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## PACKERS IN COURT.

### BEEF BARONS REACH COURT AFTER EIGHT YEARS.

Selection of Jury Begun—Examination of First Panel of Jurymen Proves Very Brief—Government's Contentions.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—After eight years devoted to travel in the ways of grand juries and special pleas, the cases of ten Chicago meat packers, indicted for alleged violation of the criminal publication of the Sherman anti-trust law, reached trial today. In addition to the fact that the early stages of the trial at least would be rapid, for the government's examination of the first panel of jurymen was brief. By agreement each side is entitled to thirty peremptory challenges and by which the government has exercised ten of these. Questions of Attorney Sherman for the government indicated that the acceptability of a juror hinged chiefly on his willingness to accept as part of the government's function the regulation of affairs of private business.

All of the defendants were in court immediately after the case was called. Personal pleas of not guilty were entered.

Richardson Dean, general manager of the Pullman company, fellow club member with most of the defendants, who was present in the morning session, was challenged by the government in the afternoon.

Attorneys here are of the opinion that the trial will proceed without any further attempts of counsel for the packers to cause delay. The only action now pending which would stop proceedings is an appeal to the United States supreme court for a ruling on the constitutionality of the criminal provisions of the law.

This appeal was filed a week ago, together with a plea for a stay of proceedings pending the decision. The stay was refused in a verbal decision.

Twelve jurymen who had been ordered by the government were ordered up tonight and the rest of the jury were ordered in court tomorrow. None will be questioned by the defense until at least four have been finally accepted by the government.

## SEABOARD COMPANY DISSOLVED

### Holding Concern Will Go Out of Business After Next Meeting of Stockholders.

New York, Dec. 6.—Dissolution of the Seaboard company, the holding concern of the Seaboard Air Line railway, is to follow the recent sale of a banking syndicate of \$6,700,000 Air Line adjustment mortgage 5 per cent bonds. The Seaboard company was chartered and organized in 1905 under the laws of New Jersey for the specific purpose of reorganizing the then insolvent Seaboard Air Line.

A special meeting of stockholders of the Seaboard company to act on the company's dissolution will be held on January 3.

The Seaboard company's holdings of Air Line common will be distributed among its common and second preferred stockholders on the basis, it is believed, of 13 1-10 shares of railway to each share of holding company stock. The proceeds of the company's first preferred stocks and other assets, it is expected, will be sufficient to pay par in cash for each share of Seaboard company first preferred stock.

## CHRISTMAS ACQUITTED.

### Alleged Operator of Illicit Distillery Released by Jury.

J. H. Christmas, the alleged operator in conjunction with his son-in-law, Ed Lee, of a distillery which was found in the Manchester section of this county last spring, was tried before a federal jury in Charleston Tuesday and resulted in Christmas being acquitted.

The case was brought over from the spring term of court. Messrs. Clifton and Reynolds of this city represented Christmas at the trial. Christmas is a farmer living in the Manchester section of the county. Last spring a raid was made on his place and a still was found. Christmas was arrested, but Ed Lee, the operator of the still, managed to escape and has not been heard from since. Since his arrest Christmas has been out on bond. The case against him was allowed to drop by the solicitor and solicitor for this district, but it was taken up by the federal court, with the result as above stated.

## COUNTY BOARD MEETING.

### MAY BUILD CONCRETE BRIDGE OVER DINGLE MILL AT SOME TIME IN FUTURE.

Request of Representatives of U. D. C. and D. A. R. Not Complied with at This Time—Petition for New Road Passed upon—Other Matters.

The county board of commissioners met Tuesday, as is their custom on the first Tuesday of every month, and proceeded to discuss matters that had come up for their consideration.

The most important matter to come up was a petition from the ladies representing the local chapter of U. D. C. and D. A. R., who were present for this purpose, that a concrete bridge be built over Dingle's mill stream, the same to cost not less than \$1,500. The ladies stated that it was their purpose to place in this bridge a tablet memorializing the battle fought at that place during the late war.

This matter came up later for a general discussion and it was decided that at the present time it was not best to have the bridge built, owing to the county's financial condition. However, it was decided that as soon as the present bridge at this place gave out and a new bridge had to be built over the stream that the matter presented to them for their consideration by these ladies would be taken up and the advisability of constructing such a bridge be determined upon.

Judge T. E. Richardson asked the board to pass upon his application for an increase of fees in an examination for lunacy, which he had made at a former meeting of the board, but upon which action had been deferred. The advice of the county attorney was called for on this question and it was decided upon his advice that the board could not allow the claim made by Judge Richardson.

Messrs. L. S. Windham and T. J. Holladay requested that some action be taken on a petition for a new road in Concord township which was filed at the September meeting of the board. After a careful consideration of the matter it was decided to authorize the petitioners to put the new road in a safe and passable condition, they to call upon all of the road hands liable for duty and the county to furnish lumber for all bridges. The road after being put into condition should not be declared a public highway until fully inspected and accepted by the county supervisor.

The petition of John Outlaw for his name to be put on the list of Ex-Confederate pensioners was deferred until the next meeting of the board.

Following, a number of claims were audited and ordered paid, after which the board adjourned until its next regular monthly meeting.

## JERRY MOORE STILL LEADS.

### His Record for 1911 Has Not Been Equaled—Dillon Boy Champion This Year.

Jerry Moore of Winona in Florence county remains the undisputed champion corn grower of the world. He last year produced 228 bushels and three pecks of corn on one acre of land, and his record has not been equaled this year.

Several days ago a report was received from North Carolina to the effect that a boy in that State had produced 231 bushels of corn on one acre. The yield of the North Carolina boy was examined by O. B. Martin of Washington, head of the boys' corn club work; L. O. Schaub, head of the corn club work in North Carolina and E. N. Clark of the industrial department of the Atlantic Coast Line railway. It was found that he had produced only 195 bushels on one acre, which, of course, will eliminate him from the class of Jerry Moore.

The champion corn grower in South Carolina for this year's crop is Claude McDonald of Hamer in Dillon county. According to a report filed with G. B. Haddon, in charge of the corn club work in this State, he has produced 210 4-7 bushels of corn on one acre of land. Jerry Moore this year produced 178 bushels on his acre at a cost of 18 cents per bushel.—The State.

Sumter has been blessed the past few days in having some delightful weather. The cool feels good to Sumter citizens who have been having so much hot weather on up to winter. Someone remarked on the street Tuesday that "better weather for hog-killing or for Christmas could not be obtained."

## BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

### HON. W. H. HUNT, OF NEWBERRY RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT.

Convention Sermon, Preached by Rev. W. E. Thayer, of Laurens, was Masterful Effort and Inspired Deep Feeling—Addresses of Welcome by Various Branches of Greenwood's Life.

Greenwood, Dec. 6.—After an interval of eleven years, the South Carolina State Baptist Convention is again in session in Greenwood, as the guest of the First Baptist church. It is the ninety-first session of this body.

The Convention opened last evening after the Convention sermon had been preached by the Rev. W. E. Thayer, of Laurens. Mr. Thayer is a young minister, a scholar and a man of deep piety. His sermon last night was on the "Need of More Spiritual Power." Full of sincere feeling himself, he inspired his hearers to accept his conviction and at the close of the sermon the large audience, led by someone in the rear of the building, sang with great feeling, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Mr. Thayer is one of the strongest preachers in the Convention.

Following the sermon, President W. H. Hunt, of Newberry, took the chair. An address of welcome was then made by Pastor W. N. Cowan, of the First Baptist Church. He was followed by Mayor Kenneth Baker, who officially welcomed the Convention on behalf of the town of Greenwood.

On behalf of the other denominations, the Rev. J. B. Green, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, then welcomed the Convention to Greenwood. These addresses of welcome were responded to by Dr. D. M. Ramsay, president of the Greenville Female College.

President Hunt then notified the Convention that the first business was that of electing officers. Dr. C. C. Brown moved that the vote of the Convention be cast by Mr. G. B. Spaul of Charleston, for the Hon. W. H. Hunt, of Newberry, as president. This was done.

The Hon. Orlando Sheppard was next elected first vice president and Dr. F. P. Covington, of Florence, second vice president. The Rev. C. A. Jones was elected secretary, the Rev. A. B. Kennedy, of Columbia, was elected assistant secretary, Mr. C. B. Bobo, of Laurens, was elected treasurer, and Mr. B. E. Greer, of Greenville, was elected auditor. The last four were re-elections. These and the other officers were all elected by having some member of the Convention cast the unanimous vote of the Convention for the officer named.

The report of the committee on order of business was then called for and was presented by the Rev. E. S. Reeves, of Honea Path. After the reading of the report there was some discussion as to changes, moving up the time for the consideration of foreign missions and having the reports on the two female colleges, Greenville Female College and Anderson, earlier, but upon consideration this was not done exactly as at first proposed. Foreign missions remained for Wednesday night and the colleges will come up Wednesday night also by postponing the Sunday school board time until Thursday. A trustee of the Greenville Female College called attention to a vacancy on the board by the resignation of Dr. Jno. F. Vines, of Anderson, and nomination of the Hon. J. W. Talbert, of the Edgefield Association, as trustee for the vacancy was made, followed by his election.

## WOMEN AGAINST PROHIBITION.

Los Angeles, Dec. 6.—The first real test of women's attitude towards prohibition came in the prohibition election here when the amendment was defeated by over three to one. The latest available figures give prohibition 29,918 as against 82,111. The fight was waged for and against the adoption of the ordinance drafted by Attorney Nathan Newby, executive commissioner of the good government league. This is the first prohibition election in which the women of California have voted since they were granted the franchise. The women's political organization formed to work for suffrage and afterwards to continue to educate the newly enfranchised women in their duties declare strongly against the prohibition ordinance and world against it.

After completing the work on Bartlett street, the street hands have been set to work on Caldwell street, digging up the surface of that street and preparing for a proper grading.

## AFFAIRS IN CHINA.

### LEADERS OF REBELLION WON'T CONSIDER COMPROMISE.

Provisional Constitution Calls for Election of President by Delegates From Provinces.

Peking, Dec. 5.—The Chinese rebels in the vicinity of Hankow are regaining confidence, according to consular reports received here today, and leaders of the revolution are not willing to consider any terms from the government except those providing for a republic.

Rebel reinforcements are marching toward Hankow from Wu-Chang. The revolutionaries announce the arrival at Hankow of representatives of eight provinces, with the proxies of three other provinces, and that the delegates adopted a provisional constitution for the new republic. The president of the republic, it is declared, will be elected by delegates appointed by the provincial governors. Five boards will be created, viz: Civil, foreign, finance, war and communications. A popular convention will be called after six months have elapsed.

The revolutionaries hope to make Nanking the capital. In the interim the Hu-Peh military administration will command the rebel provinces.

It is believed that strong movement is on foot to substitute a Chinese regency for the present regent who, with other Manchu princes, will retire from Peking.

But it is unlikely that even this will satisfy the majority of the provinces.

## ROCKEFELLER RETIRES.

### Johndee Resigns as Head of Standard Oil Company of New Jersey.

New York, Dec. 4.—John D. Rockefeller terminated his career as head of the Standard Oil company today. With him there also retired most of the conspicuous figures of the early days of the "oil trust."

William M. Rockefeller, William G. Rockefeller, C. M. Pratt, H. M. Flagler, E. T. Bedford and others whose names have been among the officers and directors of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey prominent, stepped behind scenes today. John D. Archbold, one of the few members of the "old guard" who remain in the company, became president of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, and will control its destinies.

John D. Rockefeller was not present at 26 Broadway, the headquarters of the Standard Oil company, at the special meeting in which his resignation was acted upon. The termination of the business career of the man who has acquired a unique position in history and amassed what is generally regarded as the largest private fortune in the world, was a perfunctory proceeding.

## POOR SERVICE ON A. C. L.

### Many Travelers Complain of Late Trains and Loss of Time.

Recently the trains coming into and leaving Sumter on the A. C. L. railroad have been later than usual and all of those who have to travel on these trains daily are setting up a howl for better schedules. The trains have frequently been a few minutes late, but this was looked upon as a matter of course, but lately the lateness has increased to more than minutes and the traveling public have had much to say about it.

Take train 52 from Charleston to Greenville for instance. Last Friday this train was more than an hour and a half late in arriving here and there were several prospective passengers who had engagements in Columbia at the time that the train finally rolled into Sumter. They had to go on what was normally "the second" train, and of course, got to their engagements late. Wednesday morning this same train did not arrive until a quarter to twelve, when it is due at 9:35, and the "second train" had left about fifteen minutes.

Train number 53 from Greenville keeps about the same schedule, or rather is about as far off from keeping its schedule. Other trains are often late in the same way. The train from the north was several hours late Tuesday and was late Wednesday morning also. Other trains refrain from keeping their schedules in about the same way and the travelers are the ones who suffer. These are simply some instances, daily schedules are kept in the same fashion, and with the coming of the holiday season and its usually is heavy traffic, it seems an assured fact that there will be even more behind schedules in the near future.

## CHINESE REGENT DEPOSED.

### PRINCE CHUN RESIGNS AS GUARDIAN OF EMPIRE.

Two Former Grand Councillors Appointed to Watch Over Young Ruler.

Peking, Dec. 6.—An edict announcing the resignation of the regent, Prince Chun, was issued today by the Empress Dowager. It is signed by members of the cabinet, and points out that the administration has been unpopular and that a constitutional government has not yet been established, explaining this by the fact that complications arose, the people's hearts were broken and the country was thrown into turmoil. The regent regrets that his repentance came too late, and feels that if he continued in power his commands would soon be disregarded.

The edict continues: "He wept and prayed to resign the regency, at the same time expressing his earnest intention to abstain from politics. I, the empress dowager, living in the palace, am ignorant of the state of affairs, but know that rebellion exists and fighting continues, causing disaster everywhere, while the commerce of friendly nations suffers. The regent is honest though ambitious. Being misled, he has harmed the people; therefore his resignation is accepted."

The edict demands loyalty to the minister's people who "must now realize that the court does not object to the surrender of the power vested in the throne."

The regent has been granted 50,000 taels annually from the imperial treasury.

As the imperial revolutionary leaders at Hankow have not yet come to an understanding, the armistice has been extended for an additional three days.

Prince Chun's place as guardian of the throne is taken jointly by Shih Hsu, a Manchu prince and former president of the national assembly, of the privy council. Both the new guardians of the throne were formerly grand councillors.

The administration remains for the present in the hands of the premier, Yuan Shi Kai, while the empress dowager and the emperor continue to hold audiences and carry out ceremonial functions.

The regent sacrificed himself in a last effort to save the throne for his son, but unless all signs fall it is too late. Premier Yuan Shi Kai has let Peking know that he has taken the British minister, Sir John Jordan, into his confidence. He has told the minister his plans and hopes much from the minister's mediation.

On the other hand the rebels tonight confidently declare that Yuan Shi Kai is their man. They describe him as a master statesman, because he is accomplishing the transition from the Manchu dynasty to a republic without a massacre or an attack on the legations.

The edict exhorts all the princes to retire peacefully, which may indicate that there was some truth in the reports often current that the youthful princes desired to attack foreigners, hoping to create foreign complications which might benefit the Manchus.

Yuan Shi Kai is now entirely in power within the limitations of the disrupted government. The rebels say they expect him to manipulate the regiments until the Manchus are no longer capable of disturbing the capital, when the decision of the Shanghai assembly of the representatives of the rebel and local provinces soon to be held, decides in favor of a republic. The premier has promised to abide by the assembly's decision, which is admittedly republican.

It is believed the premier desires foreign mediation to insure the safety of the court and the granting of pensions.

The legations of the larger powers are increasing their guards to between 300 and 500.

## Methodists Pleased at Pastor's Return.

The return of Rev. D. M. McLeod to the First Methodist Church of this city was highly satisfactory and pleasing to the congregation of that church, where he has given universal satisfaction.

The members of the Broad Street church have expressed their sorrow at the loss of their well loved pastor, Rev. J. B. Wilson, and wish him well in his new field of labor.

Lawrence Ferguson, white, was accidentally shot while hunting in Chester County Thanksgiving. He may recover.

## SEMINOLES WILL SURRENDER.

### YOUNG MEN FOUND GUILTY OF FRAUD IN SEMINOLE SECURITIES CASE WIND UP THEIR PRIVATE AFFAIRS.

Thought That Pardon May Be Granted—T. B. Lumpkin's Body Taken to Anderson for Burial Tomorrow.

Special to The Daily Item.

Columbia, Dec. 6.—Sheriff Coleman has been advised by Counsel for Galloway and Young that the young wreckers of the Seminole Securities Company are winding up their business affairs in Laurens and will surrender to him this afternoon or tonight, serving their sentences of one year, respectively.

Private advice here confirms this statement. Counsel will not talk but is heard on the streets that the men may not wear stripes for some time yet, if at all.

The Knights Templar escorted to Anderson this afternoon the body of Toney Blenson Lumpkin, Secretary of State Railroad Commission, who died here last night. The funeral takes place in Anderson tomorrow.

## NEWS FROM PINEWOOD.

### German Club Gives Enjoyable Dance; Officers Elected; Personal Matters.

Pinewood, Dec. 6.—The Pinewood German Club gave a delightful and enjoyable dance at the home of Mr. A. P. Toomer on Thanksgiving evening.

The Beilharz Musical Entertainers will appear in the school auditorium on Tuesday night, Dec. 12th. This is the third number of the lyceum attractions. This company ranks among the best musical companies on the road under the lyceum directorship.

Mr. H. B. Richardson, Jr., will treat the Pinewood German Club to a dance and oyster supper on Wednesday evening, December 20th. Mr. Richardson has invited the club over to his father's home in Sand Hills to partake of his generosity on that date.

Miss Annie Reeves has returned to Kingstree.

Mr. Douglas Weeks, of Newberry, is a visitor this week.

Mr. Alvin Mims and Miss Carrie Wells were married at the home of the bride's parents on Wednesday afternoon, November 29th. After the marriage they drove to Sumter and took the train for Savannah.

Mr. Dargan Lowder, and Miss Lottie Tisdale of Sumter were married Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. I. M. Loryea spent Tuesday here on business.

Messrs. R. C. Richardson, Jr., and H. B. Jr., went over to Columbia Tuesday on business.

If the other fellow doesn't hurry the A. C. L. will break them in car fares.

The Methodist congregation and members of other denominations are rejoicing in conference sending the Rev. J. B. Wilson here for this charge. Rev. Wilson has been here on several occasions assisting in meetings and is well known and loved by all.

Rev. W. H. Barnwell of Stateburg will hold services Sunday, the 10th, at 11:30 in the Presbyterian church. There is a likelihood of an Episcopal church being erected here in the near future.

Miss Abbie Ragin is visiting friends in Darlington.

Mr. Alfred Owen was in town this week.

O. D. Harvin is at Branchville for the week.

Rumors are flying as fast and thick as the sands on the seashore that another benedict is slated to come in on 21st.

The following officers were elected to serve for the Pinewood German club, during the winter. Prof. Samuel Leaphart, president; A. P. Toomer, vice president, and Ransom S. Richardson, secretary-treasurer.

Mr. John S. Richardson won the \$200 horse that was raffled on the 30th, No. 142 being the winner.

Mr. Paul B. Hodge will soon move into his new residence here.

Mr. Henry B. Richardson, Jr., and brother Ransom will farm Mr. Paul Hodge's place next year and will keep bachelor's hall for awhile at the Hodge's old homestead near Hodge's Corner.

There will be an extra communication of Claremont Lodge No. 64, A. F. M. Thursday night at 8 o'clock for the purpose of conferring the Master Mason's degree. All officers and members are requested to meet promptly at the hour.