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## SALEM OP-POSES BONDS

### Resolution Adopted at Club Meeting Against Highway Plan

Salem (Black River), April 24.—The Salem Democratic Club met at Warren's corner at 9:30 a. m. today. Officers were elected as follows: President, J. B. Warren; vice president, A. J. Pringle; secretary, R. D. Jones; member county executive committee, L. C. Tisdale; delegate to county convention, E. W. Dabbs, Jr.; committee on registration, J. B. Warren, R. D. Jones, L. C. Tisdale.

The club unanimously adopted a resolution indorsing W. G. McAdoo for President of the United States.

The matter of the \$2,500,000 bond issue for hard surfaced roads in this county was discussed. While the entire membership seemed in favor of issuing bonds for hard surface roads, yet there was considerable objection to the proposed plan.

The following objections were offered: 1st, that the taxing system to cover the bonds is inequitable for the tax is almost wholly on property, while motor transportation, a particular class of property which will be the most benefited by such roads, is practically untaxed. 2nd, that the amount is inadequate to build the mileage of roads proposed, and that a lesser mileage than 230 miles could not be equitably distributed throughout the county. 3rd, that any "cost plus" contracts will be fought. A committee consisting of L. C. Tisdale, E. W. Dabbs, A. M. Andrews and A. J. Pringle, was appointed to investigate the matter fully, going over it with the County Highway Commission. This committee is to report back to the club with its recommendations at an early date.

E. W. Dabbs, Jr. Resolutions adopted by the Salem Democratic Club, April 24, 1920:

At the meeting of the Salem Democratic Club today, the bond issue for hard surfaced roads was discussed, and the undersigned committee was appointed to present to the Highway Commission the following objections to the proposed issue:

1st. That the proposed property tax plan is inequitable in that the motor vehicles that will use the said roads will constitute 75 per cent of the traffic on said roads, and are not taxed for the same. It should provide for a graduated tax of about the same license fees now on the smaller cars up to \$100 or \$150 on the heavy trucks, and that all horse drawn vehicles should be taxed an equitable fee.

2nd. That the amount proposed will, in our opinion, be too small to build the number of miles proposed, probably not more than one-half of the mileage promised. This would mean a grave injustice to large sections of the county. Therefore, we respectfully state to the Highway Commission that unless these and other objections are satisfactory removed, we will be forced to vote against the bond issue as proposed.

3rd. That all "cost plus" contracts will be fought.

Respectfully submitted, Louis C. Tisdale, Chairman A. M. Andrews, A. J. Pringle, E. W. Dabbs, Secretary.

## REFUSES TO HEAR STRIKERS

### Labor Board Will Not Consider Demands of Outlaw Unions

Washington, April 26.—The Railroad Labor Board has refused to hear the wage demands of the Kansas City Yardmen's Association on the ground that they had not complied with the transportation law. They had previously refused to hear the wage demands of strikers from other cities.

## BATTLE AT MAZATLAN

Washington, April 26.—Battle between Mexican federal troops sent out from Mazatlan to meet revolutionists is imminent, according to advices.

## ONE WAY OUT

Louisville, April 26.—During a discussion on the high cost of living Dr. Charles E. Nary seized a paring knife and cut his wife's throat and also inflicted several wounds on his sister-in-law and then cut his own throat.

## AUTO ROBBER IS KILLED

### Robberies Totalling Half Million Dollars Uncovered

Chicago, April 26.—The police are investigating an extensive index system found in the automobile repair shop of Harry J. James after he was killed fighting a policeman. It is said it is believed that robberies totalling \$500,000 would be revealed. More than \$100,000 worth of loot has already been recovered.

Mr. J. C. Minnema, the Superintendent of the Redpath Chautauqua, arrived in the city yesterday and is getting everything in readiness for the opening tomorrow evening.

## STATE POLITICS LOOKING UP

### Columbia Politicians Beginning to Discuss Coming Convention

Columbia, April 26.—National politics have not yet brought to a head any sentiment in South Carolina with regard to the Democratic choice for the presidential nomination, though at some of the club meetings last Saturday night expressions were given. In a few cases McAdoo was endorsed as a candidate, according to advices reaching the capital city from various parts of the State. In others the sentiment was for uninstruced delegations, though in the large majority of cases there was no discussion of the nominee at all. There will be definite expressions at the county club meetings on May 3.

So far very little attention has been attracted to the State Democratic convention, which meets on May 19th. The question which at that gathering will likely receive the largest amount of attention will be that of preparing the way for women's votes in primaries, following ratification of the suffrage amendment.

The main question for the State convention, however, will be the election of delegates to the national Democratic convention in San Francisco in June. Senators E. D. Smith and N. B. Dial, Governor Cooper and former Governor Manning will likely be designated to attend the Frisco gathering, and they will probably be sent without instructions.

Presidential sentiment has wavered in South Carolina. There was a goodly Hoover boom, until Hoover declared himself a republican. There is a good deal of Palmer strength in the State and also a strong McAdoo following, though neither candidate has a sufficient number of outspoken followers to make it apparent that he is to be the South Carolina favorite. The strongest probability, it seems, is McAdoo sentiment.

## INSPECTION OF HOTELS

### State Board of Health Sends Out Score Cards

Columbia, April 26.—Score cards for rating hotels, restaurants and public boarding houses in South Carolina are being sent out now by the State Board of Health, as required by the new hotel inspection act of the recent legislature. J. W. Woodward, state hotel inspector, is assisting in the distribution.

The hotel law requires that every transient hotel shall keep posted in a conspicuous place a list of charges, and also the score card of the State Board of Health. This score card shows how nearly the establishment comes up to the requirements of the inspection system.

The score card cover such points of hotel sanitation as cleanliness of floors, screening, cuspidors, ventilation, adequate plumbing, individual soap and towels, improper advertisements, educational placards, cleanliness of attendants, fire escapes, clean linen, and safe milk and water supply.

It will be possible for a hotel or restaurant to score 1,000, which is perfection; though a score of 850 is excellent; 750 to 850 is good; 600 to 750 is fair; below 600 is bad and prejudicial to health.

The State Board of Health is required under the new law to inspect every hotel and restaurant in the State once a year at least. To each hotel that comes up to the requirements of sanitation and service the board of health issues a certificate, which shall be posted conspicuously. The work of inspecting the hotels of the State is now in progress. The inspection fee is \$3 for hotels with ten to twenty rooms; \$5 for twenty to thirty rooms; \$10 for thirty to 40 rooms; \$15 for forty to sixty rooms; \$20 for 60 to 100 rooms; \$25 for more than 100 rooms. Each restaurant pays an inspection fee of \$10.

## NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

### Headquarters to Be Established in Washington

Washington, April 26.—Scientists representing colleges and universities from every section of the country attended the opening meeting of the national academy of science. President Walcott announced plans to build national headquarters in Washington, costing about \$1,500,000. The fund was donated by the Carnegie Corporation, of New York.

## CHINAMEN DISCARD QUES

New York, April 26.—The absence of ques and oriental costumes and the presence of a woman delegate were the evidences of Americanization apparent from the annual meeting of the Chinese-American convention in Chinatown.

One of the American Red Cross transportation difficulties overcome in Montenegro was crossing an unbridged mountain pass where the motor trucks had to be taken apart on one side, carried across by 80 native porters, and assembled again on the other side.—American Motorist.

## DECIDED AGAINST RAILROAD

### Reading Railroad and Coal Companies Violate Anti-Trust Law

Washington, April 26.—The Federal anti-trust suit against the Reading Company and the affiliated coal companies was decided in one case today in favor of the government by the supreme court.

## COTTON MILL STRIKE PROBABLE

### New England Workers Demand Fifty Per Cent Increase in Wages

Boston, April 26.—The delegates from the New England cotton mill centers, who attended the conference of the Amalgamated Workers of America, have returned to the local unions authorized to initiate a movement for a forty-four hour week, fifty per cent increase in wages and recognition of the organization.

## COLLEGE GIRLS FOR ECONOMY

### Lander College Seniors Will Graduate in Old Clothes

Greenwood, S. C., April 26.—Lander college girls have pledged themselves to economy in dress and members of the senior class will graduate next month in old dresses.

## FIGHTING IN IRELAND

### Five Policemen Battle for Two Hours with Mob

Clonecche, Leinster, Ireland, April 26.—Three hundred men, who attacked the police barracks here were repulsed by five policemen, after two hours of fighting. There were no casualties.

## DESTRUCTIVE HAIL STORM

### Brogdon Section Devastated by Heavy Fall of Hail Today

A heavy and destructive hail storm struck the Brogdon section today about 12 o'clock and telephone reports state that very serious damage was done. The storm swept over practically the same section that was so devastated by hail last spring. The report received about 1 o'clock said that the rain was still falling in torrents and it was impossible to go out and ascertain the extent of the crop damage, but it was evident that the tobacco that had been set out, and gardens were badly damaged, if not entirely destroyed. The ground was almost covered with hail and some of the stones were as large as hen eggs.

Messrs. John A. McKnight and S. D. Cain were caught in the hail storm near Tindal and their report indicates that the storm was more serious than reported by telephone from Brogdon. Mr. McKnight says that some of the hail stones were almost as large as a teacup. He brought to town, two hours after the storm, a number of hailstones that were still as large as a guinea egg. When Mr. McKnight saw the storm coming up he and Mr. Cain started to take refuge in a house, but it came so swiftly that they were overtaken before they could run a hundred yards, and there being every sign that the storm was a tornado, they took refuge beside an embankment. Mr. McKnight was badly bruised by the large hail stones and Mr. Cain suffered even worse than he did, being knocked unconscious. Their automobile top and body was badly battered by the hail. The crops in the Tindal section were beaten down, but as cotton has not been chopped out and corn is young, the damage is probably not serious. Tobacco and vegetable gardens were wiped out.

## COTTON PRICES ARE BOOMING

### Future Market Recovered Five Dollars a Bale Today.

New York, April 26.—The cotton market today recovered about \$5 a bale on the loss of last week.

## NEW AMERICANIZATION PLAN

Atlantic City, April 16.—The board of directors of the United States Chamber of Commerce has proposed that the Chamber assume supreme control of Americanization work among foreigners in the United States, co-ordinating and directing the efforts of the organizations now engaged in the work.

Capt E. P. Gaines, pilot of the Columbia Aircraft Co., stopped at the local field Sunday morning en route from Timmonsville to Columbia. He made the stop to replenish his gas supply.

## THE BIG PACKERS PROFITEER

### Federal Grand Jury Returns Indictments, Armour Swift and Wilson

New York, April 23.—The federal grand jury here has returned indictments against the Armour, Swift and Wilson companies, charging them with profiteering in meats.

## BIG BANK PANIC OCCURS IN JAPAN

### Two Banks Have Suspended Payment on Account of Financial Disturbance

Washington, April 23.—Only two banks in Japan have suspended payments as the result of financial troubles in that country, the Department of Commerce has been advised by a Tokio representative.

## FOREST RESERVE IS RECOMMENDED

### Additional Lands in Appalachian and White Mountains Should be Purchased

Washington, April 23.—The National Forest Reservation Commission has urged the government to purchase additional lands in the South Appalachian and White Mountains to prevent a timber shortage.

## FISHING WITH AIRPLANES

### Chesapeake Bay Fishermen Adopt Modern Methods to Hunt Menhaden

Washington, April 23.—Navy seaplanes are to be used to assist Chesapeake Bay fishermen to shoot schools of menhaden.

## ADMIRAL COMMITS SUICIDE

### Rear Admiral Brittain Kills Himself Aboard Ship Off Cuban Coast

Washington, April 23.—Rear Admiral Brittain, chief of staff to Admiral Wilson, commander of the Atlantic fleet, is reported to have committed suicide off the coast of Cuba.

## ENFORCING PROHIBITION LAW

### Federal Grand Jury Indicts Score of Cabaret Owners in Toledo

Toledo, April 23.—More than a score of cabaret operators, former owners of saloons, have been indicted by the federal grand jury for violation of the prohibition laws.

## PHYSICIANS IN NEW ORLEANS

### American Medical Association Is Considering National Health

New Orleans, April 26.—The house of delegates of the American Medical Association opened its session today. Important questions dealing with the health of the nation will be considered.

## ORGANIZING NEW UNION

### New York Railroad Men Abandon Old Brotherhood

New York, April 26.—The striking railroad men here are organizing a new union.

## PURE FOOD LAW UPHELD

### Forty-Nine Convictions Out of Fifty Cases

Washington, April 26.—The Bureau of Chemistry of the Department of Agriculture, announces that charges involving violations of the pure food laws were upheld in forty-nine out of fifty cases recently decided by federal courts.

## PROHIBITION EMPTIES JAIL

### Illinois Sheriff Will Open Hotel in Prison

Ottawa, Ill., April 26.—Sheriff Ayers has announced that the prison will be turned into a hotel because prohibition has emptied it of prisoners.

## WARNING AGAINST FURTHER DELAY

### Railroad Men Want More Pay and Demand It Right Now

Washington, April 24.—Warning against further delay in settling the wage demands of 2,000,000 railroad workers, has been given by Timothy D. Shea, vice president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen. He told the chairman of the Labor Board today that the men were fed up on promises and "dead, dog-tired of delays."

## PUTS BAN ON OVERALL FAD

### Government Has Issued An Order to Civilian Employees

Chicago, April 24.—Civilian employees at the Great Lakes Training Station have been forbidden to wear overalls unless too poor to purchase other apparel in an order posted today.

## TORNADO DEATH LIST

### Two Hundred and Thirty-Three Victims of Alabama Storm

New York, April 23.—The striking railroad workmen have decided to appeal direct to the railroad managers to settle the strike and their restoration to duty.

## APPEAL TO MANAGERS

### Striking Railroad Workmen Ask for Settlement of Strike and Re-Employment

Birmingham, April 23.—The total number of deaths resulting from the tornado aggregates two hundred and thirty-three.

## ARMY AVIATOR IS KILLED

### Lost Life Trying to Fly Under Colorado River Bridge

Yuma, Ariz., April 23.—Lieut. C. F. Bell, a United States army aviator, was drowned in the Colorado river when his airplane hit a wire while he was trying to fly under a bridge.

## INCREASING SUGAR SUPPLY

### Officials of Refineries Confer With Attorney General

Washington, April 26.—More than a dozen sugar refineries are meeting with assistant Attorney General Figg to discuss ways and means of increasing the sugar supply.

## SINKING FUND LOANS

Columbia, April 23.—Several big sums of money were loaned by the State sinking fund commission to various State institutions at a meeting of the Commission in Columbia Thursday afternoon. The loans were authorized in the appropriation act of the recent legislature.

The sum of \$75,000 was loaned to the University of South Carolina, for the construction of nine faculty residences. These homes are to be built on the University campus.

Winthrop college was granted a loan of \$32,500 for repairs on buildings.

The county of Edgefield was loaned \$25,000 to cover back indebtedness. The sinking fund commission voted to sell the old engine house property on lower Main street, which belongs to the University. The University has offered to sell this to the city for \$20,000.

The commission also voted to sell the old Charleston Medical college plant, on Green street, Charleston, the proceeds to be used for the purchase of equipment for the medical college. This use of the proceeds was authorized by the legislature.

## MONTANA FOR HIRAM JOHNSON

Butte, April 24.—Senator Johnson had a wide margin over all opponents for Republican nomination in Montana's primary on unofficial returns. In the absence of Democratic candidates votes were written in for McAdoo, Debs, Hoover, Bryan, Wilson and others.

## SAVANNAH MEMORIAL TABLET

Savannah, April 26.—The bronze tablet in memory of the Chatham county men who died in the World War will be unveiled this afternoon.

## NEW LABOR UNION

### Striking Railroad Men Undertake Formation of New National Organization

Washington, April 23.—The formation of a new national organization of railroad men has been undertaken by representatives here of the striking switchmen of Chicago, and other cities, according to R. J. Mitchell.

## SCARCITY OF FARM LABOR

### Secretary of Agriculture Calls on College Students and Business Men to Work

Washington, April 23.—The shortage of farm labor will be acute this summer, Secretary Meredith says, and he is appealing to business men and college students to spend their vacations working on farms.

## WOMAN BURGLAR IS ARRESTED

### Laura Wayne, Leader of Cleveland Gang, Jailed in Default of Bail

Cleveland, April 23.—Laura Wayne, said by the police to be the leader of a gang of housebreakers, was committed to jail today in default of bail.

## LAID TO REST AT ARLINGTON

### Soldiers Brought Home From France for Burial

Washington, April 23.—The bodies of nineteen American soldiers brought back from overseas will be buried at Arlington this afternoon.

## CALL FOR WARSHIPS

### American Citizens in Mexico Are in Need of Protection

Washington, April 23.—The American government representatives in Mexico have asked for warships to protect American citizens and property.

## CAN'T CONVICT COMMISSIONER

### Jury Fails to Reach Verdict in Case Against Col. Porter

New York, April 23.—The jury reported that they were unable to agree in the case of Colonel Porter, former deputy police commissioner, and they were discharged.

## SUGAR PROFITEERS ARE UNCOVERED

### Charges Made Against Three New Orleans Wholesalers

New Orleans, April 23.—The district attorney has filed affidavits charging three wholesalers and three retailers with profiteering on sugar.

## TORNADO DEATH LIST

Birmingham, April 24.—The loss of life in Tuesday's tornadoes in Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee stood today at 229, with seven hundred injured and a property loss of several million dollars. The Red Cross is aiding the homeless and injured.

## LINEMAN SPORTS WITH DEATH

Mobile, April 24.—After spending the night on the electric wires at the intersection of two principal streets in the business section, Charles Sanders, a lineman, descended safely this morning into the arms of waiting policemen, who had pleaded for fourteen hours with him to come down from the perilous position. The officers said Sanders was crazed with narcotics. Sanders told them he feared lynching at the hands of the crowds that gathered to watch his antics.

## BRYAN MAKES CLEAN UP

New York, April 24.—An agreement has been reached between Allen Ryan, of the Stutz Motor Co., and the Short's Protective committee, by which Ryan accepts \$550 dollars per share.

The Protective Committee said that 5,500 shares of Stutz stock were involved in the agreement, representing a profit to Ryan of approximately \$1,065,000.

## FEDERAL JUDGE IS NOMINATED

Washington, April 23.—Wilson has nominated Nathaniel J. Aronson, of Jacksonville, Fla., of the fifth circuit.