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Minority Stockholders Get Dollar For Dollar

Way Is Cleared For Settlement and The Mill Is Expected To Resume Operations Hearing Is Postponed Until Nov. 6.

LOCAL DELEGATION

The way was paved Wednesday for settlement of the cotton mill case in which minority stockholders were asking for the money which they had put into the mill, both common and preferred stock, when a compromise was effected, the minority stockholders to receive dollar for dollar of money actually paid in. The compromise, according to our information, was not unanimous, but the majority ruled.

The matter came up last week but owing to sickness in the family of one of the interested parties, the hearing was deferred until Wednesday when an arrangement was made with the minority stockholders. Quite a number of interested persons went to Raleigh for the hearing which was postponed until Nov. 6.

The following report of the settlement published in yesterday's News and Observer sets forth the main facts of the adjustment:

A settlement, by which all of the minority stockholders, representing approximately \$200,000 or about 10 per cent of the total, were paid dollar for dollar what they had invested in the Ivanhoe Manufacturing Co., of Smithfield, was effected yesterday and the way was paved for the complete settlement of the defunct corporation, whose affairs have greatly stirred Johnston county.

As a result of the pending settlement the hearing which was scheduled to have been held yesterday before Joseph B. Cheshire, Jr., United States referee in bankruptcy, was continued until November 6 and it is anticipated by that time a satisfactory adjustment of all the claims against the company, totalling more than \$900,000, will be effected so that the mill can resume operations. Kenneth Gunn, trustee for the company, yesterday expressed the opinion that under present conditions the mill can be operated at a profit.

The minority stockholders, who were bought out yesterday, include about 25 or 30 persons, many of whom are widows and orphans. They were represented by R. N. Simms and their removal is considered as having paved the way for an adjustment with all other creditors.

The claims against the company are of three kinds. There is about \$175,000, unsecured in any way, which includes a claim of \$156,000 by Ouzts, Scott and Company, cotton dealers of Charlotte. At the time of entering the bankruptcy, the company sought to repudiate this claim on the ground that it was on a gambling contract and assigned as the principal reason for the bankruptcy the fact that the cotton dealers had attached \$120,000 in funds collected by the mill as insurance on one of the buildings. It is now thought that the claim will be adjusted along with the others.

The second category of claims included about \$350,000 secured by the endorsement of the directors of the mill on notes.

These claims have been strongly attacked by J. W. Bailey, attorney for the trustee, and W. H. Austin, whose claim alone amounts to over \$200,000, was scheduled to have been examined by Mr. Bailey at the hearing yesterday. These claims total over \$400,000.

The company has \$120,000 in cash and its other mill, which is said to have a sale value of over \$300,000 and a replacement value of over \$400,000.

If the proposed settlement goes through, the directors, who are now the sole stockholders, will make adjustments with the other creditors and will resume the operation of the mill.

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CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS PASSED FREE TO FAIR

The Management of the Johnston County Fair requests us to state that Confederate veterans residing in Johnston county will be passed into the Fair Grounds during fair week without any charge, if they will wear their Crosses of Honor, that they may be identified thereby.

RECORDERS COURT HAS FULL DOCKET

Two Full Days Are Devoted to Criminal Cases In Court This Week.

The Recorder's Court went into a busy session here on October 20, and continued through two days on the criminal docket.

Gaston Norris, white, was tried on a charge of trespass for fishing in Holt's Lake. He was found guilty and the court continued prayer for judgment.

Ned Barber, of Four Oaks, was tried on a similar charge and was also found guilty. He was fined \$25 and taxed with the cost from which judgment he took an appeal to the Superior Court.

Other defendants tried for trespass for fishing in Holt's Lake were: Bossie Barber, Emmett Adams, and S. W. Brown. The court found each defendant guilty and continued prayer for judgment upon the payment of cost in each case.

Allen Bennett, a white man of Sampson county, was in court and entered a plea of violating the prohibition laws. He was fined \$25 and cost dismissed.

L. Y. and Herman Creech, white men of Benson, were charged with operation of a car while under the influence of whiskey. They were found guilty and dismissed upon the payment of costs.

James Lochler, a Princeton negro, was found guilty of public disturbance and carrying a concealed weapon. Guilty on both counts. For carrying the weapon he was fined \$50 and a sentence of four months on the roads was suspended during good behavior.

Edgar Artist, a negro from Ingram township, had two counts against him—public disturbance and carrying a concealed weapon. He was found guilty on both counts and given a fine of \$50 and sentenced to the road for four months from which judgment he appealed.

Wednesday's court resumed the trial of state vs. Eddie Parrish, a white man from the Parrish Memorial section. This case was begun on Tuesday but owing to the large number of witnesses for both the state and the defendant the case was not terminated until Wednesday noon. The defendant was charged with abandonment and found not guilty and discharged.

R. L. Ray of Selma, aided Solicitor Massey in the prosecution and James Raynor and Judge A. M. Noble represented the defendant.

John K. Hartley and Ernest Murphy, white men of Boon Hill township, were found not guilty and were discharged upon a charge of assault.

The state took a nol pros with leave against J. D. Stephenson on a charge of fraud.

S. B. Stephenson was found guilty of possessing whiskey in violation of the prohibition laws. He was given a fine of \$25 and taxed with the cost. On a charge of transportation this defendant was found guilty but discharged upon the payment of cost.

Tom Oakley was tried and found guilty of violating the prohibition laws. Continued prayer for judgment upon payment of costs.

Kelly Peedin had also been handling booze, so the court found, and was taxed with a \$25 fine and the costs of the action.

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Miss Nora Cooper



MISS COOPER'S photo will be entered in a state wide contest among Business and Professional Women's Clubs, as a representative of the Smithfield club. Six of the best looking members in North Carolina will have their pictures in state papers, as soon as the State Publicity Chairman, Miss Jeanette Biggs of Oxford can make the selection. Miss Cooper was chosen by ballot at a recent meeting of the local club. She is the efficient secretary of Mr. Chas. Davis.

MRS. VANDERBILT WEDS IN LONDON

Marriage to Senator Gerry of Rhode Island Joins Two Great Fortunes.

London, Oct. 21.—Friends of U. S. Senator Peter Goelt Gerry of Rhode Island, and Mrs. Edith Vanderbilt, widow of George Washington Vanderbilt, today confirmed reports that they were to be married and added that the couple would be wed tomorrow morning in the Princess Street register's office. Only a few intimate friends have been invited.

Senator Gerry was divorced in an action brought by his wife in Paris several months ago. The Rhode Island Senator is socially prominent, member of a family famous in American history since early colonial times and is known as a lawyer, scientist and philanthropist. He is 46 years of age.

Two of America's most prominent families and portions of two of America's largest fortunes will be united in the marriage of Mrs. Vanderbilt and Senator Gerry which will take place tomorrow in London. Although the bulk of the estate of George W. Vanderbilt, who died in 1914, went to his daughter, Cornelia, now the wife of the Hon. John Francis Amherst Cecil, former secretary of the British embassy at Washington, Mrs. Vanderbilt received \$250,000 in cash, life interest in a \$1,000,000 trust fund, homes in Washington and Bar Harbor, Maine, and 80,000 acres in the Pisgah Forest of North Carolina, together with contracts for the sale of timber estimated to produce about \$50,000 a year. The vast estate, Biltmore, North Carolina, was left to the executors, Mrs. Vanderbilt and William K. Vanderbilt, to hold in trust for the daughter until her twenty-fifth year. In 1916 Mrs. Vanderbilt sold 50,000 acres of her Carolina holdings to the United States government for forest reserve at a price reported to be \$5 an acre. In 1920 she sold portions of the Biltmore estate, including the village of Biltmore, for approximately \$1,000,000.

The Gerry Fortune Senator Gerry has a one-fourth interest in property valued at \$14,800,000 left by his mother, and with his brother and two sisters will divide the Gerry millions upon the death of their father, Commodore Eldridge T. Gerry.

"ROSETIME" AT SCHOOL AUDITORIUM TONIGHT

Miss Mary Ben Wright is delighted at the way rehearsals for "Rosetime" to be given by Kiwanians tonight, have been going, and she expects a splendid performance. New costumes will add greatly to the presentation. The vaudeville act between scenes will bring down the house.

The entertainment will be given at the high school auditorium instead of at the opera house as was previously announced.

The spirit of gratitude still remains in the hearts of the people and that they will respond to the call and see that the money and pigs are provided to make this an enjoyable occasion.

Committees appointed are as follows: Clayton township: W. A. Barnes, Chairman; A. R. Duncan, W. S. Penn, John T. Talton, Mrs. E. A. Hocutt.

Cleveland township: Fletcher Austin, Chairman; H. M. Barbour, A. M. Johnson, Claude Sanders, Mrs. E. N. Booker.

Pleasant Grove township: W. T. Whittington, Chairman; Leonard Johnson, C. C. Young, Mrs. Ed. S. Coats, J. E. Gilbert.

Elevation township: D. D. Medlin, Chairman; Rev. Ruffin Johnson, Delma Hardee, J. F. Batts, W. H. Flowers.

Bentonville township: LaFayette Langston, Chairman; Remus Dunn, Seth W. Lassiter, A. G. Adams, R. K. Britt.

Associational Meeting Of Baptist In The County

Forty-seven Churches Expected To Have Representatives at Thanksgiving Church Oct. 28 and 29—Program.

REPORTS OF PASTORS

Next Wednesday the Johnston Baptist association will meet at 10 a. m. at Thanksgiving church, eight miles north of Selma. Baptists look forward to this session with unusual interest, and it is expected that the attendance will be unusually large. The churches, according to our information, will report the best year in all their history, at least in the number of conversions and additions to the churches. The body is composed of 47 churches, which reported a year ago a membership of 5644. It is thought the reports this year will show an increase over last year of from 600 to 800.

Speakers of more than statewide reputation will be on the program, among them Dr. Chas. E. Maddy, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, and Mr. Gilbert T. Stephenson, of Raleigh. Both of these will appear on the program Wednesday. Delegates to this body are elected on the basis of membership, each church being entitled to a minimum of three delegates, and an additional one for each 25 members above 50, no church being entitled to more than eight.

The program for the two days is as follows:

- WEDNESDAY MORNING.**
10:00 Devotional Service, P. A. Pridden.
10:15 Organization. Report of Program Committee.
10:30 Introductory Sermon, C. H. Cashwell.
11:15 Spiritual State of the Churches, J. W. Rose.
Each pastor to make a 2-minute report.

12:00 General Discussion.
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON
1:30 Devotional Service, W. T. Evans.

- 1:45 Missions: Report, R. C. White.
2:00 Missions in the Johnston, S. L. Morgan.
2:15 Woman's Work, Mrs. B. A. Hocutt.
2:30 The Challenge of a World Task, Dr. C. E. Maddy.
3:10 Trusteehip for God, Gilbert T. Stephenson.

WEDNESDAY EVENING
7:15 Devotional Service, S. S. McGregor.

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Armistice Day Plans Taking Definite Shape In County

Letters are being mailed out today to five or six men and women in each township in the county asking them to act as a committee in their respective townships to help raise funds and get all the World war veterans in the county to attend the Armistice celebration to be held at Clayton on November 11th, when there will be speaking, and possibly a band concert and a free barbecue dinner for all the ex-service men. The Chairman in the respective townships are asked to call their committees together at once and solicit funds and pigs in preparation of this occasion.

This first county wide Armistice Day celebration is hoped to be pulled off in grand style and the "boys" given a good time. Upon the declaring of the Armistice Day on November 11, 1918, every mother and father who had a boy at the front sent up a prayer of gratitude to Almighty God for the ending of the struggle, and men and women declared their everlasting gratitude for the boys who had gone to the front and made the sacrifice in that great struggle. It has only been seven years since that date, and we are testing their gratitude by putting on a County-Wide Armistice Day celebration in behalf of the boys who made this sacrifice, and we are hoping

TOBACCO GROWERS TO HEAR W. J. HOOKS TODAY

Three hundred tobacco growers of Johnston county are expected to be present this afternoon at a get-together meeting at the army sponsored by citizens interested in the development of a home tobacco market. Mr. W. J. Hooks, tobacco farmer of Kenly, will be the chief speaker on this occasion. Brunswick stew, fried fish, and appetizing relishes will form the menu.

VALUABLE CIRCUS HORSE IS KILLED

Animal Falls In Street After Being Frightened by Automobile.

One of the large iron gray draft horses used by the Walter L. Main circus that showed in Smithfield Tuesday, had to be shot and killed before the circus left town Wednesday morning, due to an injury which the animal suffered when it fell while rounding the corner of Market and Third streets Tuesday night after the show. The animal was put out of its misery by Dr. Rosser Lane, veterinarian.

This horse, which was one of a six-horse team, was engaged in hauling one of the large wagons to the railroad yards preparatory to loading it on a car and when near the school house an automobile driven by a negro, cut in on the team, the operator driving the car between the lead and second team.

The lead team, a strapping big pair, cut loose from hitch, became frightened and ran at full speed up Third Street. When it reached the corner of Market and Third streets, one of the animals lost its footing and fell to the roadway, breaking one of its legs.

Dr. Lane was summoned by one of the circus officials and after making an examination of the injury to the animal, recommended that it be shot.

After hitting the horses, the operator of the automobile continued on his way, not even stopping to learn if he had caused any damage, according to eye witnesses to the accident.

Services At Oakland
Rev. Chester Alexander will preach at Oakland church Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

THEL HOOKS IS CHIEF MARSHALL

Bulletin Board In Fair Grounds Will Show Standing In Popularity Contest.

EXPECT A BIG FAIR

If the plans of Secretary Narron are executed with the dawn of the day Monday there will be a bustle and stir around the local fair grounds that will recall to mind Johnston county fairs in the past which were better and better than they have been of late years.

The shows will come in Sunday; the concession men will begin their puffing away in blowing up their balloons; the camera men will begin asking pedestrians for the price of a picture, made while they wait; the hobby horses will begin to neigh; the ferris wheel will be ferreted out; the exhibits will begin to come in; the race horses will be eating local hay; the fair, in a word, will be starting.

Fair officials have appointed Thel Hooks, local young man, as chief Marshall. Mr. Hooks has already appointed several marshalls and is now making every effort to get at least two assistant marshalls from each town in Johnston county, further carrying out the efforts of all the officials to make this essentially a county-wide occasion.

Facts are not available as to the standing of the contestants in the popularity contest, due to the fact that only about five of the entrants have turned in their tickets. As a result of this delay, there will be a big bulletin placed in the fair grounds on which will be kept posted all the latest returns from the contestants. Everything is moving along nicely in the parade department. The parade is scheduled to start from Second Street at the hospital at eleven o'clock Tuesday. In the parade there will be all the fair officials, the speaker of the day, one or more bands and everything that goes to make up this part of the opening day.

It will be of interest to know that the Fair boasts this year a new judges' stand and grandstand.

REQUEST FOR ROOMS DURING FAIR WEEK

There will be a great influx of visitors here during Fair week. There will be around 400 people with the great Brown and Dyer shows, also a great number of people will be here with the Free A-J. The people of Smithfield should rally to the support of the fair officials and help out the housing situation. The Fair Association requests all people in Smithfield to leave their names with J. C. Donahoe and also the number of rooms to let during fair week.

WOMAN'S CLUB OFFERS PRIZES TO HIGH SCHOOL

The Woman's Club, a local organization, that is very much interested in Smithfield, has offered a prize to the high school pupil writing the best paper on: "Needs of Smithfield." The matter was presented at a recent meeting by Mrs. J. H. Kirkman and the idea received unanimous approval. The details of awarding the prize were left to Supt. N. C. Shuford. Mr. Shuford worked out the following plan: In order that every high school pupil may be induced to study the needs of Smithfield, the contest is made open to the eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh grades. There will be a winner in each grade. The four best papers will be judged by a committee appointed by the Woman's Club, and the best of the four will be awarded a five dollar gold piece. The next best will receive three dollars, the next best, two dollars and the fourth best, one dollar. The papers must be written according to rules laid down in English composition, and must not exceed 600 words.

The prizes will be given at commencement.

Selma Raises \$2,000 For New Highway

TEN DOLLAR HAT TO UGLIEST MAN

Who is the ugliest man in Johnston county? The judges on Thursday of Fair Week will tell you. The winner in this wonderful contest will be presented with a nice ten dollar hat, his own selection at any store in Johnston county. Entrants are expected to come in fast.

Citizens of City Pledge Additional \$500 At Meeting Held Wednesday Night.

HARPER PRESIDES

Including \$500 which was raised at a meeting of Selma citizens held Wednesday night in the interest of the building the proposed Earpsboro road, which will connect at Selma with highway No. 22, the citizens of that town have contributed more than \$2,000 as their share to construct this new road.

The meeting which was held in the auditorium of the city building and which was called by Mayor Aycock, who is one of the prime movers of this proposed highway, was attended by practically every business and professional man of the city.

The meeting was an enthusiastic one, and was presided over by C. P. Harper. Many of the representative citizens present, spoke in favor of the establishment of this new road, telling among other things, the many advantages that will be derived by Selma and Johnston county, when this new highway is a certainty.

"ROSETIME" PLEASURES BENSON AUDIENCE

Benson, Oct. 22.—The musical comedy, "Rosetime" staged by the Dainty Ladies Club Tuesday night under the direction of Miss Inez Edgerton of Kenly, was a great success as an entertainment and in a financial way. Mrs. A. S. Oliver made a hit as "Rose." "Ma and Pa Perkins" were well interpreted by Miss Clara Woodall and Mr. Tarry Wood. Mr. Roy Smith as "Jerry" showed up well as a bashful lover. Miss Mary Lee as "Mlle. Dauxville" played her part unusually well. Mrs. Talmadge Lucas as "Babe Burnette" was another hit in the play. Bruce Creech as "Percy Peabody" and Dr. F. L. Perkins as "Prof. O'Reilly" kept the audience in a roar of laughter from beginning to end. The music was catchy, the costumes very attractive and a well filled house enjoyed this delightful play.

A feature of the new plan is that the contracting company agrees to pay to Capt. Barham fifty cents per day for each of the twenty men, in addition to the compensation paid to the prison. The prisoners all of whom are white men, will be permitted to draw a part of this each week end for spending money. Part of it will be held back for the "escape fund," so that in the event of the system is violated the cost of recapture be borne by the prisoners instead of by the State.

Among the men who have been designated by Superintendent Pou for this first group of twenty are: Cloro Heath, Kingston lad, who was convicted in the Martin county mutilation trial and sentenced to serve from eighteen months to two years in prison. Albert and Johnnie Guirkin, who were in the same mob, have also been designated, but it is not certain they will be selected by Captain Barham.

The new system is in line with the policy of the prison management to extend honor privileges as fast as the prisoners prove deserving. Much of the expense attached to the operation of the prison is in the employment of guards. The system now being introduced cuts quite a bit and brings the prison safely within the administration program of economy.

"If it works out satisfactorily," Superintendent Pou said to the Raleigh Times Tuesday. "It will mean that the prison will eventually be able to supply the contracting State highways with most of the labor they need. I have confidence in the plan and shall urge it as rapidly as the prisoners indicate they are ready for the test."

"The fifty cents per day which the contractor agrees to pay to Captain Barham, to be turned over in part to the men each Saturday, will not interfere with the compensation which is fixed by law. This extra money and the pro rata part of it which the prisoner may have for spending will be determined by the degree in which they respect the trust we put in them."—Raleigh Times.

Mother of J. Ira Lee Dead

Mrs. David Lee, died at her home near Four Oaks yesterday morning about six o'clock. Mrs. Lee had suffered several strokes of paralysis. She was the mother of Mr. J. Ira Lee, clerk of the court. A more detailed account of her death will appear in a later issue.

Let everybody be a booster for the fair.

President MacCracken of Vassar says woman is 50 years ahead of man. Well the villain still pursues her.—Seattle Post Intelligencer.

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