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## WANNAMAKER TO RETIRE

Has Given Time and Money Lavishly to Cotton Association.

Columbia, Nov. 11.—J. Skottowe Wannamaker will retire as head of the South Carolina Cotton Association at the big meeting to be held here on December 1 to perfect permanent organization of the association. This announcement is contained in a letter which Mr. Wannamaker is sending this week to the county chairman calling attention to the meeting to be held here. His duties as president of the American Cotton Association make it imperative for him to retire as head of the State organization, he says.

"At the State meeting," says Mr. Wannamaker, in his letter to the chairmen, "it will be necessary for me to lay down my duties as State chairman. In view of the multitude of duties connected with the formation of the American Cotton Association I have been almost the past year compelled to set aside my personal business at an enormous sacrifice as I realized that this was such a great cause that it should receive first consideration above every other duty. I feel that there are many in the State who can fill the position of State president far better than I can. My health has been seriously affected by the strain under which I have been laboring and I urge in justice to the State association that you select your successor on December 2. I will have my hands full as president of the national organization."

The announcement of Mr. Wannamaker's determination to retire as the head of the South Carolina association has been received with the greatest respect by members of that association. He was elected chairman at the initial reorganization meeting last January and has made the association known throughout the country. His work at the head of the South Carolina association attracted so much comment that at the July meeting in New Orleans he was elected president of the American Cotton Association, covering the entire belt, to succeed Governor Eastman of Louisiana.

"I feel," said Capt. J. H. Claffy, of the executive committee today, "that Mr. Wannamaker's due very much of the credit for the organization not only of the South Carolina Cotton Association but also of the American Cotton Association. The general public will never know how much of his time and money he has given to make the movement a success. He had worked oftentimes fifteen to eighteen hours a day. He has not only received no salary but in addition giving his time he has also given generously of his money and has neglected his personal business. The people of the South owe Mr. Wannamaker a debt they will never be able to pay. We are greatly regret that he finds it necessary to give up the chairmanship of the association."

## A NEW BRIDGE SOON

Looks at Offices of South Carolina Highway Department.

The new bridge over the Wateree river between Columbia and Camden will be completed by the first of the new year. It is stated at the South Carolina Highway Department offices. The concrete work on the bridge is all completed now and all that remains to be finished is one span and a half of the steel work.

The completion of this new bridge will mean much to motorists using the road between Columbia and Camden. In addition to the new bridge motorists will soon have some new road to travel over on this journey. The highway department is advertising for bids for the building of a road from the new bridge to the city of Camden. The road is to be of gravel construction.

At present travelers cross the Wateree river on a ferry. The old bridge was washed away in the freshet of 1916. There is now a suit, brought by the county of Kershaw against the Pennsylvania Co. of Philadelphia, builders of the bridge, for \$40,000, the allegation being that the former bridge was washed away because of faulty construction. The new bridge is on a new location, a shorter distance from the site of the old bridge.

The Highway Department is to let the contract for the construction of a concrete bridge over Little Thickety creek in Cherokee county, on the national highway. On the 26th, a contract is to be let for a bridge over Edisto between Charleston and Columbia counties. This is to be a 400-foot bridge, and will be of concrete and steel construction. This is on the Charleston Savannah highway.

Miss Minnie Osburn is visiting in Camden.

## VETERANS SHOT BY REDS

Anarchists Fired Into Armistice Day Parade at Centralia, Washington.

Centralia, Wash., Nov. 11.—Warren Grimm, Centralia lawyer, and Ben Cassagranda, Centralia real estate man, died late today from wounds received from Industrial Workers of the World fired on an Armistice Day parade here today. The death list early tonight stood at three, Arthur McElfresh having been killed instantly. All were overseas veterans.

Sixteen alleged Industrial Workers of the World were arrested early tonight, and more were being placed in jail as fast as they could be found. Former soldiers were guarding the jail to keep the prisoners from a mob which crowded around the building.

Immediately after the shooting, a crowd of spectators and marchers seized a man they believed to be the ringleader of the I. W. W. They put a rope around his neck, threw the rope over the cross-arm of a telephone pole and started to haul him up. He was in the air only a brief period before the chief of police prevailed upon the crowd to let him down. Tonight the man was in jail here nearly dead.

The whole city had turned out to celebrate the anniversary of the suspension of hostilities and a large parade was formed headed by the city's boys who had helped bring about the glad day a year ago. Wearing the uniforms that sheltered them in the trenches of France and on the picket lines of the German border, the service men were the synch of the hundreds of women and children who lined the streets.

As the column swung around the corner of Tower avenue and Second avenue the band struck up a patriotic march. Then bullets came into the ranks from an unseen enemy. Men fell to the pavement and tiny rivulets of blood showed the spectators what had taken place, the crack of the rifles of the assassins having been drowned by the blare of the band.

Thin puffs of smoke from the roof of a nearby building indicated whence the bullets had come and the nearness of the I. W. W. hall led to the quick decision that the heroes who had weathered the sanguinary battlefields of Europe had been slain from ambush by radicals who opposed the American system of government.

The marching soldiers did not linger to await the order to fall out but with seeming intuition rushed into the nearby structure and sought their way to the roofs. The snipers had disappeared, but the service men sought highways and byways for all suspicious persons and then sent out pioneers into the timbered country around the city.

Wives, daughters and sweethearts of the paraders after a momentary pause from the sudden terror of the situation rushed to the aid of the fallen. That the firing was intended for soldiers was shown by the fact that all the killed and injured were in the military section of the parade which was made up partly of residents of Chehalis.

Arthur McElfresh was found to have been killed instantly but Warren Grimm did not die until later. Grimm's death added to the fury of the crowd of civilians that swarmed later about the jail to demand vengeance.

He had been an idol of the town even before the war, as he was a star football player at the University of Washington. He had added to the esteem of his townsmen by a professional career until the war for democracy called him. He had been welcomed home with all the plaudits due a warrior and his death at the hidden hands of those who opposed that for which he had faced the enemy in the open, drove men and women to frenzy.

**Mob Hangs Prisoner.**

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 11.—About 8 o'clock the mob surrounding the Centralia jail succeeded in getting one of the I. W. W.'s arrested out of the jail and into an automobile, rushing him away before the guards could prevent it, telephone reports here said.

At 7:30 tonight the city's lights were suddenly cut off and a volley of shots rained down Pearl street. It was during this period that the prisoner was taken from jail and spirited away. He was rushed toward a nearby wood and at last accounts the crowd had disappeared with him.

According to a report telephoned to the Associated Press here tonight from the Centralia Chronicle, the mob took the alleged I. W. W. from jail, escorted him to a point just outside the city limits and hanged him on a bridge what is known as the old Chehalis military road.

"The man's body is now hanging on

## FIRST PASSENGER PLANE HERE

Mr. Albert Borden Stops Over For Night on Trip New York to Florida.

Mr. Albert Borden, of New York City, was the guest of Mr. W. H. Kirkbride Tuesday evening at his country home, Cool Springs, near Camden.

Mr. Borden was making the trip from New York to Daytona, Fla., in a 80-horse power Curtis airplane and was being piloted by Mr. E. E. Berlue, of Canada. The landing was made on the old polo field without difficulty and after spending the night here the party resumed their trip to Florida Wednesday morning.

This is the first private owned plane to stop at Camden, but it is predicted by Mr. Berlue that it will not be long before nearly every town will have suitable landing fields to take care of travel through the air. He states that there are now over eleven hundred private owned planes in the United States and the number is increasing daily.

Their trip from New York was made with but one slight accident. While making a landing near a North Carolina town the undercarriage of the machine was partly wrecked. They made stops at nearly all of the principal towns coming down, they followed the Seaboard railway from Washington.

Commercial aeroplane business has taken a tremendous spurt in this country since last June, nearly 1,000 machines having been sold in the middle western states for touring or freight carrying purposes, according to a report of the Aero Club of America, from the commission of aeronautic authorities, studying conditions throughout this country.

The commission found that in Chicago alone 380 aeroplanes had been sold.

Announcement was made at the luncheon of the Columbia Automotive Trade Association in Columbia Monday that L. D. Jennings, mayor and prominent attorney of Sumter, had purchased an airplane, to be used for travel and pleasure.

## WHAT'S THE IDEA?

Musical Comedy To Be Seen at Opera House Friday Evening.

In placing the Musical Comedy sensation "What's the Idea?" with 32 people, mostly girls, before the theatre-going, music loving people of the United States, Manager Peterson selected a title, that soon will become the most popular phrase ever used by an English speaking people.

Should you walk along the street, tired and worn out, after a hard day's mental struggle and your mind is wandering toward some big business deal you contemplate closing the next day, and should some other hard thinking passerby hit you slightly on the shoulder, you will invariably turn unthinkingly, without meaning to be discourteous, and ask "What's the Idea?"

Should you order coffee with your dinner, and the waiter says "No sugar sir," you will turn and ask "What's the Idea?" So you see you are sure to connect this phrase with pretty nearly every incident that may happen to you every day.

But from a theatrical standpoint "What's the Idea?" is the big idea of musical comedy, and the biggest idea with "What's the Idea?" is Rice and Cady, the funniest men on the American stage. They are in a class all by themselves, but manager Peterson was wise enough to realize that they could not give a first-class top notch show alone, so at an enormous expense, he has surrounded them with an ultra excellent cast of metropolitan players, and a most wonderful singing and dancing girl chorus of beauty, youth and grace.

In conjunction with all this, the management has secured from Mr. Geo. Nanlon of Fantasma and Superba fame, the greatest illusion ever presented, called the "Girl in the Bubble". A pretty girl is shown in a beautifully colored revolving soap bubble, and you sit and wonder and say to yourself "how on earth did she get inside of that." This alone is worth the price of admission for it is really another one of the big ideas with "What's the Idea?"

"What's the Idea?" will be at Opera House Friday night Nov. 14. Owing to the Harris Theatre, Spartanburg, being condemned we have been able to secure the wonderful attraction, the biggest and best musical show ever seen in Camden.

## 28 Cents Gasoline.

Scarboro Service Station Announces Sale of Gasoline at 28 Cents per Gallon.

The Scarboro Service Station announces the sale of gasoline at 28 cents per gallon. Heretofore the price of gasoline has been 30 cents—a few cents higher than any other city in the State.

We feel we had a perfect right to place the Camden market in line with other cities of South Carolina. Other dealers seem to think otherwise and are trying to force me out by cutting the price still lower.

Patronize the man who caused the price to come down.

W. C. Scarborough.

## HONOR ROLL

Of Camden Public Schools For Second Month.

First grade—Archibald Beattie, Henry Lee Glyburn, James Goodale, W. J. Haynes, Willie Haile, Carolyn Houser, Ben Lingle, Woodrow Lingle, Myrtle Rast, Elva Tidwell, Lenora Rhame, Genevieve Jones, Mary E. McCaskill, Caroline McKain, Ernest Ross, Richard Reed, David Capell, Mattie Shaw, Olive Nettles, Wilma Watts, J. B. Ray, Essie M. Watts.

Second grade—Benton Burns, Marvin Huckabee, Duncan Lang, Rochelle Sheorn, Elwell Ray, John Williams, Nellie Benton, Catherine Boykin, Carolyn Burnett, Elizabeth Curston, Inez Gardner, Nannie R. Gardner, Nelle Goodale, Virginia Haile, Lucy Kirkland, Nancy Pearce, Caroline Richardson, Jaunita Sanders, Maureen Sowell, Ellen Stewart, Rosa McManus.

Third grade—McCrady Dunlap, Hoy McCaskill, Joseph McQuisen, Elmer Watts, Edward Wooten, Mollie Blackwell, Evelyn Bruce, Edith Goodale, Francis Owens, Lottie Spears, Louise Watts.

Fourth grade—Clare Bruce, Carolyn Heyman, Louis Lang, Helen McManus, Margaret Rast, Mary Thompson, Moultrie Burns, Billie Lindsay, Leyton Hardy, John Richardson.

Fifth grade—Jack Kirkland, Horace Evans, Robert Bruce, Jumelle Haile, Sara DePass, Harriet Whitaker, Caroline Wooten.

Sixth grade—Margaret DeLoach, Kate Young, Patsy Stewart, Alma Holland, Leta Rogers, Henry Trapp, Arnold Trapp, Alfred Shannon, Elhu Schlosburg, Clarkson Rhame, Emory McNair, DuBoise Blakeney.

Seventh grade—Arnett Ledford, William Nettles, Miriam Bruce, Mildred Gardner, Harriet Lipscomb, Louise Hirsch.

Eighth grade—Martha Workman, Emily Wooten, Ethel DePass, Elizabeth DeLoach, Elizabeth Bostick, Aubrey Beattie, Margaret Mills, Basil Bruce.

Ninth grade—Laurens Mills, Estelle Williams, Blanche McKain, Oma Workman.

Tenth grade—Stella A. Hall, Margaret Jenkins, Roland Nettles, Cecile Truesdale, Edna Tiller.

Eleventh grade—Agnes DePass, Henry Savage, Sallie Pearce, Isadore Mogullescu.

## GASOLINE WAR ON HERE

Price Takes a Tumble From Thirty to Twenty-Six Cents Per Gallon.

For several months an agreement has existed between the garages and oil station owners of Camden to sell gasoline at thirty cents per gallon, and this price has been held to for some time despite the fact that it was sold in other towns throughout the state at twenty-eight cents.

## Mr. W. C. Scarborough, who has recently opened his service station at the corner of DeKalb and Lytleton streets announced this week that he would sell at 28 cents.

Five of the garage owners immediately signed an agreement to handle it as a matter of accommodation and have reduced the price still lower, charging only 26 cents. They buy it wholesale at 25 1-2 cents and their margin of profit is very small.

An inquiry at the smaller stations state that they have fallen in line with Mr. Scarborough and are charging 28 cents per gallon. Mr. Burrell Shirley who operates two filling stations—one on the road from Bethune and the other near the Hermitage Mill has been selling at 28 cents for some time, as has also Mr. Ross on the road leading from Kershaw.

The garages who have agreed to sell at 26 cents are the Liberty Motor Sales Co., W. O. Hay's Garage, Carolina Motor Co., Beard's Garage and Consolidated Auto Co.

In talking with motor car owners we find that nearly all of them are in sympathy with Mr. Scarborough and welcome the reduction in the price, feeling that they have for some time been paying too much for their gas. It is the prediction that it will only be a short while before they will all come to the new rate of 28 cents.

## Mr. R. C. Johnson, of Charlotte spent Sunday in Camden at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Johnson.

Grand Jury Makes Important Recommendations in Its Presentment.

The November term of court began Monday morning with Judge Ernest Moore of Lancaster presiding. A good deal of business has been disposed of up to late yesterday afternoon. The grand jury turned in its presentment yesterday afternoon and has several important recommendations as to roads and bridges in this county. Also the matter of handling the money received from auto traffic over the ferry is to undergo a change if the recommendations of its body are carried out. The jury recommends that Bristow Rawls, the negro, who found the infant in a hog pasture near Boykins some weeks ago be arrested and held on a charge of murder. The infant was brought to Camden and died a week later, and so far nothing has been learned of its parents or who placed it in the pasture. The trial of Rawls may bring some light on the crime.

The following cases had been disposed of late yesterday afternoon, the court being engaged in the trial of Melton Banks, charged with the murder of the aged Mr. Gladden, near Hardaway camp some weeks ago. Banks is being represented by Attorneys B. B. Clarke and G. G. Alexander, while Major Smith W. B. DeLoach and M. M. Johnson are assisting Solicitor Spigner in the prosecution. No direct evidence had been brought out but all the circumstantial evidence points to Banks as being the murderer. A large number of witnesses and spectators from West Wateree are attending the trial.

Erwin Isiah received a sentence of one year and a fine of \$150 for larceny of a bicycle.

John Brown, a negro of the Antioch section, captured by the late Constable Bateman, plead guilty to manufacturing whiskey and was given a sentence of six months or \$100.

Jack Lewis was found not guilty on a charge of assault and battery.

Wyatt Patterson and Dan Richardson plead guilty to house breaking and larceny and were given sentences of one year each.

John Ivey, the white man, who was charged with having abducted his niece and carried her to another state where he married her, plead guilty to the charge and was sentenced to serve five years or pay a fine of \$3,000. Ivey was a married man before stealing the girl.

James Harris and Amos Williams, assault and battery with intent to kill. Harris was found guilty of assault and battery and sentenced to 30 days or \$100. Williams was found not guilty.

Richard Boykin, of the Stockton section plead guilty to manufacturing whiskey and received a sentence of six months or pay a fine of \$100.

Bennie Jones and Priscilla Kelly, charged with adultery, were found not guilty.

In the case of Chief of Police A. G. Whitaker, charged with the murder of Sant Barrett, the moonshiner, who also shot and killed Constable Bateman at the time, the court after hearing the evidence at the request of Solicitor Spigner directed a verdict of not guilty on the indictment. Judge Moore explained that the Chief was wholly in his rights in assisting Mr. Bateman in the arrest and that the evidence showed that he shot in defense of his own life after having been fired upon.

The case of David White, charged with assault and battery, was continued.

E. M. Flaherty, a white man of near Blaney, was found not guilty of a charge of murder. Flaherty struck a negro in the head with a stick several weeks ago and the negro died soon afterwards from the effects of the blow. Flaherty was represented by Major M. L. Smith.

The cases of H. E. Hyatt, breach of trust with fraudulent intent; J. S. Hyatt, forgery; William Kelly and James Truesdel, violation of prohibition law; and Joe Boston, larceny of livestock, were all not pressed.

The jury in the case of Abe Dixon, charged with the murder of Dave Brannon, on the Kirkbride farm, several months ago, deliberated many hours and had not reached a verdict late yesterday afternoon.

Grand Jury Presentment.

Following is the presentment of the grand jury handed in yesterday:

To His Honor, Judge Ernest Moore, Presiding Judge Fall Term of Court, for Kershaw County:

We desire to make the following presentment as follows: We have passed on all bills handed us by the Solicitor. We desire to state that we checked the County officials books, through the foreman, with the county Auditor, and Supervisor, and beg to state that we found the checking entirely satisfactory. We also witnessed the annual settlement

## NEWS OF THE COURT

Supreme Court Holds That Action by Committee Was Illegal.

Columbia, Nov. 11.—Holding that the action of the Charleston City Democratic Executive Committee, in the manner in which it declared John P. Grace the Democratic nominee for Mayor of Charleston on August 22, was illegal and prejudicial to the incumbent Mayor T. T. Hyde, the State Supreme Court, in a majority opinion handed down this morning shortly after 11 o'clock, set aside the nomination.

"From what has been said," the majority opinion sums up in its conclusion, "it is clear that we cannot determine from the record before us which of the candidates for Mayor received the majority of the votes that were and ought to have been counted. We cannot therefore sustain the contention of the petitioner that the court will consider the votes and declare the election. Nor can we sustain the contention that, in the absence of a declaration of the executive committee, the count of the managers should be sustained as a declaration of the results. Under the statutes and rules the managers were not authorized to declare the result. That was for the executive committee, and it has not done so according to law, it follows that all we can do is to hold that the result of the election has not been legally ascertained and declared, and that the actions of the executive committee in attempting to do so were affected by errors of law, prejudicial to the petitioner, Hyde, and must be set aside, and it is so adjudged."

The majority opinion was written by Associate Justice D. E. Hydrick and was concurred in by Chief Justice Eugene B. Gary and Associate Justice T. H. Fraser. A dissenting opinion, written by Associate Justice Richard C. Watts, was concurred in by Associate Justice George W. Gage.

Justice Watts dissented on the grounds that the Charleston election case was political and not judicial, and, for that reason, was without the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court. "As nothing is involved in this but political rights, I am opposed to the court interfering in any form," he said.

## and approved same with the Comptroller General, and his chief clerk. We were delighted to learn of the high compliments paid our county officials by the official, as to the financial condition of the county. Kershaw County is one of the few counties that don't have to borrow money for current expenses through the year.

## We desire to recommend that there be a cement walk from the front steps of the court house to the side walk, as wide as the front steps of the court house.

## We desire to call attention to the fact that we recommend that the west and east windows of the court house be supplied with awnings. We find that this recommendation has not been complied with. We trust that it will be attended to at once.

## We found the jail in splendid condition, and want to add here, that we still feel that the porch around the jail supplies a much needed want.

## We would recommend that all collections from the ferry be turned over by the ferryman to the County Treasurer daily, and not to the Supervisor as now is the case, and that the County Treasurer be required to issue in duplicate receipts, receipting the ferryman for the said collections, and that the said ferryman be required to file one receipt with the County Auditor and one with the Supervisor.

## We also recommend that the rents from the County Poor Farm be turned over to the County Treasurer, and that the County Treasurer file in duplicate receipts for same with the County Auditor and Supervisor. We also recommend that the collections from the said ferry and Poor Farm be disbursed on vouchers of the County Board, as other county funds are. We further recommend that our legislative delegation be requested to have the laws passed to put this recommendation into effect.

## We would like to recommend that there be placed in the center of the new bridge across the Wateree River, a rail so as to divide the travel left to right or right to left as the case may be.

## We also recommend that all railroad crossings be built up throughout the county on a level with the rails of the railroad, so as to prevent such severe jolts in crossing over. We deplore the conditions of the roads throughout the county. It has been reported to us that the road from Cante to DeKalb is impassable. We understand there is some work being done on each end of this road but none on other parts of it. We do especially recommend that something be done immediately on the Camden and Liberty Hill road. This road had been absolutely, in some places submerged by water of the Wateree Power Company, and nothing done by our County authorities to prevent or correct the evil. We ask that this evil be attended to at once by the County.

## We recommend that a warrant be issued for Bristow Rawls who found the infant in a hog pasture near Boykins Mill some time ago, and that he be arrested on the charge of murder.

## We thank you the Judge and other Court Officials for the many courtesies shown us this term of Court, all of which we most respectfully submit.

F. H. Arrants, Foreman Grand Jury.