

CHEAPER GASOLINE PROMISED

Senator Harris Says His Two Amendments Will Have This Effect

Washington, Sept. 4.—This will mean the dissolution of the Standard Oil Company and cheaper gasoline for the South, though of course I expected the big oil interest to fight me bitterly.

In this way Senator W. J. Harris of Georgia today spoke of two amendments relative to the operations of the Standard Oil people which he has just gotten through the senate.

Regarding this Senator Harris said, "A few years ago when I was a member of the federal trade commission, complaints were made all over the country about discriminations in the price of gasoline. In the Indiana Standard Oil Company of Indiana they were selling gasoline at five cents a gallon less than in other States nearby. The reason for this was that there were independents in that territory who were competing with them and the Standard wanted to destroy them."

"There are about a dozen Standard Oil Companies and it was found that there was no law to prevent this discrimination. The Standard of Indiana, or any of the other Standard companies could lower the price in their territory and all the other Standard companies of the country would raise the price so as to make up the loss. The federal trade commission could do nothing to protect the people because 70 per cent. of the stock of all the dozen Standard companies is owned by the same people. There is no competition among the dozen Standard Oil Companies. They all work as one. That is what the investigation disclosed. There is 52 per cent of the stock of all the Standard companies owned by 10 people. The purpose of the proposed amendment is to prevent stockholders who own these different companies from selling their stock to the other stockholders of the Standard companies and to make the 12 companies independent as the present stockholders dispose of their stock."

Regarding the latter amendment Senator Harris made the following statement:

"This amendment is to prevent the Standard Oil Company from getting around the provisions of the Clayton act. The Clayton act in the way it is drawn really protects the monopoly, the subsidiary companies are divided. This will require all the companies to sell at the same price, so that if there is an independent in one territory the Standard can not lower the price and put him out of business and thereby eliminate competition. It is to require all the Standard companies to have the same price all over the country."

COTTON ASSOCIATION CAMPAIGN

Reports to Chamber of Commerce from the rural districts indicate that as the farmers and country merchants have explained to them the objects and advantages of the American Cotton Association they are joining without any hesitation at all. The process of organization is necessarily rather slow for a number of reasons.

First, it has been hard to get committees to go to work to solicit memberships in the numerous communities of the ten townships. But it is evident that every township committee has been organized and is working, but some of the townships have not been worked thoroughly as they should be, while others have just about gotten organized, and in some townships only a part of township committees are working.

The City of Sumter has not been worked to its full possibilities either. Those desiring to become members may phone the Chamber of Commerce however in case no committees have called for their memberships, and Secretary Reardon will go to see any one desiring to join, explain the plans of the organization, and he will accept the memberships and the money.

It is hoped that all committees in city, town, and country districts will fully cover their territory in the next week as the county executive committees and headquarters will be called on in a few days to send in reports to State headquarters of the total memberships secured in each township, and to furnish alphabetical lists, by townships of members and amounts of money secured. This will prove a big job, and the secretary and treasurer will be swamped as will the State headquarters, if practically all of the township committees wait until the last minute to send or bring in their reports.

The present slump in cotton prices is the surest evidence of the absolute folly of the farmers not being organized. They will lose millions of dollars weekly until they do organize.

Every farmer, merchant, banker, clerk, manufacturer, lawyer, doctor, city and country land owner, and every man and woman of every profession, trade and occupation is vitally interested in the successful organization of this cotton association.

Daves-Howard.

The following announcement appeared in the Atlanta Journal of August 21st and will be of much interest to the many friends Miss Daves made in Sumter last winter when she was the guest of Mrs. Joseph M. Chandler:

Dr. Joel Thomas Daves announces the engagement of his daughter, Dorothy Amelia, to Mr. Leonard Howard, formerly of Detroit, Mich., now of Atlanta, the marriage to be solemnized in the fall. No cards.

Washington, Sept. 5.—State Senator Costello, of New York, told the senate foreign committee that England deliberately created the differences of opinion between Italy and the United States at the peace conference for economic reasons.

PRICE IS FIXED FOR COTTONSEED

Mills Will Pay \$70 Per Ton, Beginning Today

Columbia, Sept. 5.—Cottonseed producers and oil mill men meeting here yesterday established \$70 per ton as a fair price for cottonseed in carload lots and \$67 from the wagon. This was unanimously agreed upon and seed will sell for that price today as practically every oil mill in the State was represented and no opposition was offered to the report of the committee which recommended the above prices.

This price was fixed after two hours' discussion and after the meeting had agreed that seed should sell according to the value of the by-products, oil, meal, hulls and linters. In arriving at the price which was agreed upon the committee based its figures on the prevailing figures for the four products yesterday and the seed price will fluctuate up and down as these four products rise and fall. The committee calculated that the gross sales from a ton of cottonseed yesterday would have been \$96.69 and from this figure deducted 5 per cent. for the mill's profit, \$15.50 for manufacturing costs, \$2 for freight costs and 5 per cent. off for the present green condition of the seed. From these figures it was unanimously agreed that the mills would pay \$70 per ton for carloads of seed and \$67 for those bought off wagons while dealers were allowed \$3 commission a ton, the same as last year. This price is \$2 above what was being paid yesterday morning. The committee arriving at these prices was elected from the house and was composed of two seed dealers, two oil mill men, two farmers and B. Harris. Following is the personnel of the body: B. Harris, Columbia; E. W. Abel of Saluda, C. C. McAlilly of Chester, E. W. Jabbs of Mayesville, L. D. Jennings of Sumter, Russell Acree of Darlington, J. J. Lawton of Hartsville.

After the adoption of the committee report another price fixing and regulation committee was appointed. This body will meet from time to time and raise or lower the price as the by-products fluctuate. This committee is composed of B. Harris, commissioner of agriculture, commerce and industries, as chairman; L. D. Jennings, Sumter; Russell Acree, Darlington; C. C. McAlilly, Chester. The State chemist is to serve as secretary of the committee without a vote. The price to be paid will be in even or half dollars, thus eliminating the odd cents.

Those attending the convention were 44 oil mill men, 17 farmers and four seed buyers. A thoroughly cooperative spirit was manifested from the outset and many things formerly misunderstood by both oil mill men and farmer were cleared up yesterday. Every speaker on the floor yesterday emphasized that to bring about better conditions among the farmers and to build up the crushers' industry cooperation must be the watchword. S. J. Cassels of Alabama, formerly of the cottonseed division of the food administration, made the main address of the day and started the movement to adjust the price.

During the committee deliberations Prof. A. F. Conradi, secretary of the State crop pest commission, told of the boll weevil conditions in the State. He said the weevil was going to be exterminated soon and with the proper care exercised by farmers will be eliminated to the level of the potato bug damage each year.

Quattlebaum-Murphy.

Among the recent social events of Sumter of more than local interest was the marriage Wednesday evening, September 3rd, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Cuttino on Church Street of their aunt, Miss Marvin W. Quattlebaum to Mr. William Murphy of Kirksville, Mo.

Relatives of the bride were chatting in the great hall made by throwing three large connecting rooms into one, which was beautifully decorated and appropriately lighted, greeted the guests on their arrival. Two solos "Until" and "At the Dawning" by Miss Iva Belle Hughson accompanied by Mrs. J. A. McKnight at the piano prepared the guests for Lohengrin's Bridal Chorus which was rendered by Miss Hughson, accompanied by Mr. W. H. Green with the violin. Upon the entrance of the bride party the music died into an echo which continued so softly that it was scarcely audible while the impressive ring ceremony was performed by Dr. W. E. Thayer of the First Baptist Church. After refreshments were served, many of the guests accompanied the bride party to the station where their merriment continued until the arrival of the train on which the couple departed for their home in Kirksville, Mo.

Miss Quattlebaum is a graduate of Winthrop College where she afterwards taught until two years ago when she resigned for other work and has many friends throughout South Carolina.

The groom is a successful contractor and builder of Kirksville, Mo.

Among the out-of-town guests were Drs. J. M. and E. G. Quattlebaum, brothers of the bride, and Mrs. J. L. McCallahan, a niece, of Columbia.

Mr. B. B. Epps spent a few days this week with his parents at the old home on Pudding Swamp. He says that section was one of the favored rain spots this year. That he never saw finer corn and tobacco than they have down there. The tobacco classes as best and nearly every acre has returned to the farmers from \$1,000 to \$1,500. One farmer, he says had eight acres that brought him \$1,250 per acre. Other sections he says, struck hard luck and the crop, after it was made, was ruined by the continuous rain and did not average \$200 per acre.—Bishopville Vindicator.

Marriage Announcement.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hurst announce the marriage of their daughter, Marie, to Mr. James Franklin Griffin of Columbia, S. C., at 8:30 o'clock Saturday evening, August 30th.

CHERAW TAKES THE LAST GAME

Baseball Season Closed With a Fast 2 to 1

In what proved to be the fastest game of the season, Cheraw defeated Sumter, in the last game of the series, by the score of 2 to 1. Sumter made their lone tally in the first inning when big "Bill" Gressette, the former Furman star, placed "Pink" Luther's swift ball over the left field fence for three bases and scored on Cody's hit. This ended the local's scoring for the day, and it looked as if the game would have been a one score. However in the 6th Rhame, the efficient catcher for Cheraw, placed one against the shed in left field for two bases, went to third on an infield out and scored on a clean single between short and second base. The score was tied until the 8th inning when Rhame again hit for a single went to second on a passed ball, stole third on a very close decision and scored on a long drive to centerfield, which could have been fielded had not the fielder steppe in a hole.

In the last inning Sumter started a rally with a clean hit by Johnson, however, the rally soon ended for the runner was called out on second base. "Pink" Luther had the Game Cocks at his mercy after the first inning and was selfish with his hits at all times during the game.

Joe DeBerry, who won the first game in Florence by his masterly pitching, was not at his best. Although he gave up few hits, his teammates lacked the punching power to score. Both pitchers did excellent box work, but with the exception of the first inning Luther was slightly the better.

The feature of the game was the continuous slugging of Rhame for the visitors. This lad secured both of the invader's scores and was largely responsible for keeping the Game Cocks score to one. Throwing also did excellent work for the visitors. For the home lads, "Bill" Gressette was the shining light both with the bat and in the field. Manush did great field work, as did Brown. Cody on the initial sack played poorer than in the previous games. However, he did not fail to use the bat to an advantage.

Sumter won the championship, regardless of the last game. The last game of the season has most likely been staged on the local diamond. The fans will recall that the game on Thursday was the first game lost by DeBerry during the season and that his loss was not his fault.

Score by innings:  
Cheraw . . . . . 000 001 010 2  
Sumter . . . . . 100 000 000 1  
Batteries: Luther and Rhame; DeBerry and Burns.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

- Manchester Township.  
Aug. 13.—Ogle Rose to Edward Holliday, 56 1-2 acres, \$100.  
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July 28.—Ogle Rose to W. W. Seabrook and G. D. Shore, Jr., 29 1-2 acres, \$29.55.  
Privateer Township.  
Aug. 13.—R. E. Avin to Julia D. Beck, 27 1-2 acres, \$890.  
Providence Township.  
Aug. 27.—M. R. Rivers to T. S. DuBose, Jr., 2 acres, \$1,100.  
Aug. 27.—Annie Strohecker to W. A. Bryan and A. S. Harby, 286 acres, \$30,000.  
Rafting Creek Township.  
Aug. 11.—T. B. Wright to Victoria Robb, 1 lot, \$220.  
Stateburg Township.  
Aug. 30.—Grandison Colclough to G. T. Mabry, et al, 2 acres, \$180.  
Sumter Township.  
July 23.—Mary E. Lyles to S. M. Nabers, 1 lot, \$290.  
Aug. 4.—I. C. Strauss to Frank Harvin, 1 lot, \$275.  
July 28.—A. J. Hatfield to A. B. Cato, 1 lot, \$125.  
Aug. 21.—Elizh Prince to Osborne Samuel, 1 lot, \$65.  
Sumter City.  
July 28.—The Master to Tom Brown, 2 lots, \$550.  
Aug. 21.—R. L. Gantt, to Commercial Bank and Trust Co., 1 lot, 1 house, \$2,500.  
Aug. 27.—Janie A. Brown to Eliza Nelson, 1 lot, \$250.  
Aug. 16.—D. G. Bultman to S. C. and Bertha Roper, 1 lot, 1 house, \$3,350.  
June 6.—S. C. and G. L. Roper to O. H. Folley, et al, 3 lots, \$1,250.  
Aug. 29.—W. S. Lowry to D. D. Moise, 1 lot, 1 house, \$500.  
Aug. 30.—Sam Colerider to H. A. Mood, 1 lot, 1 house, \$5,250.

Wins English Bride.

Wedgfield, Sept. 3.—A marriage of unusual interest was that of Mr. Lee H. Thomas and Mrs. Dorothy P. Pratt, of Bamsley, Yorkshire, England, which occurred at the Vanderbilt Hotel, New York, on August 29.

The marriage was the culmination of a romance, which had its beginning while Mr. Thomas was overseas in the service of the United States. Mrs. Pratt was accompanied to America by her little son, Rowling Pratt.

Mr. Thomas was accompanied to New York by his brothers, Messrs. F. Elliott and W. B. Thomas of Philadelphia, and Mr. A. E. Aycock of this place. The bridal party left for their southern home immediately after the ceremony.

Lieut. Wardlaw Perrin, who has been with the Third Division at Coblenz, Germany, returned with the Division and reached New York on August 22 and got home on a short furlough on August 27th. Of all the soldier boys returned we believe that Lieut. Perrin is the most robust looking. The hardships of army life certainly have made a fine looking soldier out of him. He was with the famous 29th until after the armistice when he was transferred to the 3rd to duty in Germany. He has not yet been discharged and will have to return to Camp Lee at Petersburg, Va.—Bishopville Vindicator.

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FIVE ARRESTED IN STILL RAID

Large Distillery Plant Seized in Swamp of Pee Dee River

Bennettsville, Sept. 5.—A big distillery raid was made Wednesday night in the lower part of Marlboro county, near Cashua Ferry, on Pee Dee River. For some time Rural Policeman P. B. Rogers has been at work trying to locate this distillery and a few days ago he obtained sufficient information to warrant an effort to seize the outfit and arrest the operators. He called to his assistance, Sheriff R. J. Patterson, who provided a posse composed of Deputy Sheriff H. H. Hubbard, Chief of Police of Bennettsville, T. J. Cunningham, Rural Policeman R. M. Jackson, State Officer J. O. Kelly and Special Constable Charles Peele, and also as special constable, Mr. Walter McCall, who had been cooperating and assisting Mr. P. B. Rogers.

to approach from the front, while Rogers, McCall, Cunningham and Peele made a circuitous route and managed to surround the house. One of the inmates threw open the door and as he did so, covered Chief Cunningham, but McCall and others had him covered with a shot gun and seeing the situation, he immediately dropped his pistol. After the arrest of those men, who are said to be Croats from Robeson county, North Carolina, and from what is known as Scuffie Town, the scene of the operations of the celebrated Lowry gang, the distillery was seized. The distillery was located some distance in the swamp, which was almost impassable. An inventory showed a sixty-gallon copper still, 500 pounds of sugar, 1,000 gallons of mash, ready for distillation, two automobiles, a Ford and Buick, and several pistols. One of the men escaped, the other five were brought to Bennettsville and are now in jail.

White: W. C. Geddings, of Manning and Weita Bryant, of Manning.

Opening of City Public Schools.

The public schools of the city will reopen on Monday, the 15th of September. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week pupils who have never been to school before will report at the Girls' High School building for their certificates of admission. It will be very wise if the little folks who are going to school for the first time will get their certificates. They will feel far more at home on the opening day of school. The book lists have been issued and every pupil should get his books before the opening day of school. Certificates of vaccination should be procured in order to save time and confusion.

Brussels, Sept. 5.—It is announced that King Albert and Queen Elizabeth with Crown Prince Leopold, will sail for the United States September 2 on an American warship.

Stockholm, Sept. 5.—Famine is reported to be threatening Petrograd, following an outbreak of cholera.

SCHOOL DAYS

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