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ISSUED TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS

A SHARP CONTEST

Over the Sale of the Cotton Mills at Spray.

Bandholders Protest Against the Confirmation, Declaring That the Price Was Not Adequate—Note Appeal From Referee.

The reports of the trustees of the three Spray mills sold under decree of the court Wednesday were made before Referee in Bankruptcy G. S. Ferguson yesterday and after a prolonged and spirited contest, were confirmed in each instance. Referee Ferguson ordered deeds made to the purchasers provided that if within 10 days no bid raising the amount 10 per cent was offered by a reliable purchaser, with bond for fulfillment of said sale.

Owing to the fact that Referee Ferguson had to catch an afternoon train the hearing was not completed, an adjournment by consent being taken until 12 o'clock Monday, when the contest will be renewed by bondholders who protested against confirmation of the sale yesterday. The principle fight against confirmation yesterday was over the report of R. R. King, attorney for the trustees of the Rhode Island Mill. Mr. King reported that the sale of this property was made in two separate lots for \$100,000 and \$400,000, respectively, and requested on behalf of the trustees that the sale be confirmed to the purchaser, the Thread Mill Company, of Monticello, Ind., said to be a subsidiary company of the Marshall Field Company, of Chicago, the largest creditor and stockholder of all the five bankrupt mills at Spray.

This report precipitated a sharp contest, ex-Judge Burwell, of Charlotte, and A. M. Scales, of this city, representing the bondholders, entering vigorous protest against the confirmation of the sale of the Rhode Island mill property for \$140,000, unless the trustees would provide for payment of interest on \$100,000 in bonds held by their clients, which, it was said the reputed sale for \$140,000 would not do after receivers certificates and court costs had been deducted. Judge Burwell called attention to the fact that the trustees had reported that the Rhode Island Mill property was sold in two separate lots when the court decree ordered them sold as a whole. He contended that the direct order of the court had not been complied with and therefore the sale was void; that the price of \$140,000 reported by the trustees as a fair price was not so, especially in light of the fact that the court appraisers had inventoried and valued the property as worth at least \$295,000, more than double the bid of the Thread Mill Company.

On behalf of bondholders, Mr. Scales contended that they had not had a day in court; that they had not had reasonable time in which to protect themselves from a complete sacrifice of the property. He argued that for this reason alone the sale was void, and on behalf of his client entered objection to confirmation of the sale at such a depreciated value, which, he said, would not insure the bondholders or mortgage creditors any interest at all on their claims.

Judge Bynum, representing unsecured creditors and Marshall Field and company, and R. R. King, representing the trustees as well as Marshall Field and company, urged the confirmation of the report of trustees, citing the fact that prices bid were without competition, and that to order a new sale would amount to shutting down the mill, besides giving no promise of a higher price at the next sale.

After the extended arguments of counsel, Referee Ferguson ordered the confirmation of the sale. He said that if within ten days a 10 per cent bid was offered he would order a re-sale. From this order of confirmation Mr. Scales, for the bondholders, gave notice of an appeal to Judge Boyd and to the United States Circuit court. Yesterday afternoon the attorneys for bondholders expressed confidence that when the whole matter is reviewed by Judge Boyd the sale, at least of the Rhode Island mills at \$140,000, would be confirmed. Attorney Scales referred with strong emphasis to the report of the appraisers, who valued the property at the lowest at \$295,000. Mr. King, for the trustees, retorted that Julius Cone, one of the appraisers, had told him since the sale that \$140,000 was a first class price for the property.

In the matter of confirmation of the sale of the American Warehouse company property at \$157,000; the German-American, at \$435,000; the Lilly, at \$50,000; and the Spray woolen mills at \$135,000, no contest was entered.

The spirited fight yesterday came as a surprise to outside parties, since when the sale was made it was given out that the amounts would pay the bonded debt, the court litigation, including receivers—certificates for operating the mills and the lawyers' fees in bankruptcy. Since examining into the matter, however, the bondholding creditors seem to have discovered that they would get left as to payment of interest on the bonds and the fight now is over this matter. Unsecured creditors, with the exception of the Marshall Field company, as well as stockholders, appear to have resigned to the belief that they will get nothing out of the windup of the affairs of the five mills, none being represented yesterday, when previously all were looked out for by counsel.

Attorneys present for the hearing and representing trustees, bondholders, etc., were Judges W. P. Bynum, R. C. Strudwick; Burwell, of Charlotte; Ned Parker, of Graham; G. S. Bradshaw, Alfred Wylie, Clifford Frazier, J. I. Scales. The receivers and trustees of various properties, J. Elwood Cox, E. D. Pitcher, J. S. McAllister and D. F. King were also present for the hearing.—Greensboro News.

MR. TURNER WINDSOR PASSES AWAY AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Mr. J. Turner Windsor, a well known and popular young man, died yesterday at noon at the residence of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Windsor, in the West End, after a lingering illness. The funeral services will be conducted Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

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IN DANGER OF ASPHYXIATION.



—Donnell in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

INTRODUCTORY SPEECH FOR EX-GOV. CHAS. B. AYCOCK.

Ex-Governor Aycock had accepted an invitation to speak at Wentworth on Friday, the 17th, and was to have been introduced by Mr. C. O. McMichael. Mr. McMichael composed his speech of introduction on the night before the ex-Governor died, the following being what he would have said in presenting the distinguished citizen to the audience:

On behalf of the school authorities of this county and town, we bid you a cordial welcome to the exercises of this auspicious day. Let childhood in its innocence come, and woman in her purity; and youth in its prime; and manhood in its strength; and age in its ripe wisdom—let us all come in loyal love to promote the common American institution which unites us all—the free school—the noblest expression of the principle of enlightenment. "The institution closest to the people, most characteristic of the people, and fullest of hope for the people"—for I declare to you that the free school is the corner-stone of this republic as it is the noblest conception of statesmanship.

Among us today is a gentleman who steadfastly believes in the trio of regnant principles that have shaped America—the leadership of manhood, "Equal rights to all and special privileges to none," and universal enlightenment as the source of progress. There is one characteristic of him that has called forth the admiration of all. He is the embodiment of the old Latin maxim, "Mild in manner, resolute in conviction." No seductions can allure, no terrors frighten him. To duty he has ever been fidelity itself. A man of exalted virtues, patriotic services and noble deeds, knowing the heart-beats of the people of this Commonwealth; with firmness, honesty, courage and gentleness he has bound them to him with links of lasting love.

Who will ever forget the great campaign of 1900, when North Carolina's distinguished son, the pioneer of peace, the prince of patriots, with consummate courage and matchless manhood, threw himself into the fray and never did he stop until with lips of gold he had planted the royal banner of white supremacy in every county in the State. Neither did he stop then, but with heart burning with love for the uneducated children of the State, with persuasive eloquence and irresistible logic he started an educational wave that will roll on and on until it breaks on eternity's shore.

A statesman in the broadest sense, a devoted friend of the common people and a fearless advocate of their rights, his splendid character shines like the jewel, from which every angle reflects the liquid light.

Beloved and talented, distinguished and determined son of the South; defender of liberty and leader among men we glory in the knowledge that you have pursued the path of duty, guided by the light of principle.

And now I have the great honor as well as the pleasant privilege of presenting to this cultured Rockingham audience North Carolina's gifted son, that scholarly statesman, finished orator and golden-hearted gentleman, Charles B. Aycock, of "The Old North State."

FRAUD IN BEING SICK.

Ill-health is No Longer Fashionable—It is Frequently a Disgrace.

It is no longer considered honorable, polite, or the correct thing to be sick and ailing. It was, thirty years ago, in some parts of the country. In the social world it used to be considered effeminate, dainty, and refined to be in "ill-health," "to be delicate," or just been sick all winter. This used to elicit expressions of genuine sympathy from the hearers; but it does not any more. We have passed that state. Now, when we hear such talk we suspect one or two things; either that the chronic grunter or the chronic wailer is taking and offering a flimsy excuse for some negligence or nonperformance of duty, or else, if he should really happen to be sick, that such a plea is an open admission that in nine cases out of ten he has been guilty of violating some of nature's fundamental laws; that he has not bathed regularly, exercised properly, or that he has eaten gluttonously or disobeyed some other equally simple fundamental law of health.

Ill-health, say what you will, indicates in a majority of cases the lack of will power or purpose to maintain fundamental habits in regard to eating, drinking, attending the calls of nature regularly, bathing, and proper exercise in the open air and sunlight. Being sick is fast coming into dispute these days, for the simple reason that thinking people have seen that this thing of being sick is really disgraceful. They are, therefore, inclined to keep it a secret if they feel badly, have a headache, or some such minor ailment that indicates that some laws of health have been disobeyed.

On the other hand, it is strongly presuming upon the credulity of another to be deliberately offer "the sick plea" as an excuse for the non-performance of duty. This is now looked upon largely as a negro ruse, and to try to perpetrate such a trick or deception upon any thinking person is an insult.

But here is one more side to this question of being everlastingly sick and ailing. It is this: You cannot hold ill-health thoughts, or disease thoughts in the mind without actually having them outpictured in the body to a certain extent. Everybody knows it, is impossible for a person to remain absolutely pure, who habitually holds pictures of impurity in the mind so it is just as impossible to be healthy while continually asserting and holding forth the disease thought. On the other hand, the auto-suggestion that we are not sick, that we are well, that we are not downcast, that we are happy, and so on, has buoyed up many a person who otherwise would soon have been really sick or despondent.

To sum the whole matter up, one can be either sick or well, to a very large extent, by just continually asserting to one's self and hearers that he is sick or well. Certain people have found so much truth in this principle of auto-suggestion that they have founded a religious sect that believe in healing entirely by this method. While we do not advocate taking this advanced ground, yet there is so much truth in the principle that we cannot too strongly urge abandoning these old ideas of being everlastingly sick and ailing when we really are not.

PROGRAM FOR DRAMATIC RECITAL FRIDAY NIGHT.

("Merely Mary Ann," a Comedy by Israel Zangwill.)

Vocal Solo—Mr. Mathewson.

Dramatis Personae.

Mr. Lancelot, a young music composer.

Mr. Peter, his friend, a wealthy man in business.

Herr Brahmsen, a music publisher.

Rev. Samuel Smedge, a country vicar.

Mrs. Ledbatter, a lodging house-keeper.

Rosie, her daughter.

Lady Cheimer, a poor peeress.

Lady Carolyn, Countess of Foxwell, her friend.

Lady Gladys Foxwell, the countess' daughter.

Lord Valentine Foxwell, the countess' son.

Mary Ann, the maid of all work in Mrs. Ledbatter's lodging house.

Vocal Solo—Mrs. C. A. Penn.

Act I.

The scene is laid in the hallway of Mrs. Ledbatter's lodging house in London.

Act II.

Several months later. Mr. Lancelot's sitting room in Mrs. Ledbatter's house.

Act III.

The same a week later.

Act IV.

Six years have elapsed. The scene is laid in the reception room at Mead Hall, now the home of Mary Ann.

Quartet—Mrs. Francis Womack, Miss Kate Ellington, Messrs. Rosemon and Mathewson.

MISS ELLEN BURTON BECOMES BRIDE OF MR. R. W. STONE.

Leaksville, April 11.—At 2 p. m., Wednesday a beautiful wedding was celebrated in the Methodist church in Leaksville between Miss Ellen H. Burton, of Leaksville, and Mr. Rufus W. Stone, of Stoneville.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. D. E. Field, assisted by Rev. F. L. Townsend, pastor. The ushers were Messrs. G. C. Gammon, W. T. Post, Alfred Tinsley and Rev. Mr. Wellman. The bridesmaids were Misses Nannie and Maggie Burton. The groomsmen were Messrs. Pete Kemp and T. M. Roberts. Master Burton Barber, nephew to the bride, was ring bearer. The bride came to the altar on the arm of the dame of honor, her sister, Mrs. E. F. Barber, of Winston-Salem, N. C. The groom approached the altar with his best man, Mr. Buford Stone, of Stoneville. Miss Mary Lil King sang in a most charming way, "For Love's Sweet Sake." Mrs. W. T. Field presided at the organ and rendered splendidly Menelsson's Wedding March. The church was decorated with a splendid profusion of nature's sweetest flowers. The house was filled with happy faces to witness the marriage of one of our most popular young ladies. A large crowd of people assembled at the station to see the happy couple take the cars for their marriage tour.

The Republican executive committee of Rockingham county met in Wentworth Friday afternoon. Chairman J. R. Joyce presiding. The county convention was called to meet on Monday, May 6. The precinct primaries will be held Saturday, May 4. The Presidential situation was not discussed.

Two representatives of the bureau of labor, Tilden and Blake, are to be sent from Washington to North Carolina to look into labor and wage conditions in the cotton mills. It is feared by some of the Democratic Congressmen that politics is at the bottom of this move. They are warning the mill owners not to give out any information they do not care to see the law cannot compel it.

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THE NATION'S NEWS

Items Taken From a Great Many Sources.

Condensed News Items Concerning Matters of Interest Occuring Since Our Last Issue.—News of the World at Large.

Former President Roosevelt will speak in Greensboro April 22 or 23. Senator Bailey, of Texas, is sick and threatened with typhoid fever.

Brigadier General Funston will succeed Major General Frederick D. Grant, who died suddenly Thursday.

Flood conditions in the Mississippi valley are not improved and are considerably more grave in Arkansas and Louisiana.

The lie was passed and a personal encounter narrowly averted on the floor Saturday between Representatives Mann and Graham.

The United States Government has issued a warning to Mexico in which it is stipulated that American combatants when taken prisoner must be given humane treatment.

Miss Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, and probably the most widely known American woman of the day, died at her home, "Red Cross," in Glenn Echo, Maryland, Friday morning. She was 90 years old.

By a majority of more than 23,000 out of 25,000 votes cast, locomotive engineers on fifty railroads East of Chicago and North of the Norfolk & Western, have authorized their officers to call a strike, should further negotiations with the railroads for increased pay fail.

Although a petition for change of venue was filed some weeks ago by members of the Allen gang, now in jail for shooting up the court house at Hillsville, Va., they have all decided that they wish to be tried at Hillsville. Judge Staples has not as yet acted on the petition for change of venue. The trial will begin April 23 and will probably last a month.

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