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## WILL RECOMMEND BRINGING OF SUIT

ATTORNEY GENERAL BICKETT READY TO REPORT ON C. F. & Y. SALE.

## TIME NOT AGREED UPON

Much Doubt is Expressed as to Course Attorney General Will Make When He Makes Report.

Raleigh.—A. L. Brooks, of Greensboro, who was especially active in getting through the Legislature the special act for the investigation of the receivership sale of the old Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley and its partition between the Southern and Atlantic Coast Line and in the investigation which was made under this statute by the corporation commission, has just held another conference with Attorney General T. W. Bickett relative to the matter of bringing to the attention of Attorney General McReynolds the findings with recommendation that the federal government institute suit for the annulment of the sale and the partition as having been in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. It has been definitely settled that the recommendation by Attorney General Bickett will be for the institution of such proceedings. However, there is no time agreed upon as yet as to when the attorney general of the United States will receive Attorney General Bickett and Mr. Brooks for a conference.

While there are general contentions that the statements of Chairman Harry Walters of the directors of the Atlantic Coast Line and others who were personally connected with the transactions that brought about the receivership sale and partition of the road tend to show proceedings in violation of the anti-trust law and Attorney General Bickett so recommends, there is much doubt expressed as to whether or not Attorney General Bickett will deem it expedient to institute a proceeding for actual annulment of the sale and partition and for putting the road on the market again upsetting its present plans.

ROANOKE RIVER CROP FINE. Stand May Not Be So Good but the Crop is Above Average. Scotland Neck.—News reaches here that the crops along Roanoke River are as good as, if not better, than they have been for the past several years, say in the bottoms where the soil is extra heavy and stiff. There the stars is not good because of the weather being too dry after the seed were sown for them to come up.

One gentleman who is familiar with the lowlands along the river says that he has been visiting these big farms for a number of years. He says that while the stand as a rule is not good, what the farmers have is extra fine, and it is his opinion that certainly an average crop will be produced. Upon the uplands, notwithstanding the dry weather for the past several weeks, the crops are very promising, save tobacco and very little of that crop is raised in this immediate section. Upland peanuts may be a little short, also.

Asheville Improves Park. Asheville.—In order that Asheville may make a favorable impression on the thousands of visitors who will spend the summer months here, the park committee of the board of aldermen is installing new benches in the public parks, trimming the shrubbery, repairing the swings and building new railings about the fountains. The work will be completed within the next few days, adding greatly to the park facilities of the city.

Doctors Meet Next in Asheville. Washington.—The Carolina doctors who were here attending the meeting of the Association of Southern Railway Surgeons have left. Dr. Henry T. Bahmon of Winston-Salem was made president. Dr. John Monroe of Sanford a vice president and Asheville selected for the next annual meeting. Among those present were Doctors Bahmon and Monroe, John M. Manning of Durham, Thomas E. Anderson of Statesville, I. J. Archer of Black Mountain, I. M. Taylor of Morganton, S. S. Royster of Shelby.

With Southern Railway. Asheville.—George S. Arthur, director of agriculture of the Biltmore estate, who had charge of the farms of George Vanderbilt for 17 years prior to the death of the creator of Biltmore recently resigned his position and announced that he has accepted a position with the land and industrial department of the Southern Railway. He left here for Tennessee, in which state he will spend considerable time in his new work. As an authority of agriculture, Mr. Arthur takes a high stand.

## ONE OF THE CHAUTAUQUA ATTRACTIONS THAT WILL APPEAR IN HICKORY JULY 9-15



AVON SKETCH CLUB AND GLENN WELLS

## AS OTHERS VIEW THE CHAUTAUQUA PROGRAM

Which Will be Presented Here July 9 to 15, Inclusive—Letter From Tennessee Gentleman.

In view of the fact that the same program advertised for Hickory's Chautauqua is now being produced in other cities, the manager for Hickory's Chautauqua wrote for comment on the various entertainments. All who have looked over the program realize that it looks good—very good, in fact. However, to test the matter thoroughly, the local management thought it would be a good idea to hear from some one who had actually witnessed the program in its entirety.

Our readers will be greatly interested in the following letter in answer to this request, and it will no doubt be the means of stirring up those who have not already secured season tickets:

Winchester, Tenn., June 8, 1914.

Manager Alkabet Chautauqua, Hickory, N. C.,

You asked me to give my opinion on the program for this season, and the talent, and now that I have seen and heard them all it is a pleasure to comply; a pleasure because I have nothing but praise. In the first place the program itself is a work of art. The more I read it the more I realize that, and its rendition is as perfect as its form. The Neapolitan Troubadours are sympathetic in their playing, and perfect in their technique, and this applies to their ensemble work and their solos on the violin, harp and other instruments; and their programs are evenly balanced and pleasing to all. I have heard Miss Dunaway, and felt sure that Gasaway could not equal her, but I now realize that they are twin stars. Miss Gasaway is a hit, and it took only one reading here to prove it. Then came the Hawkeye Glee Club. Of course Chautauqua isn't Chautauqua without a male quartette, and yours is made up of generous fellows who do good work. They were encored again and again, and responded with equal enthusiasm. Mr. Warde is superlative: because of the magnificence; of his theme: because of the beauty of his art; because of the charm of the man, whose beautifully cultured voice adds greatly to his charm. Madame Sibyl Sammis-MacDermid is an artist, in her singing; her stage presence; her costuming, and was a delight to the audience on and off the stage. While the New York City Marine Band, both in volume and otherwise is simply fine. Lo Zito and his men are so evidently anxious to please that were they less good they would succeed, while they are good enough to please had they not this desire. Their programs were well built (like yours) and gave great pleasure to everyone. When the Avon Sketch Club and Glen Wells appeared, for some reason—more probably for no reason—I felt they would not make good. At the end of the first number I had changed my mind; at the end of the second I was mentally apologetic; at the third I was charmed, and as they progressed they swept that audience like a tidal wave deluging it with joy. The people went wild and exhausted themselves with

applause. I cannot single out which part of their work pleased most. Glen Wells gave one pianologue in the afternoon and in the evening he had to give two more and then that one again. Miss O'Shaughnessy, in her Irish readings, was so captivating that they made her come back again and again. Miss O'Neill in a different way, was just as charming in hers. The duets of the other two young women were melody and harmony in one, and all of the choruses and solos were equally well done. The sketch: "How the Vote was Won" is a scream from end to end. It is much better than many things I have paid \$1.50 to see on the stage. But it will never be as good elsewhere as it was here. When Miss O'Brien was reading her second encore: "Scattering Ice-crust through the land," a bunch of roses come enraptured child had given her the number before scattered their petals on the stage at exactly the right moment; and it seemed as she was sulzing her actions to her words and in that sketch where she came out as that hideous servant girl a little black flea-eaten kitten deliberately walked up the steps on to the stage and stopped at her feet. The house "came down," as the phrase goes; and it almost ruined it. The young woman who plays the part of the pretty and attractive wife simply had to bury her face in her hands, but the servant in all her hideousness picked the kitten up, and the day was won. The two young women I haven't mentioned were every bit as good in their parts as those I have, while several ladies said Mr. Wells made a most natural husband on the stage. The only criticism I have to offer on them is that Miss O'Shaughnessy should be put on in the evening for at least one reading if possible, and can you arrange for them to carry full-blown roses and a little black kitten everywhere. Booth Lowrey had many friends here; and he made many more. The first thing I heard when I got herewas that he was very popular here; he was even more so when he left this second time. Then came the Ernest Gamble Concert party; three artists as everyone knows. Their work is beautiful. Mrs. Pickett's theme is so encusted with the sentiment that she would not have to do well. But her stage presence is so handsome; her diction and delivery so perfect; and her voice so clear that they unite to make her superb. I, for one, was so fascinated with her looks; her manner; that I almost lost what she said, and am very glad I shall hear her again. Dr. Miles lectured in wind and rain, but he held his audience absolutely. He is individual in the extreme, with an individuality worth while. Many said he was best of all; but many said that of every attraction. We waited till the Oxford came, and the waiting was rewarded. With their groups of quartettes in the afternoon they completely captivated their audience. Word passed, and in the evening the tent was filled. A committee of the Ladies of Winchester had arranged the stage as a perfect setting for the "Mikado" Japanese lanterns, fans and parasols, flowers, screens—everything. First Harrison Burch gave several piano solos. His work is brilliant. In the afternoon he completely subordinated himself as an accompanist; as a soloist he asserted himself with great power, thus doubly showing what an artist he is. His touch is sympathetic but fine, and he is incomparable in

the perfection of his technique. But he never let technique get away with him—he sacrificed it to feeling always. He is an artist in every way.

Mr. and Mrs. Ogden, Miss Coburn and Mr. Leiter in the "Mikado" blended their voices beautifully, and were also most effective in the solo parts. Gifted with fine voices to begin with, and having had splendid training, the result was to be foreseen. Their acting was as artistic as their singing; their costumes handsome; and thanks to them the chautauqua closed in a blaze of glory, and the applause made the welkin ring. The audience was transported, and gave them an ovation at the end.

Many said you had saved the best for the last, but some added—it would have been the same the other way round.

Sincerely yours,  
(Signed) HUNT COOK.

## NORTH CAROLINA BRIEFS.

Work was started recently on the new depot office of the Southern Express Company at Asheville, a contract having been awarded for the construction of a new building adjoining the passenger station of the Southern Railway.

The citizens of Lincolnton have decided to celebrate the Fourth of July in big fashion. It has been just seven years ago since the last celebration was held and this year promises to excel the former one in many respects.

The Hanover board of county commissioners have awarded the contract for erecting the county's proposed new model concrete prison house on the county farm tract just north of the city, the contract price being \$35,000.

It is said by the old German farmers that a dry May does not hurt the wheat crop. It has certainly proved the truth in the case of the present wheat crop in Wilkes county which is now being harvested. All over the county, and especially in the best farming sections around North Wilkesboro, may be seen broad fields of golden grain.

Governor Craig, who is spending some time at Asheville, stated that at the approaching session of the general assembly he will recommend that all state convicts be taken from highways and railroads and be leased for road-building purpose to those counties which are willing to pay reasonably for their services.

The Paul Burgeles Wild Animal Feature Company, Inc., a moving picture firm featuring wild animal productions, has secured a lease on a large tract of land of several hundred acres near Asheville, belonging to A. Leong, and will use the property for the production of the features which will be shown throughout the county.

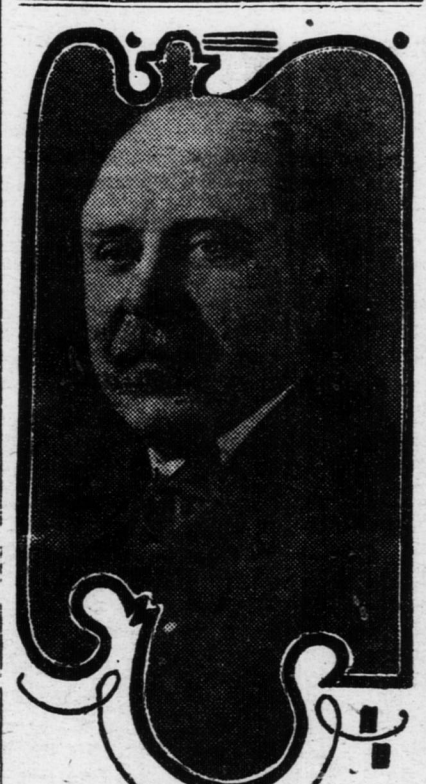
The records in the office of Collector Watts show that during the period between July 1, 1913 and June 1, 1914, illicit distilleries to the number of 339, valued at \$17,99.06 were destroyed.

Not in several years has there been such marked activity in building and construction work as is now in progress in Concord. A large number of private residences have just been completed, or are in the course of erection and are proposed. In addition to the work of a private nature, public work is far in excess of anything of this nature that has been carried on here in years.

The Biltmore Rod and Gun Club has purchased from Mrs. S. R. Winters the land lying west of Asheville known as Strawberry Hill and comprising 15 acres. An 18-room house is on the property and this building is to be greatly improved for the use of the members of the club.

This week will mark the opening of the season, which is expected by all connected with Blowing Rock to be the record year of the mountain. Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Moore will open the Blowing Rock Hotel, which has undergone considerable improvements.

Never can tell when you'll mash a finger or suffer a cut, bruise, burn or scald. Be prepared, Thousands rely on Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. Your druggist sells it. 25c. and 50c.



DR. ROBERT PARKER MILES

Dr. Miles is one of the lecturers secured for Hickory's Chautauqua Week July 9-15. His lectures, "Tallow Dips" and "Sparks" always arouse much enthusiasm.

## UNCLE SAM AFTER SERVICE BUREAU

RAELIGH CONCERN CHARGED WITH USING THE MAILS TO DEFRAUD.

## DISPATCHES FROM RALEIGH

Doings and Happenings That Mark the Progress of North Carolina People Gathered Around the State Capitol.

Raleigh.

The charge of using the mails for fraudulent purposes is brought by the United States government against the National Service Bureau of Raleigh having its office in the Merchants' Bank building, and representing its business as being that of co-operation with truckers and other farmers in the marketing of produce. The officers of the company, A. S. Thomas, president; J. L. Secheest, treasurer, and R. D. Stephens, general manager, have been required by United States Commissioner John Nichols to give bond for their appearance at the November term of Federal court.

The plan of operation proposed is that the farmers taking stock in the concern would for a commission of two cents a crate have their produce looked after by an agent at the marketing point of the shipment. One farmer, J. L. Jordan, a former railroad man, charges that he has paid in as much as \$2,000 stock and was promised a position as superintendent of one of the "icing plants for cars" which the concern has never established. The officers of the company have as yet set up no defense, their plan being to await trial.

## Tick Eradication Helps Cattle.

Washington.—Eradication of the cattle tick has resulted in strong impetus to the cattle and dairy industries, according to officials of the Department of Agriculture. This conclusion was reached as a result of a study of replies received from more than one thousand stock men and farmers in 11 states bordering on the quarantine line to a department circular letter asking for information in regard to the results of tick eradication which has been in progress in the South and Southwest since 1908. Among the states affected were North and South Carolina and Tennessee and Virginia. The average increase in value of cattle reported since the tick eradication began was \$9.76 per head. The average per cent of gain in weight was 19.14. Replies concerning the increase in quality of cattle since tick eradication show the average for the 11 states as 26.91 per cent.

## N. C. Guards Will Take the Cruise.

Announcement is made by Adjutant General Young of the North Carolina National Guard that the Naval Reserve of this state will take their summer cruise on board the battleship Rhode Island July 6 to July 20, embarking and disembarking at Norfolk. All the divisions aggregating 175 men and 18 officers, will take part, this being the first cruise under the new naval law by which it is provided that the officers and men draw the full pay of their rank during the cruise periods just as those in the regular service. The divisions to cruise are Newbern, Washington, Hertford and Elizabeth City.

## Military Camps Are Ready.

Washington.—Orders have been issued by the war department directing organizations of infantry and cavalry, accompanied by bands, to proceed to Burlington, Vermont, Ludington, Michigan, and Asheville, North Carolina. These troops will prepare for occupancy the model "student's military institution camps" which will be established under the supervision of the war department from July 6 to August 7.

The University of North Carolina will send twelve boys to Asheville, the A. and M. College 10 to 15, and other colleges enough to run the number up to about 50 from the state.

## Sid Finger Pays Death Penalty.

Sid Finger, the negro who killed Preston Lyster, was electrocuted at 10:30 o'clock in the death chamber of the state's prison. He was supported to the death chair an almost complete collapse, muttering over and over again while he was being strapped in the chair, "O, Lord have mercy." He had not eaten anything in two days and was weak from fasting. Before the electrocution he talked freely of the crime for which he was paying the death penalty, saying that he killed Lyster.

## Medical Examiners Are Chosen.

The North Carolina State Medical Society balloted from 8 o'clock in the afternoon to 11 o'clock at night on the selection of seven members constituting the State Board of Medical Examiners for the ensuing term of six years. The final outcome was the choice of the following: Dr. J. Q. Myers, Charlotte; Dr. H. A. Royster, Raleigh; Dr. I. M. Taylor, Morganton; Dr. J. F. Highsmith, Fayetteville; Dr. L. M. Stevens, Asheville; Dr. John B. Blount, Washington; Dr. Charles T. Harper, Wilmington.

## Insurance Men Get 30 Days to Answer.

The Special Legislative Commission for the investigation of the conduct of fire insurance companies in this state completed the taking of evidence and took a recess after giving A. L. Brooks, counsel for the insurance companies, 30 days within which to file a brief setting forth the view of the insurance interests in the light of the investigations made and why, in their opinion, there should be no drastic interference with present insurance conditions in this state.

The principal witness examined was Col. J. F. Bruton of Wilson, who appeared as a stockholder in various North Carolina insurance companies. He took the view that there is really no profit to the stockholders in insurance companies with the present North Carolina rates and that to materially reduce them without first reducing the percentage of fire losses would mean the wrecking of the North Carolina companies that must depend on the North Carolina rates for their sole maintenance.

He recommended that there be steps taken to reduce the fire losses through reforming the matter of the compensation of agents. He thought, too, that there should be a regulation in the licensing of agents that would pass on the fitness of the agents for the insurance business.

Alexander Webb of the North Carolina Home Fire Insurance Company and Manager Hulfish of the North Carolina Rating Bureau of the Southeastern Tariff Association, examined as to North Carolina rates and adjustments, insisted that the rates are as low as expense ratio and losses will justify and that there are comparatively speaking, no discriminations in the rates as fixed for the state, rich and poor and all classes being treated alike.

## Three Counties Get Road Money.

Washington.—Senator Simmons issued the following statement recently:

At the conference between Senators Simmons and Overman and Postmaster General Burleson and the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General it developed that the department had definitely decided to refuse to recede from its decision in the Davidson county road proposition. Mr. Burleson put his refusal upon the ground that the road in Davidson county is not of such a character as would give the results required by the act of Congress.

This matter settled, it will then be definitely agreed that North Carolina would not lose any part of the money. The full \$30,000 will go to the Counties of Forsyth, Davie and Iredell. This, together with the local contributions, will construct 49 miles of road.

The Postmaster General and the Assistant Postmaster General both said that this proposition was the best proposition that had been presented.

## State Health Officers Meet.

In addressing the annual session of the North Carolina Health Officers' Association here Governor Craig declared that the sanitary conditions at Morehead City were bad, the state board of health was abundantly justified in publishing to the world in the Health Bulletin just what the conditions and the attitude of the Morehead authorities were. The governor's subject was "State Responsibility for Human Life." He commended the work of the state board of health, and appealed to the health officers to enforce the sanitation laws and protect the health of the citizens without fear or favor.

## State Will Supply Legume.

The State Department of Agriculture expects to have its legume culture ready to be supplied to farmers of the state at the cost of production by September 1 and in such quantities as the demand calls for. This liquid for the inoculation of seeds is to be manufactured in the bacteriological laboratory here under the direction of J. L. Burgess, agronomist, and his first assistant Miss Louise Rahe-macker, who is an expert in this culture work.

## Candy Contained Arsenic.

The Catawba Candy Co., of Sandusky, Ohio, was fined \$50 and costs in the United States Supreme Court for sending into North Carolina and Illinois quantities of "Italian Cream," and into Oklahoma a quantity of "iced Squares," all of which contained arsenic in either the candy or coating, or both.

## For the Corn Club Boys.

There are being issued by the executive offices of Governor Craig commissions to 300 corn club boys—three in each county as special delegates to a great gathering of the corn clubs of the entire country to be held at the Panama Pacific Exposition next year.

Each of the boys who have been suggested by the county school and corn club directors of their counties will receive a special commission from the governor and the expectation is that the great majority of them will attend the national meeting.

## Governor Chaig Goes to Mountains.

Governor Locke Craig left recently for Asheville, for a stay of two weeks or longer. The Governor says that there are a number of western Carolina matters that will have to have his attention while in Asheville and that his being there will prove a great convenience for western Carolina citizens who are interested in these matters. However, he will hold himself in readiness to give attention to any matters developing in any quarter of the state while he is out of Raleigh.

## MEXICO TO YIELD OR MEDIATION ENDS

IS ULTIMATUM OF AMERICAN DELEGATES RELATING TO U. S. PEACE PLAN.

## MAY CONCLUDE IMMEDIATELY

American Policy is Not Yet Determined, if the Peace Conference Fails in its Purpose.

Niagara Falls, Ont.—Justice Lamar's memorandum to Emilio Rabasa, head of the Mexican mediation delegation, announcing that the United States must insist on the acceptance of its plan for the pacification of Mexico is an ultimatum. Unless the Huerta delegates yield mediation will end at once.

This is the firm determination of the United States as conveyed to the mediators. Ambassador Da Gama of Brazil, and Minister Suarez of Chile, asked the American delegates if their position had changed in view of the Carranza-Villa split and the reply was no.

It was an informal talk, but served to advise the mediators that the published statements of the American and Huerta delegates with opposite views on the type of men to be selected for provisional president, defined clearly the unalterable attitude of the American government.

Just what would be the American policy if mediation fails or what disposition it would make of the American troops at Vera Cruz is not known even to the American delegates.

The Huerta commissioners say they do not know what course of action General Huerta may pursue.

The mediators held no formal session because Minister Naon, of Argentina was in Washington. He is expected back soon and will confer first with his colleagues who are anxious to know whether his conferences with officials of the Washington Government developed a new road toward solution of the problem confronting them. If it has not the various plans will be formally presented.

Rejection by the Americans of the mediators' plan, as well as that offered by the Mexican delegates will be recorded as matter of form, together with disapproval by the Mexicans of the American plan. Automatically that would adjourn the conferences according to rules of procedure adopted when they first convened. The mediators, however, still have some names to suggest for provisional president, but have little hope that an agreement can be reached.

## 200 MINERS BURIED IN WRECK.

600 Men Working in Shaft, 35 Escape, 50 Rescued, 36 Die.

Lethbridge, Alberta.—A mighty explosion entombed 250 miners employed in mine No. 20 of the Hillcrest Collieries Limited. Of the 50 miners rescued only 14 were living.

Despite the efforts of two-score mine experts, laboring amid the poisoned gases and debris, hope of rescuing alive the 200 men yet in the mine was remote.

The effects of the disasters were: Men in mine when explosion occurred 600, of whom 350 escaped. Number rescued 50, of whom 36 died later.

Miners still entombed 200, probably killed by fire which followed the explosion.

At dusk a group of women stood at the mouth of the mine which had been closed by the explosion, still hopeful that the cries for help that came below earlier in the day might be repeated. Later however, many of the women dispersed expressing the general belief that the situation of those imprisoned was hopeless.

## U. S. Tobacco Association Elects.

Lexington, Ky.—The United States Tobacco Association elected the following officers: President T. M. Carlington, Richmond, Va.; vice president, W. L. Petty, Lexington, Ky.; second vice president, H. P. Watson, Watson, N. C.; third vice president, E. P. Eggleston, Drakes Branch, Va.; secretary-treasurer, C. E. Webb, Winston-Salem, N. C.

## Speer Case Postponed.

Washington.—Continued absence of members of the House Judiciary Committee from the city has further delayed presentation of the report of the subcommittee which investigated impeachment charges against Federal Judge Emory Speer of Macon, Ga. The report is not now expected to come before the entire committee before several days. It is understood that a majority of the investigators hold to the view that sufficient evidence was not presented to warrant an impeachment.

## Railroad and Stockholders Agree.

New York.—Committees representing collateral trust bonds of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Co. and committees representing stockholders of the Rock Island Company reached a tentative agreement for the reorganization of the Rock Island system. The plan as announced contemplates the elimination of both holding companies, a return to the old Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Co., and the creation of non-cumulative 7 per cent preferred stock of the railway company.