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VIRGINIA PLANT MAY COME

Petersburg Concern Considers Locating Saw Mill Somewhere In This Section.

At Present Kinston or Goldsboro More Favored, But Plans May Be Changed.

Recently the Virginia Box & Lumber Company of Petersburg, Va., gave out the information that they intended locating a saw mill in Eastern North Carolina, preferably at Kinston or Goldsboro. Their proposed action came to the notice of J. Leon Williams, Secretary of the New Bern Chamber of Commerce, and he wrote the company a letter in which he urged that they defer their decisions upon the location of the plant until New Bern had been considered. Yesterday he received from them the following answer:

VIRGINIA BOX AND LUMBER COMPANY
Petersburg, Va., Jan. 8, 1912.
J. Leon Williams, Esq.,
Secretary Chamber of Commerce,
New Bern, N. C.

Dear Sir:
Your valued favor of the 6th just received and contents noted. In reply beg to advise that we have been contemplating locating a saw mill operation either at Kinston or at Goldsboro and believe we can work out a more advantageous proposition at one or other of these places. However, if you feel your city has any special advantages or if there are any special inducements that can be offered us, we shall be pleased to have you bring the matter before us promptly, as we expect to arrive at a definite conclusion in the very near future.

Very truly,
Virginia Box & Lumber Co.

Judging from the above it would seem that both Kinston and Goldsboro have offered the company very attractive propositions and it now remains for New Bern to make a more attractive offer. One prominent citizen stated yesterday afternoon that he would give them a free site, located at a point near the railroad. This means much in many ways to the city and every effort will be made to induce the mill men to come to New Bern.

Tonight at 8 o'clock there will be a special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce held at the Court House to consider the proposition and every member is urged to be present.

IMPROVING CAFE.
The proprietors of the Athens Cafe are having a number of improvements made at their place of business on Pollock street. The central passage leading from the cafe to the kitchen has been closed and in its place a small door has been placed on one side. This tends to prevent odor and noise from the kitchen-reaching the patrons. In addition to this the paint brush is being used in beautifying the appearance of the interior of the building.

MEET HERE NEXT.
At the meeting of the Red Men of the Second District which was held at Washington, N. C., on Wednesday it was decided that the next meeting, to be held in April, would be at New Bern. The meeting was well attended and proved of much interest. Following the business session a reception was tendered the visitors.

COMMITTEE BEGINS ITS WORK

Writing to Lovers of Baseball in Cities Which May Be In Proposed League.

EAST CAROLINA ASSOCIATION
Wilmington Interested as Shown By Article In The Evening Dispatch.

The committee appointed Wednesday night at the meeting of the baseball enthusiasts of the city and which was held at the Elks' club rooms, to write to the baseball men in Wilmington, Wilson, Rocky Mount, Fayetteville and Goldsboro and ascertain whether they would be willing to join an Eastern Carolina baseball Association, have already begun their work and replies will doubtless be received within the next few days.

Wilmington is very anxious to get into such an association. The Wilmington Evening Dispatch of January 8 has the following to say in regards to the forming of an Eastern Carolina League:

"Suggestions to revive the Eastern Carolina Baseball League, with Wilmington, Wilson, Fayetteville, Kinston, New Bern, Washington, or Rocky Mount, for a proposed six team circuit are going the rounds of the press. This evening the fans of New Bern will hold a meeting to decide whether that town wishes to put a team in the field during the approaching season.

"It is expected that some definite action will be taken within the next few days. A conference of representatives of the different towns may be called in the hope of forming a league.

"While the question has not been given consideration locally, as yet, it is practically certain that Wilmington fandom will awaken when it is realized that there is a chance to secure again some of the long-desired professional ball games. This city is one of the best ball towns in the State. There was considerable disappointment when Wilmington was overlooked in the recent formation of an All-State League. The next best thing apparently is to get together with the neighboring towns.

"The exciting days of the Eastern Carolina circuit will long be remembered. It is believed that the enthusiasts here are now ready to rally to the support of a team. If the determination to form a league rests with this city, and the other towns are willing, it is almost a certainty that things "base ballical" will soon begin to wear a bright aspect. The next few weeks may see arrangements in not less than a half dozen of the towns in the eastern part of the state looking to the signing of players, adoption of schedule, etc.

As soon as replies to the letters which have been sent to the different towns have been received another meeting will be held in this city and if satisfactory the association will be formed.

Rocky Mount Eager to Join League.
Yesterday afternoon J. L. Horne, jr., editor of the Rocky Mount Evening Telegram, called the Journal over the long distance telephone and asked for the results of the meeting held at the Elks' club Wednesday night. Mr. Horne stated that the baseball enthusiasts of that town were very anxious for the Eastern Carolina Baseball Association to be formed and would be one of the first towns to sign up. The citizens there, he stated, are willing at any time to put up the money for a team.

"Official" Photograph of The President Elect's Wife



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YOU have no doubt seen a picture of America's new "first lady of the land," Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, but this will interest you especially because it is her "official" photograph. Of all the pictures she has had taken since her husband was elected president this was selected by her as the best and promptly labeled "official." While Governor Wilson is laboring with appointments and the details of his approaching assumption of office on March 4 next, Mrs. Wilson is busy with the social side of her new life. The duties as president's wife are many and exacting.

REFORM PRIMARY, GET MORE BLIND URGES TILLMAN

Unless This Is Done, Negroes Will Return To Power in South Carolina, He Says.

RECOMMENDS SOME NEW LAWS

Declares He Is Actuated By No Selfish Motives—"Never a Candidate Again!"

Spartanburg, S. C., Jan. 10.—Fearing that unless the Democratic primary system is reformed by stringent laws to prevent fraud the negroes, who outnumber the white people, will return to power in South Carolina, Senator Benjamin R. Tillman has addressed an earnest letter to the General Assembly urging the passage of the needed laws.

"I will never ask the people to vote for me in another primary," he says, "because I believe I will be dead before another to succeed me is elected; therefore, no charge of selfish or personal motive can justly be made against my taking the position I do."

Senator Tillman declares that unless the primary is reformed "the people of the State will settle their political differences at the polls in November just as they do now in all border and Northern States.

"There are many people in South Carolina," he says, "who would be glad to see two white parties in the State. Were conditions different I myself would like to have two white parties, but as things are now it would mean the mobilization of the negro and his active and aggressive return to State politics under white leadership.

"I know of no calamity greater than this that could overtake our people. I speak advisedly, for I went through the reconstruction period and know the degradation to which our people sank, the rottenness and corruption that were in our politics and that made our Government a byword and a hissing, and I know how hard it was to get the white men to line up shoulder to shoulder and throw of the yoke.

"The negroes outnumber as in South Carolina by more than 150,000 and a large number of them are either registered or eligible for registration. If they should ever be mobilized and led to the polls by white men in the struggle for mastery and control then we can never save the State from a repetition of even greater corruption than we have already endured. The State corporations and Standard Oil, would use money lavishly, and the Government and the United States Senatorship, would become pawns in the game of politics, to be bought by the highest bidders."

GET MORE BLIND URGES TILLMAN

One Hundred Half Pints Seized and Persons Implicated Held For Vagrancy

MEANS OF SUPPORT INVISIBLE

Tom White and John Jones, Both Colored, the Parties Who Are Being Detained.

One hundred half-pint bottles of "blind tiger" whiskey are now being held at the City Hall awaiting the arrival of a bona fide John Jones, to whom the same is consigned. At the Craven county jail Tom White, a notoriously bad colored man, and another person who says he travels under the title of John Jones, two individuals who are indirectly connected with the above mentioned "tikker", are awaiting trial on a charge of vagrancy.

The whiskey was captured late yesterday afternoon by Chief of Police C. Lupton and Policemen Bryan and A. A. Lippock. At the time of the seizure the goods were reposing in a box on the bed of a wagon which was being rapidly driven up Burn street. Being unable to keep the wagon in view the officers ordered the driver to put on the brakes and after an investigation had been made and the real contents of the box discovered, the quartet proceeded to the City Hall where the whiskey was placed in safe keeping. The driver of the wagon gave out the information that Tom White had ordered him to convey the whiskey to his home and he was enroute there when detained.

A search for White was then started and within a short time he was at police headquarters and was explaining that the whiskey belonged to one John Jones. Another investigation showed that the box was indeed consigned to such a person and after White had given specific directions as to where Jones could be found, another trip to the usual loafing ground of the "pocket tigers" was made. Jones was found and escorted down to headquarters. He said that the box belonged to him, also that he had signed for it.

Up to this time the usual routine of the proceedings had been uneventful but a few minutes after Jones had made the declaration that he signed for the whiskey he changed this mind and absolutely denied its ownership. Thus ended the controversy. There was no evidence of a sale and the whiskey had no owner. But Jones and White were not to escape. They failed to convince the officers that they had any visible means of support and

were formally charged with vagrancy. Falling to give bond for their appearance at a hearing they were committed to the county jail.

SECTIONAL FIGHT BEGINS TO LOOM

Northern Congressmen Indicate They Think South Wants Too Much Leadership.

AIM MOVE AT THE SOUTH
Two Letters Sent Out to New Members Breathe Spirit Of Insurgency.

Washington, Jan. 9.—That the Northern members of Congress will make a stubborn fight to get their share of the committee honors after March 4 and that organization to that end is being quietly effected has come to light.

Copies of two letters which have been sent out to all Northern Congressmen and Congressmen-elect have reached newspaper men. Each of them is belligerent and shows plainly that the movement to reorganize the next House has behind it a measure of strength.

One of the letters was written by Warren W. Bailey, of Johnstown, Pa., who was elected a member of the House in the last election in a district that had never gone Democratic. Mr. Bailey was in Washington and admitted the authorship of the letter, which reads:

"Perhaps the most critical point in the organization of the next House will be the naming of committees. Under the existing plan the Ways and Means Committee acts as committee on committees and is practically self-perpetuating, with its tremendous powers and responsibilities.

"Would it not be better to have a distinct committee on committees and could we not pull the teeth out of the reactionaries?"

"I wish you would think this matter over and when we come together we will then learn one another's more or less matured views."

More emphatic than this, perhaps, is the second letter which the new Congressmen have received. The authorship of this communication is not admitted, but the fact that it has been sent out and has been received by Northern members of the next House has been learned beyond doubt. The second letter reads as follows:

"Does it seem right to you that the organization of the House should continue as it is? It is the evident purpose of those in control to perpetuate the existing regime and we are extremely doubtful whether this is altogether for the best.

"The disclosures before the Clapp committee would seem to be serious enough to impair the usefulness of some prominent Democratic leaders. The fact has been on our mind that as many as possible of the new members should get together in Washington in the near future for the purpose of discussing the situation and formulating some plan.

"At present practically every important chairmanship is held by the South and, if not the chairmanship, then it has been the ranking member. We doubt if this is truly representative. What do you think about it?"

There is a distinct note of insurgency in this second letter. If not only invites the new members to get together and line up against the present organization of the House but it suggests that the South has gained too strong a position of leadership in the House and that a change should be made.

As far as could be learned the effort to draw the sections, line has not met with much success. No meeting has yet been called, though Mr. Bailey and one or two of his associates are in the city. They stand ready to take the initiative if they find sufficient encouragement.

According to the best information available the Northern and other new members of the House hesitate to inaugurate an insurgent program so early in the game. They fear that by doing this they will seriously embarrass the Wilson administration and thereby incur the protest of their people at home.

As for the Ways and Means Committee perpetuating itself, Mr. Bailey obviously is laboring under a wrong impression. This committee is elected by the full membership of the Democratic caucus of the House and a Northern Congressman has as much voice in that election as any other.

If there are enough Northern Congressmen who are willing to do it, they could depose any or all the members of the Ways and Means Committee and substitute members of their own choice.

Even so, the movement is on to force at least a compromise with the present leaders of the House, and it is apparent that the situation presents some perplexing phases.

Frank A. Munsey, Progressive, Tries To Line Straight-Outs Up With New Party.

URGES HIS PARTY TO GET TOGETHER

Frank A. Munsey, Progressive, Tries To Line Straight-Outs Up With New Party.

HOLD STATE CONFERENCES
Suggests Holding Organization Such As Obtains Some Times In Business World.

New York, Jan. 9.—Frank A. Munsey in the New York Press appeals to the Republican and Progressive parties to get together. He shows that the entire vote for Wilson was 5,303,063 while the combined vote for Taft and Roosevelt was 7,608,095, or a plurality over Wilson of 1,305,032.

"A quick and sure way of overcoming the Democratic supremacy would be through an alliance of the Republican and Progressive parties," he continues.

He says Republicans are bitter against Progressives for splitting the party, and that the Progressives are equally bitter against the Republicans. To bring about a union of the two parties he suggests:

"Form a new party, a holding party, to take over the Republican and Progressive parties, as a holding company in the business world takes over and amalgamates competing concerns. The Republican and Progressive parties, politically speaking, are emphatically competing concerns and in competition with the big Democratic party they are powerless.

"Let the voters of each party in the several States call a conference, a State-wide conference, to discuss the plan and appoint delegates to a national conference. Each party would hold its own conference made up of its own men.

"The national conference, on the other hand, would consist of an equal number of delegates from the two parties.

"The work of the national conference would be to get together on principles and policies, and to select a name for the new holding party. It would not only embrace the problem of harmonizing, but would have to work out policies and principles that would be representative of the best thought of the day.

"A thorough study by the conference of the problems of government, both State and national, would be a businesslike way of arriving at a sound basis for amalgamation and for fixing upon the policies and principles of the new party.

"The old way of writing a political platform amid the stress and storm of a national convention, which all is excitement, and interest is almost wholly centered on the nominations, is ridiculous. There isn't a serious note in it; there isn't a bit of common sense in it."

Mr. Munsey suggests as a name for the new organization "The Liberal Party." He adds:

"Naturally I should not expect Barnes and Penrose and Gallinger and Crane and others of their type to take kindly to this plan, or to any other plan looking toward liberal and advanced judging in the vision of seeing the Republican party re-established and an ultra-conservative line, reactionary lines.

"One word more. This suggestion for bringing the two parties together does not mean, and must not be twisted to mean, that my relations to or interest in the Progressive party are in any way changed. Emphatically they are not. But clearly the same methods that prevail with regard to politics that prevail in the wisest and most intelligent realms of business."

WHISKEY FIRM IS CITED TO COURT

Shippers of Liquor Now In Federal Building To Appear In Raleigh.

CONFISCATION IS THREATENED
Cincinnati Shippers Must Show Cause Why It Should Not Be Condemned.

Forty-three barrels of whiskey consigned to J. H. Smith and which were confiscated by the government on December 18 are now being held at the Federal building in this city. There has been much speculation as to what disposition the government will make of this confiscated liquor. Just what will be done with it in the end is not known but it is known that the entire forty-three barrels will remain in the Federal building in this city until the latter part of next May.

United States Marshal Claudius Dockery has issued a notice of seizure and libel against the whiskey and the shippers, the firm of F. W. Wagoner Sons and Company of Cincinnati, O., have been summoned to appear in the Federal Court at Raleigh on May 16, next, to show reason why the confiscated goods should not be condemned to the use of the government.

The confiscation of this whiskey brings up several very intricate points of the Federal Law and the hearing promises to be very interesting.

SHOWS OYSTER CLUSTER.

Captain Robert Griffin of Pamlico county arrived in the city yesterday with a boat load of oysters from Bay river. The oysters were as nice as any seen here this season and the owner had but little trouble in disposing of them at a price ranging from forty to fifty cents a bushel. While taking the oysters from the river Captain Griffin found a cluster of the bivalves surrounding one large shell which was quite a curiosity. When carefully counted it was found that thirteen full grown oysters had become grouped around on shell. The entire group weighed more than four pounds.

TRY TWO FOR VAGRANCY

John Clinton and Oscar White, Colored, Get Hearing

John Clinton, alias John Jones and Oscar White, colored, were given a hearing before Mayor McCarthy yesterday afternoon, on warrants charging them with vagrancy. Clinton and White were arrested on the previous day by several of the officers as being probably implicated in the ownership and intended retailing of a box of whiskey which the police had confiscated. White absolutely denied the ownership of any part of the whiskey while Clinton, finally confessed that he had invested seven dollars in the contents of the box, ordering it in another man's name. The defendants were found guilty of the charge against them and White was sentenced to the county roads for a term of thirty days. Clinton claims Wilmington as his home and told the Mayor he had written for funds to return there. The money, however, has not arrived and after considering the matter the Mayor decided to let him return to that city, holding him in the county jail until the money necessary to pay his bill of fare arrives in the city.

A large proportion of the Christmas toys "made in Germany" have already been smashed in the United States.

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