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STATE CHAIRMAN ON SUFFRAGE

Thomas Cothran Writes Letter Discussing Proposed Amendment

FEAR CONFLICT WITH CONSTITUTION

Suggests That Permits Be Issued Women Allowing Them to Register For Elections

Columbia, July 14—In a letter to Governor Cooper made public Tuesday upon the return of the governor from the National Democratic convention at San Francisco, Thomas P. Cothran, of Greenville, chairman of the State Democratic executive committee and speaker of the House of Representatives, raises the question of a conflict between the federal constitution and the election laws in South Carolina should the proposed amendment for woman suffrage be ratified.

Mr. Cothran's letter is made public and he desires the opinion of the best informed men of the state on this matter. His letter follows:

Permit me to suggest for your consideration the political situation which would arise upon the ratification of the 19th amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to woman suffrage, in order that you may be prepared to act should it arise. It seems highly probable that Vermont, North Carolina or Tennessee may ratify the amendment before the general election in November is held. If this should occur, the proclamation of its ratification will be immediately made and the amendment will take effect. We will then have a system of election laws in conflict with the Constitution of the United States and neither our constitution nor our statute can stand in such conflict.

The proposed amendment reads:

"The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex."

The conflict between our laws and the federal constitution of course may exist as readily where our laws are passed in conflict with existing provisions of the federal constitution, as where our laws are valid when enacted but become in conflict with a federal amendment subsequently ratified.

The question arose in my mind whether or not, under these circumstances, we could hold a valid election under laws in conflict with the federal amendment. If this could not be done the political consequences, as you readily perceive, would be disastrous. The election for United States Senator or Congressman and for Presidential electors would be annulled and it is possible that we would have a Republican president. The only remedy therefore would be the calling of an extra session of the general assembly to conform our election laws to the new order of things.

My fears have been very much composed by the case of Near v. Delaware, 103 U. S. 370, where it is held that the adoption of the 15th amendment (which is in the exact verbiage of the proposed 19th) rendered inoperative the provision in the then existing constitution of Delaware which limited the right of suffrage to white males. Following this principle, every thing in our constitution and registry and election laws, limiting the right of suffrage to males, would instantly become inoperative. But under our laws no one can vote without registration. This will apply to women under the new order of things, as well as to men. The time for registration is limited; the first 15 days in August and the 6th, 7th, and 8th days of September. If instructions to the supervisors of registration should be issued directing them to permit women to register during these periods, entitling them to vote in the general election in November, it is my opinion that we will have done all that was possible and that the election would be valid.

I suggest that you give this letter to the press, that the matter may receive full consideration and that we all may have the benefit of opinions of best informed men.

Women Call On Governor Cox

Will Ask His Aid in Ratification of Suffrage

Columbia, July 15—Cox is being urged to use his influence to have E. H. Moore, pre-convention manager, accept the chairmanship of the Democratic National Committee. Officers of the National Woman's party have arrived for a conference tomorrow with Governor Cox, in an effort to have him use his influence in behalf of amendment by Tennessee. Cox was today unable to say what his answer would be.

Rebels Driven Back

San Antonio, July 15—The garrison of Nueva Laredo defeated the rebels who attacked the town early today according to information received here. No details of the fight were received.

CLUB BOYS LEAVE FOR CLEMSON

Chamber of Commerce Provides Funds for Young Farmers

AGENT WILLIAMS DISCUSSES BOLL WEEVIL

Predicts Little Damage and Expects Large Cotton Crop For Sumter County

Six members of the Sumter County Boys Clubs left Tuesday morning for Clemson College to attend the short course. Sammie Wells and Sammie Hinson were the winners in last year's Club work for this short course and the City National Bank and the National Bank of Sumter paid all expenses incidental to the trip for these two boys. The Chamber of Commerce helped each of the other four boys with his expenses. The other boys besides the club winners were Willie Hinson, Neal Hodge, Clarence Hodge and McMillan Cain. All of the members of the short course will be given an intensive drill in live stock judging, and the three boys who prove to be most efficient will be selected to attend the Southeastern Fair to be held in Atlanta this fall. This team will there enter a live stock judging contest against a team from the club members of each of the southern states and the winner at Atlanta will be given a trip to a great live stock show in London, along with his county agent and state agent in boys club work. I am looking for the boys who represent Sumter county to reflect credit upon the Game Cock City, for they are a set of energetic wide awake live youths. The two weeks work and play that these boys will put in at Clemson will help them to plan their future course through life.

While up at Clemson a few weeks ago attending a meeting of the demonstration agents, I heard agents complaining that they could not get boys to leave home and take this trip to Clemson and others said that they could not get help to defray the expenses of their club winners. I feel proud to live in a county with a live Chamber of Commerce which always takes an interest in the future citizens of this county. The business men of Sumter never fail to invest in anything that means the upbuilding of its citizenship, and such business men will find that there investments will return good dividends in the way of greater production in the county.

Prof. Conradi made the statement last week that the damage that we might expect from the boll weevil in Sumter county this year would be almost negligible, and that the damage we might expect next year would depend upon the number that comes into Sumter county during August and the fall months. The weevil has disappointed some of the pessimists by not showing in Sumter county any more than he has to date. Recently I have traveled in all parts of Sumter county and if the seasons continue we may expect a good field of cotton this year. We have a good stand, the crops have been well cultivated and is fruiting to suit the most exacting farmer. There has been more fertilizer used in Sumter county than ever before in the history of the county. All indications point to a 50,000 bale crop. J. Frank Williams, County Agent.

Yacht Race Begun

Good Breeze and Sea When Resolute and Shamrock Start Off

Sandyhook, July 15—A ten knot breeze and a smooth sea prevailed for the first race for America's cup between the Resolute and Shamrock IV, starting at twelve. A great yachting armada went to sea to witness the event. Lipton declared that if the wind held, he asked nothing better, while the Shamrock's skipper, Burton, said he believed that the first hour of today's race would tell the story of the cup contest.

Captain Adams of the Resolute said he had no complaint to make of the weather and the Resolute should give a good account of herself, while the Shamrock would make the race interesting.

Sandy Hook, July 15—The Resolute led the Shamrock across the starting line for the thirty miles first race down the Jersey coast, fifteen miles to a point near Asbury Park and return. The Shamrock apparently made a poor start, crossing the line almost a minute behind the Resolute.

Aboard Steam Yacht Victoria, July 15—Wireless. "If the good wishes I have received from all over the world could insure success the ambition of my life would be achieved," declared Sir Thomas Lipton today. "On the eve of my fourth attempt to capture America's cup I feel strongly that this time I have a boat that will prove the winner. The Shamrock, fourth, and crew are in first class fettle and everything possible has been done to bring her to the starting line a worth representative of the old country."

Sandy Hook, July 15—Resolute led half mile when third course had been covered.

The South Carolina State Postmaster's convention will be held at the Isle of Palms, July 21st and 22nd.

CHARLESTON NOW OWNS TERMINAL

Large Deal Closed Whereby City Will Control Shipping

NOW HAVE A FREE PORT FOR SHIPPERS

City by the Sea Makes Great Stride Toward Municipal Ownership of Transportation

Charleston, July 14—Official announcement was made today by Mayor Grace at council meeting that a deal had been closed by the city with the Charleston Terminal company for the purchase of their holdings for \$1,500,000, which paves the way for municipal ownership facilities on a large scale. The mayor was recently in Washington for a final conference on negotiations covering several weeks and succeeded in obtaining the terminal company property at a bargain figure, the company at first holding out for between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000. Details as to payment will be developed later. A burst of applause from aldermen and spectators at council meeting greeted the mayor's announcement that at last the business men of this city could proclaim to the world that Charleston was a free port. Among other matters before council was the appropriating of \$5,000 toward putting on at once under supervision of Dr. C. V. Akin, U. S. P. H. S., a rat survey of Charleston to determine whether any rodents here are affected with bubonic plague germs. A petition of the Consolidated company for an increase in their gas rate from \$1.25 a thousand cubic feet to \$1.55 was received and referred to the committee on lighting the city. The Consolidated company based the appeal for higher rates on the mounting costs of material and other new factors in gas production. The terminal company purchase ranks as one of the most important deals in the city's history. It was a campaign issue in the last municipal primary, and a chief plank in Mayor Grace's platform. Stock in the terminal company is largely owned by the Atlantic Coast Line and Southern railroads, and J. R. Kenly is president. The plans of the city are on an extensive scale of rehabilitation with a view of providing Charleston with an up to date municipal dock system, the one thing held necessary by leading business men to make this a leading port of the country. In May the franchise of the Charleston Terminal company expired for the use of certain streets and was not renewed, negotiations for purchase then being opened. The holdings includes several large docks, warehouses, railroad trackage and locomotives. The Columbia street pier, the largest here, is included.

Farmer-Labor Party Formed

Member of Committee of Forty-Eight Chosen to Lead New Hope

Chicago, July 15—A part of the committee of forty-eight national convention reconvened today following the formation of the farmer-labor party and considered whether or not to organize still another party. Some delegates appeared to favor it and there were demands to know whether LaFollette would stand as the presidential candidate if he were nominated.

Trade Resumed Today

Chicago Board of Trade Resumes Wheat Dealings

Chicago, July 15—The grain trade eagerly watched the resumption of pre-war methods of wheat dealing when trading began again today on the board of trade.

Another New Party Rumored

Some of Committee of Forty-Eight Are Dissatisfied

Chicago, July 15—The farmer-labor party, born of the fusion of numerous political groups today had a platform and has its new candidates in the field for the coming election. Its work was completed at four a. m. when the convention chose Parley Parker Christensen, Hall Lake Attorney, and Max H. Hayes, Cleveland Labor Leader, as presidential and vice-presidential nominees.

Empress To Be Buried in England

Thousands Take Last Look At Beloved Face As It Leaves Spain

Madrid, July 14—Hundreds of the Spanish nobility and others today looked for the last time upon the face of former Empress Eugenie. The body will be taken to England for interment.

WILLIS JONES TRIAL FRIDAY

Case of School Boy Who Killed Playmate Tomorrow

MISTRIAL IN THE OSTEEEN-TURNER CASE

Dora Haynsworth is Convicted Of Assault and Battery in Yesterday's Trial

The court of general sessions continued its hearings Wednesday in the case of Dora Haynsworth for assault and battery with intent to kill. After some deliberation, the jury returned a verdict of assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature with a recommendation to mercy. The jury did not feel that the evidence showed there was malice or forethought in Dora's attack on Lila Griffin at Rembert and so could not return a verdict of guilty on the charge made. The next case was that of James Morgan for breach of trust with fraudulent intent. He was found not guilty.

The most important case during the day was that of the State vs. Phillip Ward and Elbert Turner and the State vs. Elbert Turner and Phillip Ward. There were two warrants for the same offense so it was agreed that the two cases be tried together. The charge was assault and battery with intent to kill. The state had four witnesses: S. B. Osteen, Ben D. Hodge, Mrs. Nellie Morris and Eugene Brunson. The defense offered Phillip Ward, Elbert Turner, J. A. Hodge and Fanny Harvin. Mr. Nash was associated with the solicitor for the state and Mr. David Moise represented the defendant. It seemed that there had been a great deal of trouble in the lower part of the county caused by the Osteen boys who had been accused of plowing up private roadways. According to the evidence, Messrs. Ward and Turner went down to the road to remonstrate with Osteen and a fight resulted. There were many varying accounts of the fight, witnesses differing as to who started it and as to how much damage was done. The case took up a great part of the day and after hearing all the evidence, the pleas of the counsel and the charge of the court, the jury retired. After a long time spent in consideration, they are unable to reach a decision and Judge Wilson ordered a mistrial.

The case of Willie Gadsden, charged with assault and battery with intent to kill was called next. After hearing a few witnesses the court adjourned until 9:30 a. m. Thursday. The case of Willie Gadsden was continued this morning. It seemed that Willie Gadsden and Lawrence China got into some difficulty while going to call on a girl. Witnesses testified that Lawrence drew a knife on Willie and that Willie then struck him with a board. The fuss was renewed a little later and Willie is said to have cut China in the fight. The case will go to the jury this morning. The case of Willis Jones, for murder is set for Friday morning. This case is exciting much interest. It will be remembered that Jones struck a playmate at school with a stick, causing instant death.

Germans Accept Terms

Allies Had Determined To Use Force If Necessary

Spa, July 15—The Germans have agreed to the Allied demand for the delivery of 3,000,000 tons of coal monthly with three new conditions.

Spa, July 14—The American government will be asked by the supreme council to join in the occupation of the Ruhr unless the Germans accede to the demands for 2,000,000 tons of coal monthly.

All details have been arranged for the movement of troops. The German delegation will be requested to meet the allies at noon tomorrow. The Germans will then be asked if they will give 2,000,000 tons. If they reply in the negative they will be informed that the Ruhr will be occupied Friday.

This was a day of tense emotions among the delegates to the conference, though outwardly all was calm. The day passed without official communication between the Germans and Allies except for an informal meeting between Premier Lloyd George and Dr. Simons, the German foreign secretary.

Airplanes Fly to Alaska

Leave Mineola Today For Long And Difficult Flight

Mineola, July 15—Four army airplanes today started on a flight to Nome, Alaska, a 9000 mile round trip. One of the longest and most difficult trips ever attempted in the Western hemisphere.

Big Strike On in Mexico

Will Affect American People and Cause Shortage of Gas

Mexico City, July 14—Ten thousand petroleum workers in Tampico struck today demanding seventy-five per cent increase in wages. The strike will affect the United States more than Mexico.

CITY COUNCIL HOLDS SESSION

Many Routine Matters Are Given Consideration

MANAGER STILLWELL MAKES RECOMMENDATION

Will Improve the Fire Apparatus and Motorize the Street Cleaning Department

At a meeting of council held Tuesday evening Mayor Jennings and Councilman Raffield were present, the other member of council, Mr. McCollum being absent. The minutes of June 22, 23, July 2 and 3 were read and approved.

The matter of a license for disposing of farm produce was presented to council and it was decided that no license would be necessary for parties disposing of such farm produce as was actually raised by them.

Mr. I. A. Ryttenberg also appeared in reference to his claim against the city for \$250 for services rendered and \$34 actual expenses incurred by him on a trip to Atlanta, Ga., in connection with the coal shortage which was relieved to some extent by Mr. Ryttenberg's efforts to obtain coal, and after some discussion as the validity of such claims, they were allowed and ordered paid.

The question of a license for the operation of an Auto Wash Rack was discussed and conclusions were that such license could be secured by paying \$25.00 for the balance of the year 1920, after which ordinance to cover such racks would be passed by council.

A letter from the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., requesting council to remit the penalty for delayed payment of license for the year 1920, setting forth their specific reasons for such request, was read and denied by council, the penalty being ordered paid by them.

Bill of McClellan & Palmer for \$30 for services rendered in connection with survey of property within the city limits was ordered paid.

Contract with the Postal Telegraph Cable Co. for pole license in favor of the City of Sumter covering 93 attachments to 28 of their poles was signed by the Mayor and Councilman Raffield.

June invoice of Tucker and Laxton amounting to \$11,999.20 covering a part of the construction cost of the new power house was ordered paid as soon as funds were available.

The invoice of Alphonse Custodis for \$1,414.86 for balance of work done in connection with the erection of the chimney was also ordered paid as soon as funds were available.

The City Manager, Mr. Howard Stillwell, then presented for council's attention, the following matters of great importance in connection with the operation of departments under his management with a view to increasing their efficiency and at the same time reducing the cost of maintenance and operation.

First, to secure a suitable motor truck for the fire department to replace the present Ford truck now in use, it being inadequate for the purpose, as well as being in an unserviceable condition. It was pointed out that the old truck could be satisfactorily repaired and used on other work. Council authorized the City Manager to obtain prices for this such new truck, and make further report regarding the approximate cost.

It is the purpose of the City Manager to redesign the present sanitary wagon so that it can be more readily loaded and unloaded.

In reference to motorization of the street department, Mr. Stillwell entered into an exhaustive explanation as to the present inefficiency and cost of this department, showing council wherein it was his purpose by the use of motor driven trucks, which would replace mule service as well as decrease the number of men now employed, cutting the cost of this department, which is now running around \$2000 a month, to approximately \$1000 per month or even less with a great saving of time in operation, and increasing the efficiency in the work of garbage disposal. The suggestion was favorably received by council, and Mr. Stillwell authorized to investigate the different makes of 1-2 ton trucks which would be best suited for such purposes, and also to ascertain the cost per truck and the terms upon which they could be purchased, and report fully at the next meeting.

The matter of parking cars on main street, east and west Liberty, and east and west Hampton was also discussed by Mr. Stillwell, showing that the public was not supporting the efforts of the city to reduce the possibility of accident, nor using proper discretion as to the manner of parking cars on these streets. In many instances cars are parked in such a way that they consume as much space as possibly two or even three cars would use if properly parked. The chief of police was instructed to watch the matter of parking cars and other vehicles on the streets named, and to call the attention of drivers or owners to the proper method of parking. It was suggested by Mr. Stillwell that the streets be further marked out so as to give cars individual parking space, but this matter was deferred until after the police department had had sufficient opportunity to instruct the public along this line.

The matter of repairs to the Open House was also discussed with a view

PRESIDENT WILL DECIDE ISSUES

Harding Makes Statement Concerning Opponent

LEAGUE OF NATIONS THE ISSUE

Accepts Challenge of Cox To Make the Election a National Referendum

Columbus, July 14—Charging Harding made his front porch listening post, Governor Cox today issued a statement replying to Harding's statement yesterday that the Wilson administration had saddled the league of nations upon him as the chief campaign issue.

Cox said his campaign would be dedicated to the task of "bringing peace with honor and readjusting the affairs of civilization and of creating the best of the lessons of the league a new day out of which we will part."

Germans Apologize

Regret the Taking Down of French Flag on Bastille Day

Berlin, July 15—Under secretary of foreign affairs, Haimhausen, expressed to the French Minister the regret of the German government at the incident yesterday when an unknown person removed the French flag from the embassy that was hoisted in honor of Bastille day.

Poles Retreat

Bolsheviki Have Forced Way Across River Villiya

London, July 15—Russian Bolsheviki forces have forced their way across the Villiya river and have driven the Poles out of Kamenez Podolsk, according to wireless Moscow dispatches.

Miss Helen Taft is Married

Montreal, July 15—Miss Helen Taft was married at Murrayday today to Frederick Manning, instructor of history at Yale.

towards placing it in first class condition. Mr. Stillwell was authorized to repair the fire escapes, putting them in safe condition for use in case of an emergency.

The question of receptacles for garbage was also discussed by Mr. Stillwell, and council's attention called to the unsanitary as well as the unsightly method now employed. He recommended that cans of possibly 35 gallons capacity, with covers, be purchased by the city, and sold to the public at invoice cost. These cans having a capacity of 35 gallons, and with covers, can be placed at the rear of premises and removal of contents effected by the city once or twice a week, and should not be placed upon the streets. Council authorized Mr. Stillwell to take the matter up, obtain best prices for such cans and report for action by Council at next meeting.

The subject of additional help to be employed in the Clerk's office was discussed at length, and council made acquainted with the extreme difficulties under which the present office force was laboring in order to handle the large amount of daily details. Authority was given by council to employ such help as might be actually necessary and report for confirmation of such available help at next meeting.

Mr. Stillwell stated that there are many streets in the city in which the sanitary sewer has been laid, but that the property owner was unable to connect thereto, because of the lack of water. It is Mr. Stillwell's purpose to complete this work as rapidly as possible in an endeavor to eliminate as many surface toilets as possible.

Council's attention was called to the condition of the open ditches running through the outskirts of the city carrying the storm water. One of these ditches carrying storm water away from the eastern section of the city has just been reditched and cleaned out of this water and it is Mr. Stillwell's purpose to have this other ditch cleaned, but his recommendation in this respect was that these ditches be piped each to the respective canal carrying off water, to save further yearly cost of cleaning and to eliminate all chance of mosquitoes breeding and unsanitary conditions. His recommendation was approved and this work will proceed when the necessary pipe thereto can be secured.

Mr. Stillwell stated that he has been in communication with the several contractors who had to do with the construction of paving in the city, notifying them of the repairs that are necessary under the maintenance bond. Two of the concerns have sent representatives to the city to confer with Mr. Stillwell regarding this work, and early repairs to the bad places in the pavement is looked for. Council then adjourned.

J. W. BRUNSON, Clerk and Treas.