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ATTORNEY GENERALS AGT VISIT NEW YORK IN INTEREST OF TOBACCO GROWERS.

To Protest Against Proposed Plan of The American Tobacco Co—the Plan Considered a Sham.

We take the following interview from a recent issue of the News-Observator which was given by Attorney-General T. W. Bickett before he left for New York. They were allowed to enter their protests and we publish this interview to show their plans and what they think of the American Tobacco Company's proposed plan. Mr. Bickett said:

"I had hoped that there would be nothing said in the papers about the matter until we had definitely determined what action we would take, but as it has become known that we are interesting ourselves in the case it is probably due to the public, as we are public officers, to know the reason why.

"I have from its inception, been deeply interested in this case. I went to Washington and heard the argument before the Supreme Court on the original hearing. I was profoundly impressed with the argument made by Attorney-General Wickersham, in behalf of the Government. It was a great lawyer-like and statesman-like effort, entirely worthy of his high position. I gave out an interview in which I predicted that the Government would win the case. It was immensely gratifying to me when our Supreme Court, by a unanimous decision, (for Justice Harlan dissented against the Tobacco Company) found as a fact that the American Tobacco Co is a combination in restraint of trade, and that it has consciously and designedly monopolized the tobacco business of the country and ordered a dissolution of the combination and a destruction of the monopoly.

"I believe, when the opinion was handed down, and believe now, that a conscientious enforcement of the law, as interpreted by the court, will put an end to monopoly in this country.

"Something over one month ago the newspapers were full of rumors about the plan of the American Tobacco Company, and these rumored plans were so completely at variance with the order of the Supreme Court that on September 25th I wrote a general letter to Attorney-General Wickersham on the subject. In that letter I said: 'I trust that there is no impropriety in my saying that I am profoundly convinced that if the American Tobacco Company shall be allowed to break up into any number of organizations, and the present stockholders receive stock in all the new companies in proportion to their holdings in the present company, the decision of the Supreme Court will not be a thing of value. The oneness of the controlling power will not be affected. The hands will be the hands of Esau but the voice will remain the voice of Jacob.'

"In reply Mr. Wickersham stated he knew no means of absolutely avoiding the difficulties suggested in my letter, that all the properties of the American Tobacco Company were controlled through stockholding or absolute title were, in the last analysis, owned by the stockholders of that company, and that, at the outset, each of these parts must be owned by the stockholders in the parent company in the same proportion.

"He furthermore stated that he had insisted that the preferred stockholders should be given the same voting power as the common stockholders and that this would be done, and that it was intended to split the business up into a number of parts, no one of which would control, at the outset, more than 50 per cent of any part of the tobacco business. He ventured the hope that the potential competition established between the various entities would soon become actual competition.

"About ten days ago the papers carried what appeared to be an authoritative statement of the plan of the American Tobacco Company, which plans were to divide the company into three parts, all the parts to be held by the present stockholders in proportion to their holdings in the original company. This plan was such a patent farce that I at once addressed another letter to Attorney-General Wickersham on the subject as follows:

Oct. 9, 1911.

"Hon. Geo. W. Wickersham, Attorney-General United States, Washington, D. C.

"Dear Sir: I trust that a second letter relative to the dissolution of the American Tobacco Company will neither tax your patience nor strain your courtesy.

"The plan which the newspapers say

the American Tobacco Company has submitted to the court does not have the merit of even looking like a bona fide dissolution of that corporation. The newspapers state the plan to be to divide the American Tobacco Company into three companies, and issue stock of each of the three companies to the present stockholders in the American in proportion to their holdings in the original company.

"I am profoundly convinced that such a plan will afford no relief to the men who grow tobacco, and these are the men who should be the object of the government's tenderest care. These are the men whose ill-paid toil is the very foundation of the tobacco business. And when these men see a single organization arbitrarily fix the prices of the product of their labors, they are stirred by the same feelings that brought about the French Revolution, and the Night-ride of Kentucky are the legitimate offspring of commercial tyranny.

"I noticed that Mr. Brandels, of Boston has filed a protest against this plan in behalf of the independent cigar makers. I desire to secure your permission to file a protest and a brief in behalf of the dependent tobacco growers of North Carolina. This state ranks second among the tobacco-growing states in the Union, and the determination of this case spells hope or despair to thousands of our citizens.

"It is my purpose to ask the Attorneys-General of the leading tobacco States to unite in filing a protest and a brief, provided we can secure permission to do so.

"Permit me to say that I am not disposed to find any fault with the way in which this prosecution has been conducted but I fear that the court may not fully appreciate the tremendous importance of this matter to the men whose very living depends upon getting a fair price for the tobacco they grow. I simply desire an opportunity to say a word in their behalf.

"If you are willing to grant this request, please wire me, and I will at once go to New York and file a protest and the brief. Of course, in the brief, I shall maintain that the plan of reorganization submitted by the American Tobacco Company is, in no way, a compliance with the judgment of the Supreme Court of the United States.

"With much respect, I beg to remain

"Very truly yours,

"T. W. BICKETT,

"Attorney General.

"To the above letter Mr. Wickersham replied that the newspapers had not published anything like an accurate account of the plan which he understood the American Tobacco Company proposed to submit, and that he could not say in advance what his attitude with respect to the plan would be. He furthermore said that while the court could not be expected to allow technical intervention of parties not having a direct interest in the subject matter, that parties who were interested in the legal and economical question involved would, he assumed, be permitted to be heard either orally or by written or printed briefs. This position of Mr. Wickersham was entirely proper and satisfactory to me.

"In the meantime I had taken the matter up with the Attorneys-General of Virginia and South Carolina. The final plan of the tobacco company was published on last Saturday, but was not filed with the court until Monday of this week, and on Tuesday I arranged for the conference to be held in New York on Thursday between the Attorneys-General of South Carolina, Virginia and myself. Of course, I cannot say what our attitude will be. We propose to carefully study the plan submitted by the American Tobacco Company and if it shows a serious effort to dissolve the combination and the monopoly we will feel that the Government and the people are to be congratulated. If it does not disclose such an effort, then in behalf of the tobacco growers of Virginia, South Carolina and North Carolina we will file a strenuous protest against the adoption of the plan."

Convalescing.

Miss Beattie Hale, who underwent an operation at the Rex Hospital at Raleigh Saturday for appendicitis, her many friends here will be glad to learn, is convalescing rapidly.

Moved.

We learn that Mrs. J. O. May has moved her stock of dry goods, groceries etc., from the store room at her home to the old Stallings store on the Louisburg and Nashville road. They have purchased the site, and will now increase the business. They are remodeling the building and when completed will be one of the prettiest country stores in the county.



HON. THOMAS WALTER BICKETT, ATTORNEY-GENERAL

At whose instigation the protest against the American Tobacco Company's plans of disintegration was made possible and filed.

60,000 EXTRA VOTES. TO BE GIVEN TO CONTESTANTS THIS WEEK.

The Young Ladies are Hard at Work and We are Trying to Help Them—Get These Bonus Votes and Go Ahead.

Well, young ladies, we are going to give you another chance to get some more of those bonus votes. So many of the contestants have asked us not to stop these bonus offers that were going to make the best offer yet made in the contest. Ever young lady should try and take advantage of this splendid offer, because we are not likely to make another offer of this kind. Many of the contestants these last two weeks have won several of the bonus votes and they know how they help.

The following is the offer for this week only: To the young lady bringing in and making the largest report; that is, the most money, will be given a bonus certificate for 20,000 votes in addition to the votes already due on the report. To the young lady bringing in the second largest report will be given a bonus certificate for 10,000 votes in addition to those already due on the report. To the young lady making the third largest report will be given a bonus certificate for 10,000 votes in addition to those already due on the report.

We ask every contestant and their friends to call and see the elegant piano now on exhibition at Candler-Crowell's; also the handsome Parlor Suite at THE TIMES Office. We feel sure that you will like these valuable prizes we are giving away absolutely free, and well worth working for. You may possibly never have the chance again to get a piano free, so why not go out and win this one?

Ladies, now is the time to get down to real work. There are only a few weeks left, and you cannot afford to waste your time. It will pay you well to put in a little hard work these last few weeks. Get after those free votes; they are the ones that count.

We would like to say that there are one or two contestants who have not made any report the last week. Please bear in mind that this is strictly against the rules governing the contest, and will not be allowed under any circumstances. These reports must be made every Wednesday positively. After this date, if subscriptions are not turned in on the proper date, no votes will be given.—F. R. THOMPSON, Contest Manager.

STANDING OF CONTESTANTS.

The following is the standing of the contestants according to the districts. The one with the largest number of votes in each district being named first:

DISTRICT NUMBER 1.

Miss Mary Williams.
Miss Annie Dorsey.
Miss Una May Hayes.
Miss Louise Thomas.

Miss Ruby Lancaster.

DISTRICT NUMBER 2.

Miss Marie Speed.
Miss Nellie Whitfield.
Miss Bessie Brown.
Miss May L. Cooper.
Miss Fannie Rowland.

DISTRICT NUMBER 3.

Miss Kate Holden.
Miss Ruth Strickland.
Miss Julia Winston.
Miss Burma Perry.
Miss Susie Pearte.

DISTRICT NUMBER 4.

Miss Roxie Harris.
Miss Beatrice Barbero.
Miss Lottie Sykes.
Mrs. Lela A. Bantley.
Miss Laura Ballentine.
Miss Mary W. Sykes.
Miss Lennie Mullin.
Miss Nollie Wright.
Miss Grace Hunn.
Miss Luper.

DISTRICT NUMBER 5.

Miss Madeline Kearney.
Miss Ruby Collins.
Miss Irma Dean.
Miss Irene Sledge.
Miss Nellie Sledge.
Miss Mary Hunt.

Cotton

The receipts on the local cotton market has been some heavier this week than last. The price yesterday reached 9 cents a pound. Quite a number of bales were sold.

Run Over By Wagon.

There came very near being a serious accident on last Saturday, when Howard Barnette, the fourteen-year-old son of Henry Barnette, near town, was run over by a two horse wagon loaded with outside. It seems as if the boy was hauling the wood to town for sale and one of the team became frightened and in jumping off suddenly caused the boy to lose his balance and fall from the wagon. He fell in such a position that both front and back wheel of the wagon ran over him in a diagonal line from shoulder to hip. He was brought to town immediately and medical attention given him. He is now doing as well as could be expected. The accident occurred near Mr. O. H. Harris.

To Advertisers.

For the information of those who patronize our local advertising columns, we wish to state that, owing to some confusion the past year in several respects, we have only one price for one and all, and that is 10 cents for each line the first week and 5 cents for each line each succeeding insertion. And that all advertisements are run until ordered out unless the number of insertions are specified at the time of placing the advertisement. The fact that you leave a notice in the office with instructions to "put in this week's paper," is not sufficient to have same run only once. The number of insertions must be specified, or the advertiser will be expected to pay for same until it is ordered out. Again, it is impossible for us to guar-

antee an estimate unless paid for in advance. The fact that we should estimate your advertisement at five lines does not mean that we can force it in five lines nor that we will charge for only five if it makes more. The difference between guaranteeing an estimate when paid for in advance and otherwise is that we over-estimate as often as we under-estimate, in which case we return nothing, when if not paid for the advertiser either is dissatisfied for having to pay too much or will not pay it all.

As each line represents a certain amount of cost to us, it is absolutely necessary that we get pay for each line, and wishing to be absolutely fair with everybody, we would prefer never making an estimate.

If our patrons will bear these rules in mind they will save themselves and this office much trouble and dissatisfaction. We have absolutely no desire to over-run an advertisement for anybody, but we are in business for what we get out of it, and it is only human nature that when no instructions are left, we will run the advertisement until ordered out.

General Organizer.

J. O. Sledge, one of Franklin county's energetic and popular young men, and one who has been very familiar with the workings of the Farmers Union for the past several years, has been appointed General Organizer for the Farmers' Union by the State Organizer, Mr. Sledge is a deserving young man and we feel sure he will do well in his new position. He informs us that he will go to Johnston county next week where he will begin his work.

Delicious Barbecue.

Attorney-General Bickett gave a delicious barbecue and salad course to the Judge and members of the Louisburg bar on Wednesday evening from 7.30 to 10 o'clock.

Among the out of town lawyers present were Messrs. G. L. Jones, of Raleigh, assistant attorney-general, Presley Webb, of Oklahoma, and T. T. Hicks, of Henderson.

It was a treat to all and Mr. Bickett was pronounced an expert in the preparation of viands.

Three Shot.

In a free-for-all fight in a negro settlement at the old Creekmore place in Louisburg on Sunday night three negroes were shot. One Jack Yarboro is now in a serious condition and is not out of danger yet. He was shot by Charley Johnson, who, it seems, had been previously shot in the knee by Yarboro. The third victim was a negro named Moody. Johnson and Moody are now in jail awaiting the results of Yarboro's wound.

China Display.

The store of M. C. Pleasants, on Main street, was a scene of beauty Tuesday, where he had on display, as per announcements last week, many new and beautiful designs in fancy, hand-painted China. He makes a specialty of this stock during the fall season each year and his displays are looked forward to with much interest by the many ladies of this vicinity. Each year they improve in quality, taste and quantity.

Sad Death.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Breedlove was visited by the death angel on the night of September 20th and where it claimed for its victim their four year old son, Jones Z. Breedlove, after a short illness. He leaves a mother, father, and a younger brother, and grand parents and host of friends to mourn their loss. He was tenderly laid to rest on the 22nd at the Freeman burying ground among a host of sorrowing friends.

Possum Supper.

Quite a number of friends enjoyed a delightful barbecued possum supper at Perry's Cafe on last Saturday night, guests of Messrs. W. E. Tucker and R. C. Williams. The cue was well prepared and much enjoyed by all present and there was a great deal of plenty and some to spare. The editor was among the number who were so fortunate as to be remembered among the party and in unison with all felt that it was one of the most sociable and most enjoyable occasions he had ever attended. The supper was an impromptu affair making it impossible for the invitations to reach some, whose presence would have added much to the occasion, in time for them to be present, however the short notice did not detract any in the least from the splendid bill of fare.

After having partaken of "enormous" suppers the crowd departed after bestowing showers of pleasant appreciations upon the jovial hosts.

THE MOVING PEOPLE. THEIR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF TOWN

Those Who Have Visited Louisburg the Past Week—Those Who Have Gone Elsewhere For Business or Pleasure.

J. J. Allen returned Monday from a trip to Henderson.

C. K. Cooke returned Friday from a trip to New York.

E. H. Hale returned from a business trip to Raleigh Friday.

Misses Lillie and Nannie Hall Hale visited Raleigh Monday.

Miss Mary Williams returned Wednesday from a trip to Apex.

Murry Allen, of Raleigh, was a visitor to Louisburg the past week.

Ira T. Hunt, of Kittrell, was a visitor to Louisburg the past week.

Mrs. J. K. Dorsett, of Spencer, is visiting her people in Louisburg.

T. H. Lacy, of Rocky Mount, was in attendance at court the past week.

Mrs. R. L. Bernhardt, of Salisbury, is visiting her people here this week.

Attorney-General T. W. Bickett returned from New York Monday night.

C. B. Clarke, of Charlottesville, Va., is visiting his sister, Mrs. B. T. Bailey.

Assistant Attorney-General G. L. Jones, of Raleigh, was a visitor to Louisburg the past week.

Mrs. H. T. Rogers, of Dyersburg, Tenn., is visiting her sister, Miss Lizzie Lee Aycock, and friends this week.

Mrs. R. H. Davis left Monday for Winston-Salem, to attend State Convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Miss Lonie Meadows left Tuesday for Richmond for treatment. She was accompanied by her mother and Mrs. A. W. Wilson, Sr.

W. P. Webb, of Oklahoma, visited his people here the past week. He left yesterday for Manilla, P. I., where he has received a commission as Lieutenant in the army.

His many friends here were glad to see Mr. O. C. Gregory in town the past week. He is now located at Richmond and has been promoted to assistant manager of sales.

J. W. Davenport, wife and little daughter, Louise, C. C. Sims and wife and L. P. Johnson came over from Rocky Mount by automobile and spent Sunday with the editors family.

The many friends of Capt. C. W. Raney, of Kittrell, were glad to have the pleasure of shaking his hand on our streets the past week. He is looking well, but is free in his expressions that he still loves old Louisburg.

Franklin Superior Court.

The second week of Franklin Superior Court for October has been of much more interest than the first. On Monday a few cases of minor importance were disposed of and on Tuesday the case of H. C. Kearney vs. Seaboard Air Line for \$30,000 damages for the loss of his foot on October 26th, 1911, while alighting from the Louisburg train at Franklinton. This case has caused much interest from the public generally and was hard fought by splendid counsel. Kearney was represented by Messrs. Bickett & White, and the railroad by Messrs. Spruill & Holden and Murray Allen, of Raleigh. The speeches in this case were splendid pieces of argument and were listened to by many. The case consumed the whole of Tuesday and Wednesday and was given to jury about three o'clock yesterday afternoon, after an able charge from Judge Ferguson.

At about five o'clock the jury entered the court room after having agreed, and presented to the court the following answers to the questions given them to answer: 1st, Was the plaintiff injured by the negligence of the defendant as alleged in the complaint? Answer: Yes. 2nd, Did the plaintiff by his own negligence contribute to his injury? Answer: No. 3rd, What damages, if any, is plaintiff entitled to recover? Answer: Nine thousand dollars.

After the above case was disposed of the case of Person vs. Person was taken up and begun yesterday afternoon. This is a case for damage for cutting timber from land and will no doubt take up the remainder of the week, as we learn there is over seventy five witnesses to be examined. In this case the plaintiff is represented by Messrs. Spruill & Holden, W. H. Ruffin and W. H. Yarborough, Jr., and the defendant by Messrs. T. T. Hicks, of Henderson, Bickett & White and T. B. Wilder. The result will be watched with interested by many.