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Head Of Cotton Association Gets Not A Cent Salary

Denounces Report That He Was To Get Pecuniary Reward For His Interest In Co-operative Marketing

Coming on this city 22 years ago with his fifty hundred cotton bale receipts to his credit and sitting back in the city, which is located in the heart of the cotton belt, W. H. Austin has never entered upon anything with as much interest as he has this newly organized association. He is like a young athlete anxious to get into the fray.

Few men have done what W. H. Austin has for the town in which they live. He has built up the local cotton market until it has become one of the best in this part of the cotton belt. He had added untold thousands of dollars worth of wealth to the city of Smithfield and the county of Johnston. He, while making a record for himself, has, at the same time, accomplished one for this city. He has caused the lights of the entire South to be focused upon this little town.

It is not an easy job to gain entrance to the office of Mr. W. H. Austin unless it is to discuss farming or problems of that nature. If you want to talk cotton, corn or tobacco then he is ready and waiting to talk to any person white or black. That never makes any difference with this man. But to go there just to talk about things in general and have it announced that there is a newspaper man waiting for an interview, then that is something else. He is a busy man but this time he is just as anxious to talk for the press as he is to tell his tenants how to plant his cotton and when to sow his oats, etc. But he did not know what was coming this time. He did not know whether he was going to be asked about a dill pickle factory or the probability of some cotton mill's chances of locating here in his city. But anyhow he was ready.

"There is a rumor out that the cotton growers' association is paying you the handsome salary of \$60,000 per year. There is also another rumor that this salary is just \$15,000 but whatever it is, or it is not, the people of this county want to know it." This was the opening of the interview.

Sitting at his desk as though he never heard a word of the above question, the cotton man moved slowly and reached for an advertisement which he had on his desk and turning back said, "My friend I have been here this afternoon studying over this piece of paper. It was clipped from one of the newspapers in this State and it has caused me to give it much consideration and I am glad that I have the opportunity of talking for the press in regard to the question you have just asked me. First, I do not draw one penny from the North Carolina Cotton Growers' association. I have already spent over \$1,000 of my own money on trips for the association and what is more I have just made arrangements with my banker to finance the clerical forces on my own credit. That is how much I think of the organization.

"I know that there has been a great deal of just such propaganda put out about me in regard to the high salary and other things. But I know well who it is spreading these reports and so do you. I want the people to decide which of us to believe in a matter of this kind. What I am getting out of the association and what they hope to reap if the association should not go through are the two things I would want them to con-

sider. I am working for the masses of the farmers and these people who are putting out this propaganda are working for themselves. They will lose everything when this organization is working.

"I have heard all about those rumors and I can readily understand why you have come here this afternoon. You tell the people of the county that I am just as anxious to get the other farmers into the association as I was to get into it myself. It is going to be the largest and strongest organization in the world." Smithfield Observer.

CITIZENS INVITED TO ATTEND MEETING

Will Be Held in Chamber Commerce Rooms Next Tuesday Night

Every citizen of Dunn is invited to attend a meeting in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce next Tuesday night when matters of vital importance to the community will come before that body for consideration. Refreshments will be served and music will be furnished.

Among the more important things to come up for consideration will be the hotel question. It is thought that the best plan for financing which the town can get the most benefit from is to build a hotel.

The Chamber of Commerce will present this matter to the citizens in the Tuesday night meeting. If you endorse it, the matter will be taken up with the board of town commissioners with the request that they petition the legislature to permit them to issue bonds for the purpose of building the hotel. The commissioners desire to know the will of the citizens and are anxious that they meet with the chamber and express their views.

There are several other matters which the Dispatch is not at liberty to name to come before the meeting. They are matters in which every person in town is interested. All are invited to attend the meeting. You owe it to yourself and your town to attend.

CLAIM WAYNE LOGICAL PLACE FOR CHAMBER

Goldboro To Make Attempt To Get Eastern Carolina Chamber Commerce

Goldboro, August 1.—When Goldboro representatives begin their big blow at Wilson Thursday, August 3, to bring the eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce here, they expect to make their demonstration strictly on the grounds of merit, according to local Chamber of Commerce Secretary W. A. Denmark. They will not offer one nickel as an inducement. Kinston and other eastern Carolina towns are said to be ready also to make a determined fight for this organization whose functioning will extend over 25 counties.

Secretary Denmark says that the superior railroad facilities, the nearness to Raleigh, and the fact that Goldboro is more centrally located agriculturally are the contentions on which the fight to bring the general organization here, will be made.

Smithfield Drops The Contest To Benson

Smithfield, July 31.—Benson defeated Smithfield here this afternoon 3 to 2 by hammering Scott for two runs in the third, getting a lead which the locals were unable to overcome.

Ferabee, who relieved Scott, pitched good ball, keeping his hits well scattered throughout the six innings that he pitched. Neither team showed any pep and the game was listless.

DRIVE TO SIGN-UP \$600,000 BALES

Will Give Co-Ops 75 Per Cent Of Estimated Yield in North Carolina

Raleigh, August 1.—With its organization for handling this year's cotton crop of its members complete, the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association is conducting an intensive drive this month to bring its total sign-up to six hundred thousand bales, which will be 75 per cent of the estimated yield in North Carolina.

U. B. Blalock, of Wadesboro, general manager of the Association, was kept busy most of the week looking after his duties as president of the North Carolina Farmers' convention, which was in session at West Raleigh. He is moving his family to Blalock and will devote his entire time to looking after the affairs at the headquarters of the Association.

Arrangements for establishing foreign connections to handle the four hundred thousand bales that have been signed up by the association, were made last week at a conference of directors of several Southern cotton growers' co-operative associations, which was attended by President W. H. Austin, Directors B. W. Kilgore and L. D. Robinson and General Manager Blalock, of the North Carolina association. Chesley E. Howard, a prominent Atlanta cotton merchant, has been employed by the North Carolina, Georgia and Alabama association as sales manager to handle their cotton.

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ENEMIES OF EDUCATION DRAW A BROADSIDE

"States Rights" Opponents of Department of Education Answered

Washington, Aug. 1.—Certain opponents of the Tower-Sterling bill, now before Congress, which when passed will create a Department of Education with a Secretary in the President's Cabinet, have tried to arouse opposition to the bill by the false statement that it will interfere with States' rights, and place complete supervision of all State educational means and methods in the hands of the Federal Government.

A mere reading of the bill is sufficient to show the absolute falsity of the claim, but to answer the attacks on the bill in short form, William B. Owen, president of the National Education Association, one of the many organizations behind the bill, has issued the following statement:

"I have been a participant in the deliberations of the group that sponsored the Tower-Sterling bill since its inception in 1918. It was the deliberate purpose from the start to seek legislation from Congress that should create a Department of Education and provide Federal aid to the States for specific educational purposes. From the start it was the conscious purpose to frame a bill that should secure these two main results and at the same time avoid centralized Federal control over the separate and independent State systems of public schools. The Tower-Sterling bill, in the form now before Congress, clearly and unmistakably provides for a Department of Education and Federal aid for specific purposes and as clearly and unmistakably prevents centralized bureaucratic Federal control, while it safeguards the constitutional and traditional control of the separate States over their own schools. The National Education Association has repeatedly endorsed the fundamental purposes of the bill. The association is as strongly opposed to Federal organization, administration, and supervision of the public schools as it is firm in its advocacy of Federal cooperation with the States in securing educational results of clearly national import and concern. The language of the bill is clear and unmistakable. No one can read it and read into it centralized Federal

control. Personally and officially, I favor the Tower-Sterling bill for the reasons given above. No political, sectional, racial, or religious considerations were in the minds of the sponsors of the bill, nor can any such consideration be found within or behind the bill in any way. The bill itself is the very best justification and defense.

FARMERS LOSE YEARLY BY INC

By The Inc

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The plant breeders of the Division of Agronomy at State College, recently completed a series of experiments with corn seed, which have shown that the loss to the farmer is \$8.45 for every 100 bushels of corn if he uses inferior seed. The loss is estimated at \$844,988 for good seed. The farmer who has a crop of 100 bushels of corn will lose \$8.45 if he uses inferior seed.

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HARDING PLANS TO SETTLE THE STRIKE

Makes Five Specific Proposals To Executives Of Roads And Strike Leaders

Cincinnati, July 31.—Five specific proposals for the settlement of the railroad strike are contained in President Harding's plan which will be submitted to railroad executives in New York and rail union heads in Chicago tomorrow. It was learned here tonight from an official of the railroad shop crafts union. The official, who refused to permit use of his name, stated he had secured the information from rail union officials in Washington Saturday.

The five proposals, according to the official, include:

1. That the employees will abide by the decisions of the United States Railroad Labor Board in the future.
2. That the matter of seniority of the employees who remained on the job during the strike will receive preferential treatment. Men who have been on strike will return with their seniority rights subject to those rights acquired during the strike by men who remained on the job and the seniority of the new employees will rate from the time they entered the service.
3. The men will accept the recent wage reductions of the Railroad Labor Board pending a further hearing on the matter by the Board.
4. "Farming" out of shop work by the railroads will be discontinued.
5. Discussion of the establishment of adjustment boards.

Adjustment Board

Regarding the matter of adjustment boards, the official stated that the rail executives desire a national board while the unions seek other regional or special boards.

These points will be stressed by the general chairman tomorrow, E. J. Connelley, at the meeting of the

future delegates of the board and other than national boards of adjustment.

Up To The Committee

It was stated that the matter of accepting the proposals of President Harding is entirely up to the policy committee of the railroad department of the American Federation of Labor, since this body was the one which sanctioned the strike of the shopmen. The policy committee is composed of 30 men, 30 from each of the three districts, the dividing line of which are the Mississippi River and the Mason Dixon line.

SLICK MOURNER SKIPS WITH SNAPPY SHROUD

Obliging Undertaker Buys "Burial Garments" and Takes Bad Check

Kinston, Aug. 1.—After looking at the face points of three makes of caskets in a local undertaker's shop and, according to the undertaker, filling him "plumb full" of esteem and confidence, a man believed to have been a slick crook used the conductor of the funeral parlor to defraud one of the biggest clothing stores here out of a suit valued at \$40 or \$50.

His father-in-law was dead, the stranger stated in the midst of a reasonable story to the undertaker. He had come here from a rural point to make the funeral arrangements. He would decide upon which coffin to purchase when his brother, who was on route, arrived. There were other details discussed, and then the undertaker brought up the subject of the burial suit.

The family, the stranger said, desired nothing so drab and sombre as the customary garments. They preferred an out-and-out store suit. So the undertaker went with the grieving son-in-law to the store and the senior member of the concern was "laken in" for the suit. It was no shoddy suit that was selected. The stranger gave his check. The check was on a LeGrange bank.

The alleged fraud devolved upon the victim when the man failed to return at an appointed time for the coffin, the brother also failing to put in an appearance, and when the check came back to the haberdasher. A search for the "mourner" began. The search was fruitless except that other checks given by the same man about town were discovered. From one neighborhood where the sleazy stranger gave references it was learned that he had resided there a year or two, ago had been involved in questionable financial affairs. His name was not revealed by the authorities.

Lefty Wilson is Hero

New Bern, July 31.—Lefty Wilson was the big hero in New Bern's clean 5 to 0 win over the Bandits today when he let them down with two hits and figured twice in his team's scoring with a double which was followed by Fred Morris' single and a single that scored Kline. Both teams played real baseball, each making two swift double plays. The victors errors came in one inning and accounted for only one run.

Score: S. J. E. Kinston 000 000 000—0 2 2 New Bern 000 011 10x—5 8 1 Warburton and Martin; Wilson and W. Morris.

DUNN TO HAVE NEW COTTON COMPANY

To Be Headed By William J. Thompson, Well Known Cotton Man

Already North Carolina's greatest market for the sale of cotton from the farmer's wagon, Dunn now is about to become one of the most important cotton concentration points of the State and probably is to rank second only to Wilmington. Plans to carry this scheme to success were perfected here today when the organization of the William J. Thompson & Co., wholesale cotton dealer, was announced following several weeks of preparatory work by Wm. J. Thompson who for many years has managed the cotton department of the John L. Thompson Company, one of the largest buyers of retail cotton in Eastern Carolina.

The new company will operate in Eastern and Central North and S. Carolina. Mr. Thompson has just completed a tour of the important cotton markets of the two states and has established connections in each of them. His company will deal exclusively in cotton at wholesale and will concentrate all of its holdings here where it will build warehouses to store it.

Mr. Thompson will continue to manage the cotton department of the J. L. Thompson Company, but will devote a large part of his time to the management of the new company.

STRANGE CROWD PUTS JAILER ON HIS GUARD

Extra Protection Taken in Raleigh to Protect Negro Charged With Crime

Raleigh, July 30.—Growing groups of rather strange Wake county people, incensed at the assault on Mrs. L. D. McGhee, young woman of New Bern, Friday, Saturday caused jailor Jordan uneasiness for McIver Barnett, the negro assistant, who was rushed to Greensboro.

Barnett not only attended and checked Mrs. McGhee yesterday when she was a trustee of the county changing her way to her home outspanly for water and then committed the unspeakable crime, according to Mr. McGhee, he threatened to kill her. Though he was dressed differently and in every way made a different appearance in jail today, Mrs. McGhee instantly identified him and all the marks at the McGhee home make evidence against him.

The strange people about the county jail moved the officers to take extra protection.

CAMP BRAGG CLAIMS TO BE SETTLED SOON

War Department Informs Senator Overman Money Will Come In 10 Days

Washington, July 31.—A matter of much interest to former owners of land upon which Camp Bragg is now situated, is about to reach a point of settlement. J. T. Johnson, of Aberdeen, attorney for a large number of the claimants, is in Washington pushing the matter to final adjudication. He announced this morning that the War Department had assured Senator Overman that these claims would be settled within the next ten days. Senator Overman called at the War Department today to ascertain just what was holding up the settlement of these judgments and when it was expected that they would be paid.

It will be recalled that these judgments, totaling approximately \$500,000, were rendered several months ago, and that it was necessary to get an appropriation for them before they could be paid. About six weeks ago the deficiency appropriation bill was passed and carried an appropriation to take care of these judgments. Since that time the matter has hung fire. This morning the officials at the

BUTLER BROS. WILL STAGE GREAT SALE

Opens Friday, August 4th And Will Continue For Several Days

For fear that you might not have noticed the little advertisement of Butler Brothers in this issue, The Dispatch feels impelled to call your attention to the great sale soon to start at their big store at Broad Street and Wilson Avenue next Friday morning.

This is going to be a sale "what am." Everything in the tremendous store which contains more than 50,000 feet of floor space will be offered at prices cut to the lowest figure possible. And, to induce you to come in and see the wonderful bargains, the firm is offering lots of things free.

A special corps of decorators, stylists and such is here to aid Butler Brothers in the conduct of this sale, and they promise to show the people of the Dunn District some sales stands never attempted before.

The Butler Brothers store is one of the largest and most complete in North Carolina. Besides the tremendous store the firm has several warehouses filled with hardware, farm and mill supplies, stoves, ranges, furniture and all the other things which go to make up the stock of a modern hardware and furniture establishment.

The sale will continue through several days, but, of course the pick of the bargains will go to the early-comers. Everything will be marked in plain figures and according to the establishment, these figures will be the lowest possible to place upon the several articles.

Rain or shine, the sale starts, Friday morning. It will be an epic in the mercantile life of Dunn. No person who needs the things Butler Brothers sell can afford to neglect it.

TWO-WAY TRAFFIC

Wilmington, July 31.—Clashes of three press stereotypes were employees of the Wilmington Dispatch for salaries alleged to have been refused them Saturday, when they fell work, following a disagreement with the management, will be aired in Justice Furlough court tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

Contentious for \$300 alleging damages to the paper through the failure of the employees to continue work, thereby forcing a suspension of publication, have been filed by the Dispatch against each of the three plaintiffs in the first action.

If the meantime the Dispatch has been unable to issue its regular edition, its plant having been idle since Friday. Publication, however, will be resumed tomorrow, it was said yesterday.

The trouble between the Dispatch and its employees arises from a disagreement over certain contracts between the company and the press and stereotype room employees, following which they refuse to continue work.

Lawson's Compliments

Night Agent Langley

L. L. Lawson, of Coala, who is spending some time at Atlantic City, writes to the Dispatch, commending A. C. L. night agent, Langley as follows:

I feel constrained to take this occasion to state publicly to the people of Dunn my impressions of the service rendered by your night agent, Mr. Langley.

On the night of the 29th of July, my wife and myself went to Dunn to catch No. 23 and was advised by the agent, Mr. Langley, that this train would arrive at 1:15 a. m. Your agent then provided to make our long wait in the dead hours of the night as comfortable and as pleasant as he could by his many little courtesies and privileges extended. While we are enjoying the hospitality of the "rag-ground of America," we cannot forget the favors shown us by your agent, he is indeed a servant of the people in the best sense of the word. Dunn and the A. C. L. are well to proud of him.

If you have made a promise, redeem it.

War Department who are in charge of the matter assured Senator Overman that they would send a man down immediately to get certified copies of the judgments and just as soon as he returned with the certified copies that vouchers would be made out and the matter finally settled.