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OIL TRUST TO MULTIPLY STOCK

According to The Journal of Commerce, of New York, there is a report abroad that those in control of the Standard Oil Company contemplate a multiplication of its shares by six, giving six new shares for one of those now held.

"Dividends of this trust have been ranging from 40 to 60 per cent, having frequently been 4 per cent a month on the par value, and the market value has been multiplied accordingly. This directs attention to the enormous profits to be derived from a monopoly, and to the source of some huge fortunes which are not confined in their use to refining petroleum. It has sometimes been claimed that Standard Oil has done a beneficent work in improving processes of refining and transporting, developing valuable by-products and cheapening illuminating and lubricating oils; but there is no evidence and no reason to believe that competition in the oil business would not have produced equally good results in the last thirty years, so far as the interest of consumers are concerned.

"If the alleged intention of the Standard Oil Company is carried out, it will go to show that the general protest against the action of this giant monopoly has not been without effect. The reports of earnings are entirely too good to go before the public, and the capital is to be increased so as to decrease the rate of dividends without actually making any change in the concern's earning capacity. This we see the monster trust pursuing its same plan of deception. The claim that the Standard Oil Company has reduced the price of oil to consumers may be true in some instances—where it was endeavoring to crush a competitor—but the ability to pay 40 or 50 per cent dividends on a year's advance in itself that it is not as it should be, even were there no other reason to believe Rockefeller's scheme a detestable institution.

In discussing the situation in which District Attorney Johnson of New York, now files himself, because public opinion demands not only the active prosecution of the big offenders in the insurance scandals, which is in his power, but their imprisonment, which in most circumstances is not.

The House of Representatives of the South Carolina Legislature Thursday killed the Toole bill making ten hours a day's work in cotton mills, a few days ago a proposed compulsory educational law failed, and it has passed the bill abolishing the State dispensary. The present lower house seems to be an unusually sensible body of men.

Frances W. Graham, of Lockport, N. Y., president of the State W. C. T. U., is quoted as saying: "Whether or not wine is served at the wedding breakfast of Miss Alice Roosevelt is none of the Women's Christian Temperance Union's business." There are many people who will agree with this sentiment.

The Richmond Times-Dispatch gets on this: "If crime sheets prove the Governor would ever make Gayles' Green? No answer." The man responsible for this should be hung up without benefit of clergy.

TIME TO CALL A HALT.

The Meigs, Ga. Telegraph is of opinion that it is "about time to protest against those beastly cartoons which are appearing respectively in The Atlanta Journal and The Atlanta Constitution—cartoons holding up to ridicule and scorn Mr. Clark Howell and his brother by the one, and Mr. Moke Smith and Mr. Watson by the other."

"Suppose Mr. Howell is nominated, and Mr. Watson decides to contest the governorship with him in the October election, will The Journal be able to swallow its own cartoons and support Mr. Howell with a pleasant countenance? It will be more than ordinary every day crow. "On the other hand, suppose Mr. Moke Smith is nominated, and the Laird of Mountain Top becomes his chief fustianer and file-leader with a disposition to do the McDuff act to the vanquished, will Mr. Howell be able to gulp it all down without a wince?"

"Next the plan to disband the Democratic party, by denying its name in the primary, this personal, political and newspaper feud is doing most harm to the State Democracy, which is a very large part of the State. It is an attempt to line up Georgia in two feuding bands with rapiers and shields, and with lards of mountain tops, and cross-bones and skulls in the valleys. Isn't it a fine-smelling, savory mess?"

The cartoons referred to, which appear almost daily in The Atlanta Journal and The Atlanta Constitution are anything but creditable to these papers; indeed, they are along the same line as the disgusting teeth pictures of President Roosevelt which The New York Journal turned out during the last campaign and which many Southern papers reproduced in their columns. These Georgia cartoons, however, are little, if any, worse than what is said in plain English about the two Atlanta candidates for Governor by The Journal and The Constitution. It would be only just retribution if the Democrats of Georgia should choose neither of the Atlanta men, provided the candidates themselves are responsible for the action of the newspapers, and in the case of one of them this is probably true, for he is the editor. The Atlanta fight resembles a yellow Journal campaign more than it does a race in a Democratic primary between two prominent citizens.

Negro disfranchisement is one of the issues in the Georgia gubernatorial campaign. The negroes are not the ideal governing body in a Commonwealth, but it is not to be believed that if they were in charge of Georgia now they would be conducting as disgusting, disreputable a campaign as the white people are doing.

The news from Washington to the effect that the Smoot case is drawing to a close and that the committee will shortly make a report to the Senate is gratifying. The matter has already been too long drawn out and should be settled one way or another.

The Hepburn bill to regulate railroad rates, passed the House of Representatives Thursday by an almost unanimous vote—346 to 7, the latter all being Republicans. The opposition made noise in debate out of proportion to its strength.

It is rather an unusual circumstance that among the large number of suicides reported during the past week three were of preachers—two in Illinois and one in Georgia.

THE PRICE OF MEATS.

Charlotte Buys Many Hogs From Other States and the Stall-Fed Steer is in Demand.

"People are eating more stuff here than ever before," said Mr. A. W. Whitaker, a stock dealer, to an Observer's man yesterday.

"There is a growing demand in Charlotte for fine steers and before 90 days have passed that sort of beef will sell for five cents a pound. The best sort of steer, for the Charlotte market, is a fellow that will weigh close around 1,000 pounds. My supply of cattle is coming from the cotton seed oil section of the South. Thousands of cattle are being fattened in the South this winter. Some of the leading business men of Rock Hill are feeding beef steers. They will hold for 5 cents."

Mr. Whitaker claims that the local farmer has sold more hogs this year than ever before. "Why," he declared, "they have sold their meat and hay and held their cotton. That is the reason why the stock-raising farmers are so well fixed."

PERSONAL.

The Movement of a Number of People, Visitors and Others. Rev. B. R. Stockley, of Mount Jackson, Va., is visiting President C. B. King, of Elizabeth College.

Mr. Frank Ritchie, of Mount Pleasant, is spending a few days in the city on business. Mr. Bailey Avery, advance agent for James O'Neill, in "Monte Christo" who will appear at the Academy of Music shortly, spent yesterday in the city on business.

Among the out-of-town people here yesterday were Col. Bartlett Shipp and Mr. James D. Beale, Jr., of Hendersonville, who were at the Buford. Mr. A. Hart, of Tarboro, spent yesterday in the city.

Mr. E. T. Casner spent yesterday at Winston-Salem on legal business. Mr. W. F. O'Kelly, of Davidson College, spent yesterday in the city with Mr. J. T. Hutchison. Messrs. W. M. Gordon, J. H. Myers and J. T. Garland, of Monroe, were visitors in the city yesterday, being guests at the Central.

Among the visitors in the city yesterday were Mr. John C. Mills, of Rutherfordton, who was a guest at the Central. Mr. S. A. Mebane, of Greensboro, was in Charlotte yesterday. Mr. E. W. Gilliam, of Asheville, was in the city yesterday, at the Buford. Dr. C. H. Crockett, of Transwell, Va., is visiting his daughter at Elizabeth College.

Messrs. R. J. Hitt, B. B. Martin and H. O. Speas, of Winston-Salem, spent yesterday in the city on business. Mr. L. W. Porter, of Shelby, spent yesterday here, staying at the Central. Mr. Flake F. Steele, of Statesville, was among the visitors in the city yesterday. Capt. George F. Eason, of Gastonia, was among the visitors in the city yesterday.

Prof. John G. Clinkscales, professor of mathematics at Wofford College, of Spartanburg, S. C., who will address the meeting for men to be held in the Academy of Music Sunday afternoon under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association, will be a guest, while in the city, of Col. R. E. Mason, who was associated with Col. Clinkscales on the staff of Governor Wade Hampton, of South Carolina. Mr. W. P. McEwen, of Asheville, was among the guests at the Buford last night.

Mr. Edgar A. Walz, of New York, president of the Hotel Man's Protective Association, is spending today in the city. Mr. George H. Carter, of Sanford, was registered at the Central last night. Mr. J. W. Mullen, of Salisbury, is spending today in the city, staying at the Central. Mr. T. N. Harris, of High Shoals, is a visitor in the city. Mr. J. B. Dawson, of Kinston, was registered at the Buford last night. Mr. Arthur L. Ware, of Raleigh, is in the city on business. Dr. J. M. Belk, of Monroe, is spending a few days in the city on business. Mr. W. H. Belk and B. F. Matthews are spending the week in New York on business. Rev. E. D. Brown, of Hopewell, was a Charlotte visitor yesterday.

BRIEFS.

A Few Minor Happenings in and About the City. Miss Beasie Berkelmer is right sick at her home on East Morehead street. Mrs. W. D. Cowles is improving rapidly. She will soon be able to leave the hospital. Mr. John Overcash, formerly with the Carolina Clothing Company, has taken a position with the Little-Long Company. Deputy Register of Deeds Benj. Powell yesterday issued license for the marriage of Mr. B. A. Gibson and Miss Eufa Ferguson, both of the county. The Rev. Archdeacon Osburn will hold services in Calvary church, Wadesboro, Monday at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Holy Communion will be celebrated at the morning service. Miss Nora Hyndman was operated on for appendicitis at the Presbyterian Hospital Thursday. The operation was successful and Miss Hyndman's condition yesterday was very satisfactory. The many friends of Dr. I. W. Faison will be glad to know that his condition has wonderfully improved, so much so that he has been able to see and enjoy talking with a number of his friends. The receipts at the city cotton platform yesterday were eight bales and the best price was 11 cents. The receipts for the corresponding date of last year were two bales and the best price at that time was 7.50 cents a pound. Mr. L. H. Starnes, who lost his house and all his furniture by fire Thursday night, was also unfortunate in that he has \$250 in money burned. He had been keeping the money in the house and when he awoke it was too late to save it. The house and furniture were a total loss, and Mr. Starnes carried no insurance on them. The weather yesterday was ideal. When Charlotte went to sleep Thursday night the town was covered with ice and it was feared that there would be more broken wires and trees yesterday morning; but when the town awoke yesterday morning it looked upon a world of sunshine. The ice had disappeared as if by magic and the weather was so moderated that overcasts were burdensome. The boy's cabinet of the boy's department of the Young Men's Christian Association held a very interesting meeting last night. The members of the cabinet submitted their monthly reports to the boys' work committee. The reports were very favorable and showed that the work had been vigorously pushed through the various committees. Methods and plans pertaining to the further advancement of the work were discussed by the boys and members of the committee. The Bible Study clubs will meet this morning at 8.30 o'clock. The Saturday morning rally begins fifteen minutes earlier.

POST HINSHAW.

Beautiful Wedding at Greensboro in Which Miss Zula Aurora Hinshaw Becomes the Bride of Mr. Eugene Thompson Boat. Correspondence of The Observer.

Greensboro, Feb. 8.—A marriage of much social interest and importance took place this afternoon at 4 o'clock, when Miss Zula Aurora Hinshaw, of this city, and Mr. Eugene Thompson Boat, of Boat's Mill, near Concord, were united in wedlock. The wedding was solemnized at the hospitable and beautiful home of the bride's uncle, Mr. James A. Odell, on East Washington street. Rev. Dr. G. H. Dewilser, pastor of West Market Street M. E. church, performed the ceremony, after which an elaborate reception was tendered in honor of the event, the hours being from 4.30 to 6 o'clock, during which time a large concourse of friends called to extend their felicitations. The bride and groom left for the 7.30 o'clock train for a two-weeks' wedding trip to Odell Beach and other points in Florida before going to their future home at Boat's Mill.

The Odell home was tastefully decorated, presenting a scene that was gorgeous and perfect in all details. During the wedding and reception sweet music was discoursed by Elam's Orchestra, stationed behind a bower of palms and ferns in one of the halls. The marital vows were assumed in the east parlor, before an improvised canopy draped in smilax and white roses under a veritable canopy made of ropes of smilax suspended from the ceiling to the chandelier. The groom was attended by his best man, Mr. Joseph P. Cannon, of Concord. Miss May Hinshaw, a sister of the bride, was the maid of honor. Other attendants were Mr. Charles E. Boxer, of Concord, who entered with Miss Lenora Stevens, of Concord. The bride came in leaning upon the arm of her uncle, Mr. James A. Odell, who gave her away.

The bride's costume was broadened with real diamonds and pearls and diamonds and pearls. Her veil was caught up with orange blossoms and she carried bride's roses. The maid of honor wore blue silk veil over tulle with white lace trimmings and diamond and pearl ornaments. Miss Stevenson was dressed in white organdy over blue taffeta, with pearl ornaments. Miss Stevens and the maid of honor both carried pink carnations. Mrs. Odell wore a black and white cascade granadine over white taffeta, with diamond ornaments. The dresses of the other ladies were exquisite creations of the dressmakers' art. The wedding presents were displayed in the library and among the many handsome and useful gifts was a chest of silver from Mr. and Mrs. James A. Odell.

Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Stamey and Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Grissom greeted the guests at the front entrance, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Bradshaw receiving them in the hall; Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Vanstory and Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Durham at the east parlor door; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Odell, of Concord, and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Allen at the west parlor door; Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Michaux, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Alderman, Mr. C. H. Ireland, Mrs. J. H. Walsh and Mrs. H. L. Lee in the library; Mr. C. H. Ireland, Mr. C. H. Dorsett and Mrs. Ned Ireland Thacker at the dining room door, and Mrs. Lida Carr in the dining room.

The bride has made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Odell for the past seven years. She was graduated from Greensboro Female College in the class of 1902. She is an accomplished and popular young woman and has a large number of friends. The groom is a successful young business man of Boat's Mill. Among the guests from a distance attending the wedding and reception are Capt. and Mrs. Odell, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Odell, Miss Lenora Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cannon, Mr. Jos. P. Cannon, Mr. Roger, Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Houane, Mr. Will Stewart, Mr. D. E. Coltrane, Messrs. Martin, James and Eugene Cannon, of Concord; Mrs. S. G. Dahlie, of Littleton; Prof. and Mrs. Jas. F. Brower, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. G. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Douglas, of Winston-Salem; Gen. and Mrs. Julian S. Carr, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Carr, Jr., Miss Anna Branson, of Durham, and Miss Lena Grimes, of Lexington.

SUPERINTENDENTS IN SESSION.

Heads of City Schools in the State Gather in Convention at Greensboro—A Youthful Forger. Correspondence of The Observer.

Greensboro, Feb. 8.—The police this afternoon arrested a 15-year-old white boy, who at first gave his name as J. Ed. Lambeth, but whose real name is John Terrell, on the charge of forgery. He presented two checks, at the Greensboro National Bank, one in the name of Mr. J. H. Hopkins, a well-known young man here, and they were not cashed. The checks were for \$25.00, later in the day being returned purporting to be signed by W. L. Moore, drawn on the Greensboro Loan & Trust Co. but it likewise failed. Terrell came here recently from Brown Summit, and resides on Joyner street. When arrested he confessed, but said some other boy confessed upon him to do it. The case came up this afternoon before the mayor, who is in a quandary as to what disposition to make of the case on account of the extreme youth of the boy. "Mother Jones," a prominent Socialist, addressed a small audience in the Bevil building to-night. The attendance was not large on account of the inclement weather. A delightful recital was given in the chapel of the Greensboro Female College to-night by the faculty of the music and expression departments. There was an appreciative audience and the programme was heartily enjoyed by everyone. The trains to-day brought a great many educators from various sections of the State to attend the annual meeting of the North Carolina Association of City School Superintendents, which convened to-night at 8 o'clock in the assembly hall of the Benbow. Supt. L. C. Griffin, of Salisbury, second graded schools, is president, and Supt. I. C. Griffin, of Salisbury, secretary. Three sessions will be held to-morrow, the one in the morning being addressed by former Supt. Preston W. Seay, of the City of Charlotte, of the schools. He will deliver a lecture to-morrow night in the Smith Memorial Building before the graduating class of the city high school and the superintendent will attend in a body. The annual meeting will end Saturday morning after the election of officers. At the annual meeting of the policy holders of the Security Life & Annuity Co. last evening the reports of the officers showed that the past year had been one of the most successful in the history of the company. All the officers were re-elected.

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