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## Big Suit Entered by Daughter of Gen. Wheeler.

Cleveland, O., Nov. 18.—A suit was filed in common pleas court here today by Miss Lucy Wheeler, of Wheeler, Ala., daughter of the late General Joseph Wheeler, against the McLean Arms and Ammunition Company, of this city, for \$115,625, said to be due her father's estate for five and a half years' services rendered by General Wheeler as president of the company. Miss Wheeler is administratrix of the estate. The petition avers General Wheeler acted as president of the company from July, 1901, until his death on January 25th, 1906; that he devoted his entire time to securing contracts for the product of the company, from the United States and foreign governments; that General Wheeler paid his own expenses covering the entire period named, and that no part of his salary has been paid. The company manufactures arms and weapons of war.

## Certificates at Gaffney—Farmers Holding Cotton.

Gaffney special in the News and Courier: The three banks here have decided to issue \$50,000 worth of Clearing House certificates to relieve the financial situation. These certificates will have to be redeemed in March. There is a stubborn fight on between the merchant and the farmer. The farmers are holding to their cotton with a bulldog grip, although a little cotton is being scared out of the weaker of them. The issuing of these certificates it is hoped will aid the farmer in holding.

## Abbeville Farmer Loses Heavily by Fire.

Anderson special in the Columbia State: Mr. M. M. Maddox, a farmer living near Donalds, has had the misfortune of losing by fire nine bales of cotton, his buggy and harness, 400 bundles of fodder, 35 bushels of corn, a sack of cotton seed meal, 150 pounds of hulls and a number of bushels of peanuts. It is thought that the fire was of incendiary origin and the loss falls heavily upon Mr. Maddox, as he only saved one bale of cotton. He carried no insurance.

Five bales of cotton belonging to Mr. J. M. Clarke, a prominent farmer of Anderson county, caught fire on a wagon today as it was being hauled to this city to be marketed. The fire was discovered as the wagon was passing the Gluck mills and the bales were dumped in a mill pond there. The loss by damage is about \$100. A white man named Evans was driving the team and he denies that he was smoking.

—The Gills Creek school will open next Monday, with Miss Daisy Rollings as teacher.

## Immigrants Becoming Emigrants.

New York, Nov. 18.—Immigrants are becoming emigrants just now. More than 5,000 men of alien birth who have been working in this country have just sailed from this port for their native shores, aboard three liners, the Amerika of the Hamburg-American line, Pannonia of the Cunard line and La Touraine of the French line. This remarkable exodus, according to the steamship agents, is due chiefly to the closing down of mills and factories. More than 4,000 Hungarians, Poles and Bohemians wanted to sail by the Amerika, but her steerage capacity is only 2,000, hence about 2,000 were left behind. But these latter will sail by the steamer President Grant tomorrow. Besides this 2,000, the President Grant will carry 1,000 immigrants previously booked. The Pannonia was obliged to leave behind a few hundred Italians, but these will get away.

## Young Tar Heel Meets with Accident Similar to Mr. Scarborough's.

Asheville special in the Charlotte Observer: Walter Porter, a well-known young man, 21 years of age, of the Swannanoa section of this county, lost all the fingers and the thumb of his left hand late Wednesday afternoon while feeding a corn shredding machine. It seems that the young man had volunteered to assist a relative in shredding the corn and had been at work at the machine scarcely an hour when an ear of corn became lodged. Porter reached his hand into the machine to extract it, when a stalk of corn choked the feeder, reversing or interfering with the running gear and the four fingers and thumb were literally shredded. Porter was brought to Asheville, and all the fingers and the thumb amputated. He is resting well today at the hospital.

## Capers not Candidate for Judgeship.

Washington special in Columbia State: Capt. John G. Capers, who is now commissioner of internal revenue, whom some of the Washington papers have been "mentioning" for a place on the court of appeals for the District of Columbia, to succeed the late Judge McComas, who died last Sunday, says he is not an applicant for the job. The commissioner has just returned from New York, and finding that he is among those "spoken of," he takes the occasion to give out the statement that it is his intention to retire to private life again after the end of his service as commissioner of internal revenue, which position he was appointed to until December.

## Col. Springs Declines Nomination for Mayor.

Mr. Editor: My thanks are due, and are hereby tendered, to "Many Friends" for nominating me for mayor of Lancaster, as published in the last issue of The News. I should like to serve the people of this community in the capacity suggested, and would esteem it an honor to be elected mayor by my fellow citizens, but owing to the exacting nature of my business interests, it is out of the question for me to allow my name to go before the people as a candidate for public office.

There also appears in Saturday's News an entire municipal ticket nominated by "Taxpayers," headed by Mr. W. J. Cunningham for mayor, which I heartily endorse. The nominees are all good, strong, conservative business men—men having the welfare of the town at heart—and if elected I am confident that they will give Lancaster a wise and successful administration.

Respectfully,  
Leroy Springs.

## The Girl's Essay on an Automobile.

A school girl in Elk City, Oklahoma, was required to write an essay of 250 words about an automobile and submitted the following: "My uncle bought an automobile. He was riding out in the country when it busted going up a long hill. I guess this is about fifty words. The other 200 words are what my uncle said while walking back to town, but they are not fit for publication.—Albany Herald.

## Did Not Suck 'Em.

"Speaking of eggs," said the somewhat uncultivated political orator, "I took a dislike to them down in Indianner. Them cussed towns where I was speakin' must a' thowd a thousand at me one night, an' they wasn't new ones, either."

"Did you succumb?" asked a listener.

"Suck 'em!" roared the disgusted orator, "you bet I didn't! I went out through the window!"

## Former Lancastrian Hurt in Rock Hill.

Rock Hill Herald: Policeman R. M. Langley was hurt right badly Wednesday morning about 4 o'clock. While walking on the platform at the freight depot he walked too close to the edge and stepped off, falling and striking his right side on a cross tie. He was rendered unconscious but soon revived and was taken home by officer Eubanks. Mr. Langley was painfully though, it is hoped, not seriously hurt.

Do you take The News?

## Quacked in Mississippi Only—No Peonage in this State.

Washington special in the News and Courier: According to a statement made today by Assistant Attorney General Charles W. Russell, who has had charge of the peonage cases for the department of justice, the surmise that Mrs. Quackenbos has been making an investigation in South Carolina is erroneous.

"Mrs. Quackenbos has been in Mississippi making some investigations for the department," said Judge Russell, "but she has not been anywhere else, and her report to this department deals only with conditions in Mississippi."

## Finley's Speech in Charlotte.

Charlotte, N. C., Nov. 16.—President W. W. Finley, of the Southern railway company, who was one of the principal speakers at the annual banquet of the Greater Charlotte Club, last night, made a noteworthy statement of the proper attitude of public service corporations towards politics. While insisting on the preservation of these corporations of all their rights, and on the propriety of pursuing proper means to preserve these rights, he advocated their complete abstinence from political activity.

## Seven Killed in Wreck.

Sault Ste Marie, Mich., Nov. 17.—Seven people were killed in a wreck on the Canadian Pacific Railway at Chalk river last night. Express No. 8, which left here at noon yesterday, crashed into a light engine which was running wild, derailing two cars and destroying both locomotives. The mail car took fire and with its contents was destroyed.

## Shamed School Board.

Osborne Farmer: At a rural school near Woodston the pupils had to go half a mile for drinking water. Three boys recently began to dig a well, and by working at recess and noon in a short time had struck a good vein of water. The school board then got ashamed of itself and finished the job and also presented the boys \$5 for their work.

## Higher Salaries for Preachers.

At a meeting held a few days ago Mecklenburg presbytery adopted a resolution to the effect that the minimum salary for the pastors should be \$900 and the presbytery will not hereafter place a call in the hands of a pastor unless the salary is as much as \$900. This action was taken on account of the increased cost of living.—Exchange.

## News in Brief.

Walter Bethel, a Columbia lad, was accidentally shot and killed by a companion Saturday while hunting. . . . President Roosevelt on last Saturday signed the proclamation admitting the Territories of Oklahoma and Indian Territory jointly as one of the American States. . . . Nolan Davis, a negro, was stabbed to death in Columbia Saturday night by Henry Fellon, also colored. . . . The American Federation of Labor has refused to place itself on record as favoring Government ownership of railways and mines. . . . Admiral Robley Evans, the commander in chief of the Atlantic battle ship fleet which, on December 16, is to sail from Hampton Roads for the Pacific coast, was the guest of honor Saturday night at a dinner given by Viscount Aoki, the Japanese ambassador, and Viscountess Aoki, at their home in Washington. . . . The stores of Pressley Bros and Young & McDill at Due West were destroyed by fire Saturday morning before daylight. Loss about \$15,000. . . . Miss Morgan, telephone operator at Spartanburg, narrowly escaped death Saturday from an overdose of headache medicine. . . . Charles Veach, a white switchman, was crushed to death between cars at Spencer, N. C., Friday night. . . . Mrs. S. T. Rawsey of Wilmington, N. C., was fatally burned by the explosion of a lamp which she dropped on a hot stove.

## Death of Mr. S. C. Vanlandingham—Died at His Adopted Home in W. Va.

Mr. S. C. Vanlandingham, a well-known former Lancastrian, died last Friday, of pneumonia, at his home in Marlinton, West Virginia. He removed from this county to that state in 1889. He was at one time engaged in the mercantile business in Lancaster. He had the misfortune to lose an arm in a railroad accident some years ago.

Mr. Vanlandingham was a son of the late Capt. N. B. Vanlandingham, of the Dry Creek section, and was about 54 years of age. He was twice married. His first wife was Miss Nannie Cunningham, sister of Messrs W. J., T. K. and Beauregard Cunningham, of Lancaster; by which marriage two daughters are left surviving, Mrs. Martin Davis, of Charlotte, and Miss Ethel Vanlandingham, of Concord, N. C. The second marriage was to a lady in West Virginia, who, with two children, survives. Mr. Vanlandingham also leaves two brothers and two sisters, Mr. John Vanlandingham, of Charlotte; Mr. W. T. Vanlandingham, of Dry Creek, this county; Mrs. M. E. Cauthen and Mrs. M. R. McCardell, of Lancaster. Mr. Vanlandingham was a man of genial, jovial disposition and had many friends and acquaintances in this, his native, county who will regret to hear of his untimely death. The remains were buried Saturday at Marlinton.