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## WASHINGTON NEWS.

### What The People Pay—Tobacco Trust Stile a Trust.

By C. H. Taverner.

Washington, Nov. 20.—Why is the Wickersham suit against the Steel trust one in equity instead of a criminal prosecution?

The Sherman anti-trust law carries a provision by which guilty trust magnates may be sent to jail. If it is possible to dissolve the Steel trust under the Sherman law—and President Taft and Attorney General Wickersham boasts that it is easy to dissolve every illegal combine in the land under this statute—why are not the men who organized and direct these illegal monopolies equally liable to successful prosecution.

What The People Pay.

The People of the United States pay a subsidy in artificially-high prices to the wool industry of at least \$104,000,000 a year, according to calculations of Hon. Oscar W. Underwood of Alabama, chairman of the Ways and means committee of the House of Representatives.

"The Payne-Aldrich tariff tax of 61 cents per yard, to say nothing of any increase in tax as it passes to the jobber, makes not less than \$104,000,000 paid each year to subsidize the wool industry of America," says Mr. Underwood. "Now the entire duties actually paid the United States on all imports of wools and worsteds in 1910 amounted to less than \$15,600,000, which means that of the \$104,000,000 exported from the purchasers of wools nearly \$90,000,000 went to the woolen industry.

"It is fair or just or right to maintain these enormous taxes unduly to foster the business of less than one-fourth of one per cent of the people and to acquire ninety-nine and three-fourths to stagger under this enormous burden? I for one do not believe the American people will justify the President in his veto of the wool schedule."

Tobacco Trust Still a Trust!

In the opinion of many students of the trust question the tobacco trust has won. That is the real meaning they give the approval by the United States circuit court in New York of the tobacco trust reorganization plan. The tobacco trust is to re-

main; the decree of the court does not in practical effect dissolve it. Competition is not restored. The stock ownership is not divided. The actual activities of manufacture and distribution are not even placed under different supervisions. The circuit court politely declines the responsibility of making an order which shall make the business of the tobacco trust fulfill the Supreme court's interpretation of the Sherman law. Discussing the possibility of ordering a receivership and the sale of the tobacco trust property, the lower court says it could not prevent the present owners from bidding in the property if they were so inclined. In other words the tobacco trust is not "busted!" Indeed, it is scarcely scratched.

### Court Doing.

The following matters were disposed of at the last Term of Court.

State vs Sonnie Bullock, Otis Chism and others, gambling. Guilty, \$15 each and costs.

State vs Tom Watson, carrying concealed weapons. Guilty, \$15 and costs.

State vs Heywood Bass, larceny. Guilty, 12 months on the roads.

State vs Amos Word, larceny. Guilty, bound out.

State vs Robert Ashley, distilling. Guilty, judgment suspended.

State vs Will Jones, concealing stolen goods. Guilty, 4 months in jail, Commissioners power to farm out.

State vs W. J. Jones, affray. Guilty, \$15 and costs.

State vs Chuck Day, larceny. Guilty, 6 months on the roads.

M. M. Tapp, who was convicted of distilling at the April Term, with judgment suspended and bond given to appear at each Term of Court for 2 years and show that he had not again engaged in the business, was called and sentenced to the road for 6 months.

The case of Miss Eugenia Bradsher vs Town of Roxboro was the only case of note reached on the civil docket. Miss Bradsher was awarded \$90 damages.

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## WHAT CONGRESS WILL DO.

Washington, Nov. 18.—The wheels are in motion for the beginning, December 4 next, of a session of Congress sure to involve many months of bitter strife over great political and economic issues. President Taft is preparing his annual message, leaders are conferring upon the program and investigating committees are preparing to report.

In a legislative sense, the session may rank as of the highest importance. Politically, the lines will be drawn and the ammunition manufactured for a national campaign more hotly and closely and desperately waged than any contest since that of 1896.

In the order of their relative importance these subjects will be considered:

The tariff, with special application to the wool, cotton and metals schedules.

The trusts, with a view both to amending the Sherman law and to creating a system of national incorporation of concerns doing an interstate business.

Economy, whereof the Democratic House hopes to reduce the government's expenses below the billion-dollar mark set by the Republicans.

Currency reform, as to which the Aldrich, or national monetary commission, plan for a central bank of issue will be the central feature.

Direct election of United States Senators, which was left in dead lock between the two houses when the extra session was adjourned last August.

House cleaning, as proposed by the numerous special investigating committees of the House.

Scores of other questions, of great consequence also, are put into the background by comparison. A Democratic plan of encouraging an American merchant marine, in lieu of the Republican ship subsidy bill, will be proposed. Likewise a measure providing a limited parcels post will originate in the Democratic House committee on postoffices and postroads. A scheme of Panama canal tolls, which will have a big influence upon the cost of transcontinental traffic, will be debated. Such are a few of the "minor" questions.

The curtain will rise on things political when the Republican national committee meets early in December coincident with the reassembling of Congress. President Taft's friends control the committee. It is certain no measures will be approved which will operate against the renomination of Mr. Taft. But the insurgents will be exceedingly active. In behalf of Senator La Follette, demand will be made that the committee pass a resolution favoring the nomination of the President by primary. This will be snowed under by Taft votes and immediately the insurgents will argue that Taft is afraid to go to the people for his endorsement.

Mr. J. M. Pass says that Mr. Thaxton is not in it when it comes to raising corn, as he raised this year 62 barrels of corn and 10 barns of tobacco with one old mule.

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## A Betterment Association Organized in Roxboro.

Pursuant to the call published in the Courier last week, a goodly number of our people met in the auditorium of the graded school building Monday evening to hear Miss Royster tell about the work of the betterment associations in North Carolina. Miss Royster's talk was interesting and inspiring, and every one present felt highly repaid for going out. At the conclusion of her talk, an association was organized with eighteen members, and temporary officers were elected. It was then decided to hold another meeting at 3:30 p. m. next Friday, Nov. 24. This meeting will be held at the school building, and everybody is cordially invited to be present.

From the beginning of this work in North Carolina, about ten years ago, it has appealed especially to the good women of the State. It affords them an opportunity for unselfish service in behalf of the children of their community and State. This opportunity for service where it shall count most for time and eternity is the reason, I think, why the work appeals so to the women. And yet men have not held aloof from the work, but many have given their moral support, while others have been active in the movement. I bespeak for this association the sympathy and support of all lovers of childhood and humanity.

A. B. Stalvey.

We see no reason why the tobacco growers of the State should not join in the protest against the activities of the tobacco trust since President Alexander of the North Carolina Farmers' Union, which has an influential clientele among the growers, contends that they have suffered along with the independent manufacturers. The Farmer's Union is still going after the trust and proposes to place evidence in the hands of District Attorney A. E. Holton for criminal proceedings against the officers of the American Tobacco Company. This will change the scene of the spectacular conflict from New York to North Carolina and North Carolina is big enough to stage it. Mr. Wickersham should not discourage the tobacco growers if they have the proper sort of evidence to show that the Sherman law has been violated. The issue should be equitably settled for the interests of all involved.—Charlotte Observer.

Washington, November 15.—President Finley of the Southern Railway Company announced today that the Company has contracted for 1,700 all-steel fifty-ton double drop bottom gondola coal cars, 500 steel unframe thirty ton ventilated box cars, and 250 all-steel fifty-ton flat cars.

These additions to the freight equipment of the Company are all in addition to the purchase just consummated of 7 Mikado engines, 600 all-steel coal cars, and 65 steel under-frame box cars for the Virginia & Southern Railway Company.

### Special Notice.

We have been carrying many of our customers for a long time, and those accounts are now due, so we earnestly ask all who are owing us to come in and pay up.

If you want us to accommodate you in the future it is necessary for you to give this matter your attention, and do it at once, for we need the money in our business. Don't put off but attend to it now while you have the money.

Yours truly,  
Garrett & Standfield.

We have lime, cement and brick. Plenty of salt and guano. Reade Bros., Co., Helena, N. C.

## Thanksgiving Services.

Thanksgiving services will be held at the Methodist Church on Thanksgiving day at 7 p. m. The services will consist of short talks by some of the layment, Messrs. S. Garland Winstead, L. M. Carlton and J. W. Noelt having been asked to take part. Col. R. I. Featherstone will preside, and has promised that there will music for the occasion, all of the different choirs of the town taking part.

The usual offering for the orphans will be taken and it is hoped that a good attendance will be on hand. Envelopes will be provided and your offering will go to the orphanage of your choice.

Charles Burton, colored, one of the best colored citizens of the County, is also a very successful tobacco raiser. He had a load at the Winstead yesterday which shows his ability as a tobacco farmer. He sold 1648 pounds for \$381.87, making an average of \$23.15 for the load. And this is not all, for he has 13 barns at home which will bring more money than these two did.

Mr. P. C. Boardman, of New York, was the guest last week of Mr. J. C. Wrenn, and was so well pleased with his visit here and Mr. Wrenn's hospitality, that he contemplates returning and spending a year in this section.



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Whitted's Drug Store.

Owing to our improved facilities for sawing we are pleased to announce that we have reduced our price for sawing from 35 cents to 25 cents per hundred. This is a decrease of about thirty per cent and means just that much saving to you. Prompt and efficient service guaranteed. Remember also we have all kinds and grades of rough and dressed lumber, shingles and lathes.

Roxboro Lumber Co.

## CARPET SALE.

Our entire stock of carpets have been put on sale at cost. We have a fairly good line consisting of Brussels, Ingrains and Jute ranging in price from 25c to \$1.00 a yard. The reduced prices range from 20c to 75. They will be cut in any desired lengths so that you can get rug lengths if you wish. These are all perfect goods and worth the original prices. Our only reason for making this big reduction is that the demand for druggets has so completely cut off carpets that we wish to clean out this line. This is a good opportunity to get an extra cheap floor covering or rugs.

Harris & Burns

## We Have Just Gotten In

A car of Galvanized Roofing and a car of Barb Wire. This material is as good as made, it is the best. And our handling it in car loads enables us to sell this high grade Roofing as cheap as the Kentucky sheets can be bought locally. We have got the stuff and will appreciate your orders.

Long, Bradsher & Company.