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## THE WARE-KRAMER SUIT.

### First "Trust Case" Since Supreme Court's Decision Comes Up Today.

Raleigh, June 12.—Everything in readiness for calling the Ware Kramer Tobacco company against the American Tobacco company for trial before Judge H. G. Connor in the United States Circuit court tomorrow. All of the attorneys are here and many of the exhibits. Two immense boxes, packed with books and office file records removed from Richmond this morning and are to be presented during the trial. There are some of the American Tobacco company records brought upon an order of the court. Other boxes of less valuable stuff is to arrive by freight.

The Ware-Kramer company also have to show its books and records. With the mass of books and records and affidavits, depositions, etc., it will take an intelligent jury to wade through the mass of papers. Judge Connor has laid down that he wants all the evidence in the case. The Ware-Kramer company and the American Tobacco company that can be brought before the jury. The Ware-Kramer company has some very interesting developments since the Ware-Kramer people are asking for damages on the alleged "trust" that the tobacco "trust" had it out of business.

The American Tobacco company sets up as its defense that it didn't drive the company out, but that the business methods of the Ware-Kramer company itself caused its own death. It is the first trust case to be tried since the Supreme court decision. Damages are asked in the sum of \$1,200,000.

### State Offers \$400 Reward.

Raleigh, N. C., June 12.—Governor Kitchin announces a reward of four hundred dollars for the unknown murderer of Mrs. Jane Hill, of Lexington, whose lifeless body was found tied to the bedpost and gagged in her room at the home of her parents in Johnston, Guilford county last week. No clues are known to have been discovered.

## Champ Clark Talks.

Washington, June 13. Speaker Champ Clark was asked today as to the probable attitude of the house on the Root amendment if it should be fastened to the bill by the senate.

"Since I have been speaker I have been very slow to say what the house will or will not do in any given case; however I have no hesitancy in stating my own opposition to the Root amendment. On its face it looks fair but I know that its adoption would be to throw away entirely the benefit which we would derive from the treaty so far as wood pulp and print paper are concerned and to do that I am unalterably opposed. Those subject were never more thoroughly investigated by any congressional committee than by during this congress by the Mann committee. In my judgment its conclusions are not only correct but are luminously stated. Those items are incorporated in the reciprocity bill and should remain there. My judgment is that the Root amendment will meet a frigid reception in the house."

### Town Of Apex Suffers \$40,000 Damage From Big Fire Early Today.

Fire of unknown origin at Apex early today destroyed several stores and caused a loss of approximately \$40,000. The insurance was estimated today at \$31,000. Lack of fire-fighting apparatus was responsible for the great loss, the entire business section of that town almost being wiped out.

There are two versions of the origin of the fire. One version is that it originated in the meat market owned by J. W. Jenks on Salem street, and the other that it started above the near-beer saloon on the corner of Salem and Cabarus street. Both these buildings were of wood and burned like tinder, the fire spreading to other buildings and finally reaching out across the street and laying low some fine brick structures.

The lack of a fire department was never more keenly felt. The inhabitants, aroused about 1:30 by the crew of a freight train, fought bravely in an effort to stop the spread of the flames, but in vain.

## WASHINGTON NEWS.

### Hitchcock's Manner of Economizing—Read How He Does It.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, June 13. Thirty five dollar wastepaper baskets, \$298 desk and \$320 tables were some of the little economies effected by Postmaster General Hitchcock in refurbishing his "red room" and "brown room" office. These and other examples of republican extravagance were revealed in testimony taken by the House committee on expenditures in the Postoffice department.

Mr. Hitchcock sanctioned the expenditure of \$7,500 in refurbishing three rooms, \$4,000 of which went to furnishing the Postmaster general's private office alone. Circassian walnut furnishings especially designed and manufactured, and specially designed carpets and draperies furnished the nucleus of this expenditure.

In no instance were bids advertised for, or competition permitted. The lucky dealer had but to state his price and secure an order upon the treasury. Five hundred forty dollars two lamp-burner dayports for American royalty; \$350 brought in two arm-chairs; \$98 produced a table; \$295 purchased a second desk, and \$160 a third. A wardrobe to hang coats in cost \$265. One rug was purchased at \$483.75. Another davenport in Circassian walnut "with pillos" cost Uncle Sam \$365. Draperies for one room cost \$600. Parquetry flooring in one room cost \$232. A telephone table cost \$65. A table with black marble top also cost \$64. It cost \$352 to "scrape" the woodwork in the private office preparatory to new finish.

Such was the measure of Mr. Hitchcock's economy in matters pertaining to his own personal comfort. Concerning the employees the railroad mail clerks for instance he followed entirely different lines of procedure.

Mr. Hitchcock figured it out one day that by making three men do the work of four, he could make a record for economy in the railway mail division. The already overworked railway mail clerks were driven beyond the limit of endurance. Conditions in the west, especially in the tenth division, became intolerable. Open rebellion broke out on the Pierre-Tracy line, the men refusing to do the extra work imposed on them. Ten men were suspended. Then five of them were reinstated, but refused to return to work without their associates. This aroused the whole northwest. The clerks met in mass meeting at St. Paul, Minn. They are now forcing the postmaster general to relent in his plan to economize by overworking the railway mail boys.

Strange working of the Hitchcock economy bump also caused the Postmaster General to pay the full year salary of \$5,000 to H. W. Lawshe, third assistant postmaster general, while the later sojourned in New Mexico recuperating in health and looking after the interests of the republican party but performing no government service whatever.

Still another example of Hitchcock economy was his appointment of a pseudo "lame duck commission" of four of his intimate friends and staunch political supporters to go on a sort of Holy Grail conquest at the govern-

ment's expense. The commission investigated "time recorders" in various cities, and managed to disburse sums that would have gone a long way toward making unnecessary the discharge of railway mail clerks.

The average amount spent by each of the committee for subsistence was between nine and ten dollars a day, indicating that Mr. Hitchcock's friends had healthy appetites. Transportation expenses for each man for a period of less than two months averaged \$300. Among many items of expenditure charged to and paid by Uncle Sam appear barber fees, bath charges, telephone bills, shines, news stand charges, in fact, almost everything possible in such a category except laundry, cigars and flowers. The Hotel Willard in Washington, the Astor in New York and kindred hostleries were employed to shelter the government emissaries. Porter fees average 50 cents. The "commissioners" always purchased Pullman tickets, and cab fares are thickly sprinkled among the vouchers. Sometimes the commissioners traveled alone, but generally together, as becomes any well ordered, pleasure loving government committee.

How gratifying all this must be to the discharge postal clerks while they sit and figure out how much the is "saving" on them.

### Armstrong-Bass.

Miss John Bass, of Cunningham and Mr. Clyde Armstrong, of Gastonia, were married Tuesday evening at 2 o'clock at 'Glenore' the attractive home of Mr. R. B. Bass. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. P. Ryland, of Roxboro.

The interior of the home had been decorated with ferns and daisies, and was indeed a scene of beauty. Strain of Mendelssohn's wedding March, brilliantly rendered by Miss Lucile Winstead, came the flower girl, little Miss Francis Wade, niece of the bride, followed by the Maid of Honor and the Best Man, Miss Francis Bass sister of the bride, dressed in pink messaline and carrying caranations, with Mr. Ralph Armstrong, of Gastonia, brother of the groom; Next came the bride maids and groomsmen, Miss Lois Bass, sister of the bride with Mr. Raymond Winstead, Miss Lucy Synnor, of Crewe, Va., with Mr. Harry Jenkins, of Gastonia, Miss Clara Armstrong, of Gastonia, with Mr. Alex Bass. The brides maids were attractively gowned in white lingerie dresses and carrying pink caranations. Master C. P. Ryland, Jr., proceeded the bride with the ring on a cushion covered with real lace. Then came the bride leaning upon the arm of the groom, carrying a bouquet of brides roses showered with lilies of the valley, attired in a handsome blue going away suit with hat and gloves to match. Immediately after the solemn words were said that united the two lives, they left amid congratulation for Cunningham to take the train for a Northern trip where they will spend three weeks, after which they will be at home in Gastonia.

Miss Bass is one of Person County's most attractive and popular young ladies. Mr. Armstrong is one of Gastonia's prosperous young business men.

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## Electrical Storm in Salisbury.

Salisbury, The worst wind and electrical storm for years passed over this section of North Carolina last Friday evening, doing several thousand dollars damage. The roofs of the Salisbury Dry Goods Company, Belk Harry Company and the Vance Cotton Mills were partly blown off and the contents damaged by the heavy rain that broke a prolonged drought. The smokestack and a part of the brick wall of

the Salisbury gas plant were blown down and Bal Burgess, engineer at the plant, was injured in the head by a falling brick. As a result of the storm three blocks of cable and two hundred telephones are out of commission in Salisbury, and it will take one month to repair the damage. A dwelling near Salisbury is reported blown out into the field.

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