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STILL ANOTHER SUIT

Southern Wholesale Grocers' Association Object of It.

WILL BE RUSHED TO TRIAL

Petition Alleges That it is a Combination in Restraint of Trade and Asks For Its Dissolution.

Washington, June 16.—Another action under the Sherman anti-trust law was started by the Department of Justice today when Oliver D. Street, United States attorney for the northern district of Alabama, was instructed to file at Birmingham a petition against the Southern Wholesale Grocers' Association, its officers and members, alleging that the association constitutes a combination and conspiracy in restraint of trade and asking that it be dissolved.

The suit, it was said at the Department today, is the result of an investigation which the government has been making for some time in reference to combinations, who to seek to eliminate competition, maintain a high scale of profit and increase the cost of living. In the opinion of the officials the investigation clearly indicated that an unlawful conspiracy exists.

Mr. Street was in conference for several days with the department and left last night for Birmingham. The issue will be pushed to a speedy trial, the officials believing that they have ample evidence to substantiate the charges made.

The following statement regarding the matter was made at the Department of Justice:

"The petition alleges that the combination was organized fo rthe purpose and has resulted in coercing and preventing manufacturers from selling the actual necessaries of life direct to the retail dealer or consumer or to any wholesale grocer in the Southern States unless said grocer is listed in a so-called 'green book,' published and distributed by the association; that manufacturers are persuaded, urged and coerced by the association to fix limited selling prices at which staple articles of food are to be sold and to refuse to sell such commodities to any wholesale grocer who does not maintain the prices so fixed and listed; that certain lines manufacturers and producers have been induced to bill their goods at an enhanced price and to turn over a percentage to the president of the association who rebated the same to jobbers maintaining such limited selling price; that no firm could become a member of the association or be listed in the 'green book' unless a majority of the other firms in the locality gave their approval; and that unless such firm duly listed, it was unable to secure direct buying privileges from those manufacturers who observed certain 'rules of practice' adopted by the association."

There are many other allegations set forth in the bill as to the general scheme and plan by which this combination sought to prevent the free flow of competition among the members thereof and to restrict trade and commerce.

The department for some time has received complaints as to the burdens suffered by the people of the Southern States because of the operations of this association. After a careful investigation, the department believes that the association operates to increase the cost of necessities of life, such as coffee, sugar, cereals, soap and many other lines.

The association as set out in the government's position or bill consists of various firms and corporations engaged in the wholesale grocery business within the States and Territories of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Indian Territory, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

E. CITY PROTESTS

Kick and You Shall Be Heard—Aid For Relief From Present Schedule.

The following clipping from the Virginian Pilot shows how the change of schedule in Norfolk Southern trains are affecting other localities. Elizabeth City made a strenuous kick and will get relief.

Let the merchants and citizens of Washington do likewise.

Elizabeth City, N. C., June 16.—Col. Hudgins, of the Norfolk Southern railroad, held a conference yesterday at noon in the Chamber of Commerce rooms with a committee representing the Retail Merchants' Association and the Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of discussing the conditions that have arisen in the local trade from the change of schedule of the Norfolk Southern railroad.

Col. Hudgins had the matter laid before him by the committee, who stated that the local trade was being badly damaged on account of the short time that the shoppers coming from Camden and Currituck counties have to spend in the city.

He expressed a great deal of interest and assured the committee that he will recommend to the officials that an afternoon train be put on between this city and Moyock three times a week for the accommodation of the shoppers from Camden and Currituck counties. This train will leave here about four o'clock. He stated further that he will recommend that if the traffic pays, the train be run daily.

The merchants expressed themselves as being satisfied with this arrangement if the plans are carried out and the train put on for the accommodation of the visitors to the city. The damage to the local trade is more pronounced this week than it was last week. Every shopper who comes here expresses dissatisfaction at the shortness of the time allowed and says that they will not come here any more under the present arrangement. Unless this change is made in the schedule, the merchants will in a very short time lose all their trade from these counties and this trade is no small item.

JAMES RIVER REACHES FLOOD STAGE AGAIN.

Richmond, Va., June 15.—A flood stage was reached by the James river here today when the water rose over the docks of the Old Dominion Steamship and Virginia Navigation Companies' properties, and flooded the yards. It was stated at the offices of the former that a stage two feet above the warehouse floors was expected before the crest would be reached. Main street is expected to be inundated at the lowest portions before the night is over, but little damage is expected to ensue as preparations have been made for the water.

SHOT WOUNDS PROVE FATAL.

Private Quigley, Who Was Injured Last Month in Shooting Affray at Ft. Fremont, Succumbs to Wounds.

Beaufort, S. C., June 16.—Shot wounds received a month ago in an affray with the Potter brothers, negroes, living near the garrison, caused the death last night of Private Frank J. Quigley of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Coast Artillery, at Fort Fremont. Quigley, who enlisted from Auburn, N. Y., was thought to be out of danger, but hemorrhages began suddenly Tuesday morning and death resulted.

The shooting of Quigley followed the wounding of other soldiers, who were fired upon from ambush by negroes. Quigley and five other privates went t o the house of Will Potter, who was suspected of being responsible for the attack from ambush and the fight which ended fatally for Quigley ensued. The Potter brothers, who were arrested, declared the trouble resulted from the intimacy of one of the soldiers with Will Potter's wife.

The incident is being investigated by court martial proceedings at Savannah.

FRUIT GROWING

Compare This With the Profits Made From Farming and Fruit Growing in Any State in the Union.

Mr. J. M. Cotton has eleven acres of cleared land near Bunyan, N. C., upon one and one-half acres of this he has set out 135 peach trees, some early, though most of them late. Up to the present this season the crop has been sold from about one-fifth of an acre, bringing Mr. Cotton over $70. At this rate the acre would bring in more than $350.

We read about money making in other sections and it sounds big to us. Some of our people even leave this section to go to some of those far away States where is pictured fabulous profits in poultry, apiculture and horticulture. Although a great amount of lack of literature about Washington and Beaufort counties setting forth some wonderful section. If the people of Beaufort county were to turn to the raising of pecans and pay such a large scale, giving it such attention as they do in other States, we could supply the United States. Mr. Cotton says that while he does little spraying he does not allow his trees attention as is recommended in raising the best fruit, and that spraying he gives them prevents them from rotting and falling off during the long season of rain such as we are now having, as to the time when over peach crops are not sprayed.

Washington and Beaufort county must get out literature setting forth her possibilities and opportunities.

A gentleman who had been living in Kansas after examining the alfalfa through this section, states that Kansas cannot produce the rank growth of alfalfa as he sees here.

HOW TO KILL YOUR TOWN.

Kick.
Keep kicking.
And don't quit kicking.
One pull one way and one t'other.
Go to other towns and buy your goods.
Denounce your merchants because they make a profit on their goods.
Knife every man that disagrees with you on the method of transacting business.
Make your own town out a very bad place, and stab it every chance you get.
Refuse to unite in any scheme for the betterment of the material interests of the people.
Tell your merchant that you can buy your goods a great deal cheaper in another town and charge him with extortion.
Keep every cent you get, and don't do anything of a public nature unless you can make something out of it directly.
When you say anything of your town say it in such a way that it will leave the impression that you have no faith in it.
Patronize outside newspapers to the exclusion of your own, and then denounce them for not being as large as the city papers.

AMERICANS CUT OFF BY A RAGING FLOOD.

Three Hundred Visitors to the Passion Play in Oberammergau Cannot Leave Village.

Munich, Bavaria, June 16.—Three hundred Americans are helpless at Oberammergau, where they went to see the "Passion Play." All railway communication with the village was cut off by the flood today, but no uneasiness for the safety of the visitors is felt here, as all the hotels are on high ground. With the Americans are 300 other visitors from all over Europe.

Latest advices from the village say the lower streets are entirely under water.

High water is reported in all the streams of upper Bavaria, and as the weather observatories in the upper Alps announce that the snow is melting rapidly, the general situation is somewhat alarming.

Away in Ahr Valley.

Cologne, Germany, June 16.—Several villages on the banks of the River Ahr have been washed away, and stories of death and suffering come from every part of the valley. The porperty damage has been enormous.

So strong was the current that locomotives on the railroad were swept away, and road rollers and other huge and heavy machinery were likewise hurled from their fastenings.

Near the mouth of the River Ahr a rescuing party recoverd the dead bodies of a woman and an infant tightly clasped in her arms. Other stories of men, women and children caught by the flood and drowned as they ran from their stricken homes toward higher ground are being received, but the actual number of such deaths is not yet known.

Throughout the valley whole families are being rescued from trees and housetops where they had found refuge.

REWARD OFFERED.

Gov. Kitchin Offers Reward for Capture of Shepard Smith.

Governor Kitchin yesterday offered a reward of $150 for the arrest and delivery to the officers of Wayne county of Shepard Smith, wanted for the killing of Albert Sykes. The killing took place April 23, 1910.

CROPS DAMAGED

The Rainfall Has Been Unusually Heavy.

RIVERS ARE OVERFLOWING

The Damage to Growing Crops in North Carolina Cannot Be Intelligently Estimated—Rains Are General Throughout the Country—Damage is Rapid.

Great concern is felt here and at almost every point throughout North Carolina regarding the continual rainfall, and quite a staring many of our farmers in the face, especially in this truck section with reference to the cotton crop. Reports from different sections of the county are as follows:

Pactolus and vicinity.—Rainfall extremely heavy, land has been overflowed, water standing now. Bottom land has been flooded. Corn has suffered much; cotton looks will probably be heavy; grass as a result of the rains is doing much damage.

Bethel.—The crops are damaged however with a good season, no one knows they would recover very materially, which has run off rapidly giving to better ditches than before.

Aurora.—Rainfall extremely large and crops are in serious condition, farmers unable to plow and grass growing at an astonishing rate. Damage will be quite large.

Belhaven.—Crops will probably be abandoned unless with favorable conditions from now on. The damage to cotton will only amount to about 50 per cent.

We have been unable to get reports from other parts of the county.

Commissioner of Agriculture, W. A. Graham, yesterday stated that a failure in this year's crop would mean a disaster, the effects of which would not be eliminated for many years. This is caused by the fact that the cost of labor, fertilizer, supplies and necessities have increased rapidly, putting farmers at a greater expense than ever before, and about twice as heavy a disaster as former failures would be realized.

Another week of rain, even though not so bad as the past fortnight, will cause ruin of crops throughout the central and eastern parts of the State.

Reports from other sections of the State are as follows:

Raleigh, June 16.—News from every section of the State is to the effect that the crops are deteriorating now very fast under the effect of the continued rains. Even as far west as Macon county the news is that much damage is being done. Corporation Commissioner S. L. Rogers today received word from his plantations near Franklin that the situation is becoming quite serious. James H. Pou returned today from Johnston county and says that he found the situation very serious throughout that section. Internal Revenue Collector Wheeler Martin, just in from Williamston, reports that the damage by the rains is worse thereabouts than anywhere else that he has heard of, the fields being exceptionally badly washed and flooded. There is a hopeful note in the fact that all agree that if the weather conditions will only clear up now and be succeeded by some good warm growing weather, the cotton will come out wonderfully, as also will tobacco and other crops. The farmers will be able, too, to catch up with the grass, which has, in many sections, gotten a headway that will require the utmost efforts of the farmers to clear out the crops. There seems to be still good prospect for a fair crop with a "reform" in the weather conditions. The outlook before this terrible wet season was for phenomenal yields in all crops.

FRAUDS HURT CREDIT.

Movement of Crop This Fall Seriously Threatened.

New York, June 16.—Acting in the belief that the recent frauds in bills of lading estimated to run into the millions, have so shaken the confidence of credit institutions in the validity of these instruments that the movement of crops this fall is seriously threatened, steps were taken today by strong financial interests in conference here to demand legislation that will safeguard these securities. The passage of the Stevens bill, pending before the National Senate, which makes railroads responsible for bills of lading issued by their agents is the chief remedy sought.

Lewis F. Pierson, president of the American Bankers' Association, officers of five local banks, representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, the New York Cotton Exchange and foreign and interior bankers, attended the conference.

Mr. Pierson said after the conference that bankers everywhere had determined to curtail loans on bills of lading until the carriers are made responsible. When it is read so that all of our crops are financed by means of bills of lading, he added, the gravity of the situation is apparent.

ICE CREAM SUPPER.

There will be an ice cream supper at Zion schoolhouse, Saturday night, June 18. The public is cordially invited to attend.

BUST OF CLEMMONS

Potter's Work First Step in Memorial That is Being Planned.

New York, June 16.—A bust of Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain), which is only the initial step in a magnificent memorial proposed for him, has just been completed by Louis Potter, a well-known American sculptor, and is on exhibition at the studio of Herman Walthausen, No. 454 West Forty-first street.

This memorial, the erection of which is being carefully considered by the Gotham Club, of which Mrs. Anita Comfort Brooks is president, will probably be a piece of statuary crowned with a marble replica of Mr. Potter's bust. This will be mounted on a marble base, and around the base will run a wide bas relief made up of prominent characters in Mark Twain's books.

If the plans of the Gotham Club do not miscarry, this memorial will be set up before many months in a prominent public place in New York City.

Meantime the initial step toward it, the bust, has already been completed, to the perfect satisfaction of Mme. Gabrilowitsch, daughter of the late author, and Albert Bigelow Pain, his secretary. Both have written Mr. Potter letters after their visit to his studio declaring his work to be the best existing reproduction of Mr. Clemens in stone. His publishers also, Harper & Brothers, who supplied many of the photographs from which the sculptor worked, have testified their approbation.

The face as Mr. Potter has carved it reproduces faithfully the rugged outlines and forest-like hair and eyebrows of Mr. Clemens. The expression is serious, almost sad. "To me Mark Twain has the face of a philosopher, not a humorist," explained Mr. Potter yesterday. "Humorist is too little and narrow. Here was one of the greatest students of human nature that ever lived."

THREE REELS AT THE GEM TONIGHT.

Another fine show is scheduled for the Gem tonight. This is also prize night, a beautiful chocolate set latto be given away. Following pictures will be shown:

"Legend of King Midas," a dramatic reproduction. The film is a beautiful one, and should really be included under the head of educational since it illustrates a story which is learned in the schools.

"Blue Fishing Nets," a Gaumont [illegible] subject, the tonal values are beautifully worked out.

"A Ramble Through the Island of Sumatra." A delightful picture, illustrating picturesque points in Sumatra. The picture affords an accurate impression of the island.

Other fine pictures are "The Lookout," "Towser's New Job" and "Hunting in the Haunted Woods." Don't fail to see this beautiful program, it will please you. Also remember tonight is prize night.

FOR CORPORATION COMMISSIONER.

Mr. Theodore C. Cobb, editor of the News-Herald, Morganton, N. C. is in the city today in the interest of Mr. Jno. H. Pearson's candidacy for Corporation Commissioner.

Mr. Pearson is not a stranger to the people of North Carolina. He is a high toned gentleman and well equipped for the position he seeks.

SHOE PRICES SLAUGHTERED.

A special sale of low shoes of standard makes in both ladies' and men's is being advertised by J. K. Hoyt. A great reduction has been made in prices and it would be advisable to see what he has to offer as it will mean a big saving on what you may purchase. Tomorrow will be the last day of the sale.

CUTTING AFFRAY

Sam Whichard Stabbed in Two Places—Injuries Not Serious.

Last night the police officers were called out on Bridge street, it having been reported that some one was cut.

Upon investigation it was found that Clara Smith had stabbed Sam Whichard (both colored), once in the left breast and in the left arm. He bled profusely. The wound was dressed by Dr. Taylor.

The woman was arrested and placed in jail until this morning. When she was brought up for trial it developed that Sam had borrowed a small amount of money from her, about two and one-half months ago, and had failed to repay it. She testified that payment had been demanded on several different occasions but instead of receiving the money she was cursed and abused by Whichard and last night she demanded settlement, when he began to curse her and she used the knife with the result already mentioned.

GREEN TAG SALE.

The Green Tag Sale at the Hub begins Saturday morning, June 18, and promises to be one of the largest sales put on in Washington. Thousands of dollars worth of this stock will be disposed of at prices which will be a great saving to the purchaser. This will be the opportunity for you to secure many articles which have been left off on account of price.

POLICE COURT

One Negro Woman Uses a Knife and is Sent to Jail For 30 Days.

There were several offenders before His Honor this morning.

State vs. Clara Smith, colored, for assault with a deadly weapon, to-wit a knife. Defendant plead guilty of simple assault and was sentenced to 30 days in jail and to leave town immediately upon her release.

State vs. D. Hill, jr., and Tilghman Doughty, disorderly conduct. Not guilty.

State vs. D. Hill, jr., for using abusive language about officers of the city. Judgment suspended upon payment of costs and good conduct for 30 days.

State vs. Hilliard Peyton, colored, disorderly conduct and indecent exposure. Guilty, sentenced to work on streets of the city for 15 days.

NOTICE.

Meeting of Chamber of Commerce tonight. Business of importance.

OFF FOR NEW BERN.

A Merry Crowd Left via Norfolk Southern to See the Third Presentation of "Sylvia."

Fully 150 people left this afternoon via Norfolk Southern for New Bern to witness the production of "Sylvia" by local talent of this city. They will return by special train tonight which will leave New Bern immediately after the performance.

This will be the third performance of the play and each time it becomes more popular.

Figures of Speech.

A well known ventriloquist who had consented to give a performance in aid of charity held that certain members of his prospective audience were determined to watch the movements of his mouth with the closest scrutiny with a view of confounding him. The night came, the stockade carried in the dummies on chairs, and the artist made his appearance. His performance was unusually successful, the muscles of his face giving no evidence of his art. The changes of voice were marvelous, and the astonished crowd at the close of the exhibition gave him a rousing cheer. Again and again they called him back, and he expressed his pleasure by innumerable bows. At last the cheering ceased, and he was permitted to retire. Scarcely had he done so when the three "lay" figures got up from their chairs and walked off the stage. The ventriloquist had employed three friends to impersonate his usual mechanical figures.

Pride of the Riding Academy.

Rowell—There goes Withers on horseback. He is a living illustration of the saying, "A merciful man is merciful to his beast."

Snaffle—In what way?

Rowell—Don't you see? He lets his weight rest on the horse only once in awhile. The most of the time he is in the air, going up or coming down.—Boston Transcript.

LAST DAY OF DEMONSTRATION

Tomorrow the Last Opportunity to Witness the Wonderful Results Obtained by Using Wesson Oil.

Each succeeding day finds renewed interest manifested in the demonstrations now being conducted by an expert cooking crew, furnished by the Southern Cotton Oil Company, in the manifold uses of Wesson Snowdrift Oil, No. 228 Main street has been selected as the place in which to give these demonstrations. Lunches and teas are served daily for 25 cents each, for the benefit of the Woman's Betterment Association. These dainty dishes are prepared by the demonstrators, who are using Wesson Snowdrift Oil for every puprose that any housekeeper has heretofore used butter, lard and suet. Nor is this all. The salad dressing, which is a most important item in each of the lunches is made by the use of this oil, instead of olive oil.

As a result there are hundreds of housekeepers in Washington who are convinced that Wesson Snowdrift Oil is the best cooking oil to be had, and are rapidly reducing the cost of living, and at the same time improving the table by putting into practice at home what has been so admirably demonstrated at 228 Main street.

That these demonstrations are pleasing, and popular is attested by the fact that the attendance is increasing daily. The demand for cook books, showing how Wesson Snowdrift oil may be best used, is larger with each succeeding day. The public in general and the women in particular, are invited to attend these demonstrations.

GAIETY THEATER.

Another one of those classy, up-to-date picture programs will be presented at the Gaiety theater tonight. The headliner will be an Edison masterpiece, entitled, "The Cigarette Maker of Seville." This is one of the biggest hits of the season. Pilar Moran, as Carmen, does credit to her part as usual.

"Thesous and the Minotour," a beautiful drama of ancient Greece, pure and simple, and as wholesome as the air we breathe.

Tomorrow (Saturday) night there will be a grand prize given to the holder of the lucky number. Drawing will take place at 9 o'clock.

Next week Hal Mordaunt & Co. at Brown's opera house, under management Gaiety theater.

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