court of Stokes county against the Southern Railway for alleged injuries sustained by Mrs. Morefield in the wreck of the Southern train near King's Mountain just before Christmas. The amount of damages to be asked has not been learned. Mr. and Mrs. Morefield were in Danbury a few days ago, and while here Mr. Morefield was in consultation with counsel regarding the proposed suit.

Mrs. Morefield was returning from Georgia, where she had been to see her son, who lives in that State, when she was caught in the wreck above-mentioned.

If no compromise should be reached, it is presumed the action will come up for trial at the May term of court here.

Important Cases To Be Tried In Surry County.

The next term of Surry Superior court will convene February 5th. Judge Daniels will preside. The term is for the trial of both criminal and civil cases and is for only one week. There are a number of important cases on the docket, one being that in which a man named Burgess is charged with placing paris green in the spring of Mr. Whitaker, near Siloam, several months ago. The case was due to be heard the last term but was laid over on account of the absence of important witnesses. There are two slander cases that will take up much time, if they are tried. A number of retail cases will be disposed of. The trial of L. Tilley and his brother for killing Jolly will be one of the important cases.

Mr. N. L. Cranford Goes West.

Mr. N. Cranford, of Winston-Salem, who is well known to many of our Stokes people, left Monday of this week for Deming, New Mexico, where he goes in search of better health. Mr. Cranford was accompanied by his wife and will remain in New Mexico until summer or perhaps longer, if the climate benefits him as he expects it to.

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NOTICE!

Notice is hereby given to all parties concerned that the Board of County Commissioners will let the contract for making the fills to the approaches of the bridge across Dan river, at Clemmons' Old Forge, on Tuesday morning, the 6th day of February, 1912, at 10 o'clock A. M. at the bridge. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

By order of the board.
W. C. SLATE,
Clerk Bd. Co. Com'rs.

Mr. J. Spot Taylor visited Winston-Salem yesterday, returning today.