

J. H. PITTS WRITES OF LAND OPTION

The following article by Mr. J. H. Pitts, which appeared in last week's issue of The Laurens Advertiser, is given publication today in The Chronicle, at the author's request.

EDITOR THE CHRONICLE.

Editor The Advertiser:

Your issue of July 31 carried an article at head of first column on first page entitled "Building Operations Delayed at Clinton."

In this article it is stated that in order to facilitate the erection of the buildings for the home for the feeble-minded near Clinton suits had been commenced against me and another to force execution of options alleged to have been given some time ago. The further statement is made, "A few months ago Messrs. Pitts and Copeland signified their unwillingness to allow the options to be executed and it is understood that their action has held up the plans of the board." The latter statement is made without qualification and does me an injustice, I hope unintentionally.

While I do not care to have the suit against me tried in the newspapers, still I feel that it is due to me that I make the statement that the option given by me failed through no fault of mine, but on account of its terms not being complied with by the other party. I was always willing to carry out the option as long as it was in existence, and when interested parties allowed it to expire without complying with its terms, it is entirely unfair for the charge to me made that I was unwilling to comply with it, and that a suit is necessary to force me to comply. I am ready to meet any issue made in the proper tribunal, and I protest against such statements as those referred to in your article, especially after suit brought, whereby unwarranted prejudice may be aroused against me in the mind of the public who are not given all the facts. My option was given to expire on September 1st, 1918, and at this late day, after a long failure to comply with its terms on the part of the persons to whom it was given it is unfair that I should be put in the wrong before the public, and before a hearing is granted me. They failed to take the land, I did not refuse to let them have it, until long after the option expired when they tried to buy at a higher price.

I will ask that you give this letter the same position in your next issue that you gave to the article referred to; and will ask that the Clinton Chronicle publish it also as it carried in this week's issue a letter signed "J" referring to the same matter though no names were called.

Very truly yours,
J. H. Pitts.

Clinton, S. C., Aug. 1, 1919.

The following is a copy of the alleged option as furnished by Mr. Pitts and as is also included in the complaint of the plaintiffs:

I agree to establish lines and furnish sound titles promptly after sale.

For value received (advertising, etc.) I hereby place the following described property to wit: 60 acres land near Clinton in Laurens County, bounded on North by R. M. League, East by H. Copeland, South by Mrs. Sue Pitts, West by H. Copeland, with W. M. Sumerel, Broker, from August 20, 1918, until September 1, 1918, and authorize him to sell said property for the sum of \$2,400.00 on the following terms: Cash; and in case a sale is made by him, or anyone else, during the life of this contract, I agree to refer all applicants for the property to said W. M. Sumerel, Broker, and render him all the assistance and information possible.

J. H. PITTS, (Seal)

Witness my hand and seal,

R. H. HATTON, Witness.

The contention of the plaintiffs, as gathered from their complaint, is that the plaintiffs duly accepted the option in writing three days after it was given and that the defendant executed and deposited a deed with the chairman of the committee in Clinton, but instructed him not to deliver it until instructed to do so by him. The plaintiffs further allege that a flaw was found in the title to the land and that Mr. Pitts refused and neglected to have this remedied although he could have done so and that finally this was done by the chairman of the Clinton Committee. It is further alleged that the deed tendered by the defendant was not correctly stated and that a new deed was caused to be drawn up and tendered to him for his signature and he was requested to execute the same, which he has refused to do, or

HIGH PRICES ARE NOT JUSTIFIED

President Wilson Makes Specific Proposals to Relieve Cost of Living.

Washington, Aug. 8.—President Wilson laid several specific proposals before congress today for checking the high cost of living, but at the same time declared permanent results could not be expected until peace time basis were fully restored by ratification of the peace treaty.

High prices the President told congress were not justified by shortage of supplies either present or prospective, but were created in many cases "artificially and deliberately" by "vicious practices." Retailers, he said, were responsible in large part for extortionate prices.

Strikes, the President warned the labor world, would only make matters worse and those who sought to employ threats were only "preparing their own destruction." Leaders of organized labor, the President said, he was sure would presently yield to second sober thought.

"Illegal" and "criminal" were the words the President used in characterizing the methods by which some present day prices have been brought about.

Present laws, he said, would be energetically employed to the limit to force out food hoarders and meet the situation so far as possible but to supplement existing statutes he specifically urged the following:

Licensing of all corporations engaged in interstate commerce with specific regulations designed to secure competitive selling and prevent "unconscionable profits" in the method of marketing.

Extension of the food control act for profiteering.

A law regulating cold storage, limiting the time during which goods may be held; prescribing a method of disposing of them if held beyond the permitted period and requiring that when released goods bear the date of storage.

Laws requiring that goods released from storage for interstate commerce bear the selling prices at which they went into storage and requiring that all goods destined for interstate commerce bear the prices at which they left the hands of the producer.

Enactment of the pending bill for the control of security issues.

Additional applications for government agencies which can supply the public with full information as to prices at which retailers buy.

Early ratification of the peace treaty so that the "free processes of supply and demand" can operate.

Immediate steps by executive agencies of the government promised by the President included:

The limiting and controlling of wheat shipments and credits to facilitate the purchase of wheat in such a way as not to raise, but rather to lower the price of flour at home.

Sale of surplus stocks of food and clothing in the hands of the government.

The forced withdrawal from storage and sale of surplus stocks in private hands.

General recommendations included:

Increase of production.

Careful buying by housewives.

Fair dealing with the people on the part of producers, middle men and merchants.

That there be no threats and undue insistence upon the interest of a single class.

Correction of "many things" in the relation between capital and labor in respect to wages and conditions of labor.

In concluding the President made a plea for deliberate, intelligent action, reminding congress that an unbalanced world was looking to the United States.

"We and we almost alone," he said, "now hold the world steady. Upon our steadfastness and self possession depend the affairs of nations everywhere. It is in this supreme crisis—his crisis for all mankind—that America must prove her metal.

to execute and deliver conditionally. The plaintiffs allege that they have always been ready and still are to fulfill the agreement on their part.

Mr. Pitts sates that he was first proffered payment for the land on April 15th, although he had asked Mr. Boyd, chairman of the Clinton committee, in reference to it several times previous to that date and that he notified Mr. Boyd in February that he was going to take charge of the land and farm on it, considering this a notice that the deal was off.

BAPTISTS PROBATE 75 MILLION FUND

Greenville, S. C., August 7.—Of the five and a half millions which South Carolina Baptists plan to raise in the Baptist 75 Million Campaign November 30 to December 7, \$2,425,000 will go to missions, \$2,390,000 to education and \$685,000 to benevolence, according to the plan of divisions announced at state headquarters here today. The State directors, Dr. W. T. Derieux and Dr. Charles A. Jones, the organizer, Dr. W. J. McGlothlin, and the Publicity Director, Rev. Thos. J. Watts, are cooperating in perfecting the organization for the raising of this fund in the Palmetto State, and are devoting their time to careful preparation for the drive.

Of the apportionment for missions, \$1,400,000 will go to foreign missions, \$500,000 will be spent on home missions, and \$525,000 on state missions. \$2,290,000 of the educational quota goes to Christian education and \$100,000 to ministerial education. Of the total for benevolence, \$425,000 will be used at the orphanage, \$160,000 at the hospital, and \$100,000 for aged ministers relief.

The amount designated to Christian education is to be divided as follows:

Presidential educational campaign	\$350,000
Seminary Students Fund	
Campaign	36,666
Southwide institutions	124,667
Board of Education, Current work	250,000
Furman University	750,000
Greenville Woman's College	200,000
Coker College	200,000
Anderson College	200,000
Baptist Academies	178,667

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 - U. S. Army shelter tents \$3.95
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 - U. S. Army tin cups, 15c each, per dozen \$1.80
 - U. S. Army aluminum cups, 15c each, per dozen \$1.50
 - U. S. Army folding metal meat or mess pans with lid and handle, 25c each, per dozen \$2.25
 - U. S. Army enamel cups, heavy, 10c each, per dozen \$1.00
 - U. S. Army enamel plates, 10c each, per dozen 75c
 - U. S. Army enamel pudding pans, 8 1/2c each, per dozen \$3.75
 - U. S. Army enamel pudding pans, 4 1/2c each, per dozen \$4.75
 - U. S. Army enamel pitchers, 25c each, per dozen \$2.75
 - U. S. Army double wheel harness, per set \$50.00
 - U. S. Army double lead harness, per set \$45.00
 - U. S. Army khaki breeches, washed, good condition, per pair 95c, per dozen \$9.00
 - U. S. Army wool breeches, serviceable condition, \$2.25 pair, dozen \$14.50
 - U. S. Army wool shirts, serviceable condition, \$1.95 each, per dozen \$14.50
 - U. S. Army refrigerators, almost new, Grand Rapids, two large compartments, each 6 ft. high, 24 inches wide and 24 inches deep, 500 lb. ice capacity, worth \$350. our special price F. O. B. Greenville, excellent condition, each \$112.75
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 - U. S. Army heaters, \$12.50 each and upwards. Various makes and sizes.
 - U. S. Army galvanized iron garbage cans, each \$2.50
 - U. S. Army rubber shoes and articles, good condition, per pair \$3.75
 - U. S. Army galvanized water and fire buckets, good condition, 50c, 65c, 75c and 95c each.
 - U. S. Army enamel bake pans, good condition, each 55c
 - U. S. Army McClellan saddles, each \$18.95
 - U. S. Army axes, good condition, each 50c, 65c, 75c and 95c
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 - English knife bayonets: May be ground into an excellent butcher, carving or fish knife, each 50c
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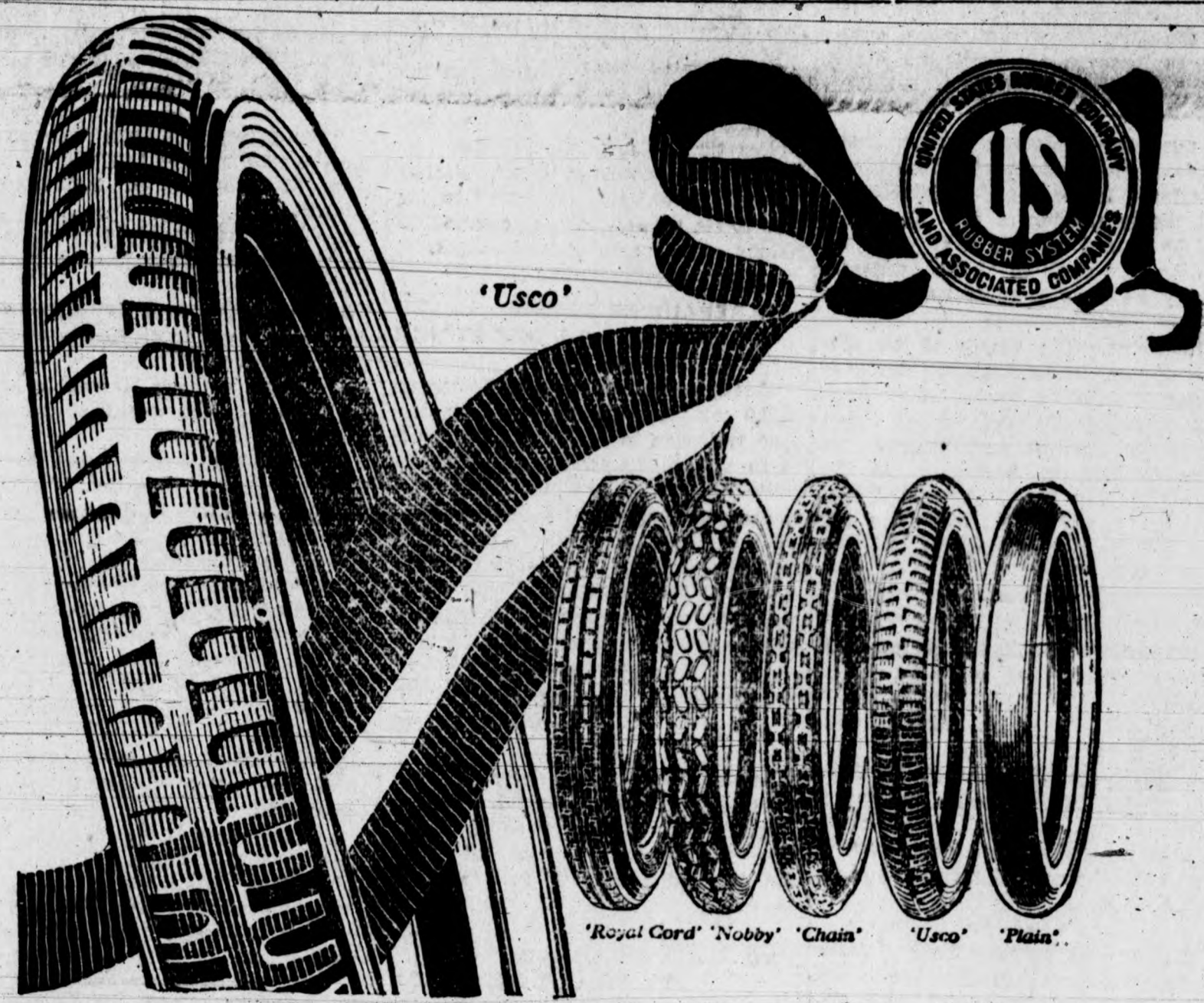
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