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NATIONAL BANK TO REMODEL BUILDING

Will Spend \$25,000 To Make One of the Handsomest and Most Up-to-Date Banks in the State—Contract Let Wednesday to Atlanta Firm—Work to Begin at Once.

The Geo. W. Muller Bank Fixture Construction Co., of Atlanta, Ga., has just been awarded the contract to remodel the Abbeville National Bank building. The front will be remodeled and made up-to-date in every respect, while the inside of the building will be renewed in its entirety. Mahogany fittings with marble wainscoting will be used, and the floor will be tiled. The contract calls for the expenditure of \$25,000 to make The National Bank one of the most modern bank buildings in the State. A new heating plant will also be installed.

The ground floor of the building will be lowered about two feet, making the height to the ceiling 19 feet. The present stairway will be removed and entrance to the telephone office upstairs will be gained through the stairs in the building now used by the Abbeville Water and Electric Plant.

The whole lower floor will be thrown into one large room, size 25x65, guaranteeing commodious quarters for the bank.

The walls and ceiling will be replastered and decorated in an artistic manner. A panel picture, representing the last meeting of the Confederate Cabinet will add historical color. Other scenes appropriate to the Southland will be used.

The contract calls for everything connected with the bank to be new. Mahogany furniture will replace that in present use. There will be a new vault, modern safe and safety deposit boxes. The electric fixtures now being used will be replaced by new fixtures.

Mr. Muller states that when complete the bank will be one of the handsomest and most complete institutions in the State. Work will begin at once.

The plans and specifications were accepted Wednesday at a meeting of the board of directors. The officers of the bank are as follows: J. Allen Smith, Sr., president; J. F. Barnwell, vice-president; Lewis Perrin, Cashier.

The front of the building will be entirely changed. The lower part will be torn out and larger windows of plate glass will be put in. These will be shielded by heavy iron grates. The rest of the front will be changed and repaired. The entrance to the bank will remain as at present, though it will be lowered.

NEWBERRY MAN SLAIN BY NEGRO

Newberry, July 15.—The first homicide in Newberry County for a long time occurred last night about 10 o'clock about four miles from Pomaria and 11 miles from Newberry on the public highway, when Robert Wicker, aged 35 years, was killed in the hands of a negro named Clarence, or "Cap" Setzler. With Clarence Setzler at the time of the killing was another negro, Manuel Setzler, his uncle, who, it is said, fired one shot at Mr. Wicker with a shot gun, but missed him. Clarence Setzler fired four times with a pistol, only one shot taking effect; that struck Wicker in the side toward the back as he was scrambling up a bank trying to get out of the way.

Sheriff Blease was notified of the shooting four hours after it took place. With Deputy Sheriff Dorroh, he left immediately in his automobile for the scene. He found Manuel Setzler at home in bed, but could not find Clarence Setzler anywhere last night or today, though he and the deputy and the rural policeman, Mr. Taylor, and Magistrates Bodenbaugh and Ruff searched diligently scouring every nook and corner of that part of the country.

EDSEL FORD AND FATHER TAKE COMPLETE CONTROL OF MOTOR COMPANY

Mt. Clemens, Mich., July 15.—One of the largest financial transactions in the industrial history of recent years was announced Friday when Mr. Edsel Ford the 25-year-old president of the Ford Motor Company, confirmed the report that he had bought out all but one of the minority stockholders, and that the sole control of the company now rests virtually in the hands of his father and himself.

The entire deal was handled, it is stated, by the younger Mr. Ford, through the Old Colony Trust Co., of Boston. The details of acquiring the stock was handled by Mr. Stuart W. Webb, of Bond & Goodwin, and F. M. Holmes, Albert Boyden and Roland Boyden. All minority stockholders were dealt with independently and each received the same price per share for stock.

The concentration of the control of the company in the hands of Henry Ford and his son was precipitated by the court decision rendered when the minority stockholders brought suit to compel Mr. Ford to abandon his plan of investing \$20,000,000 in profits and forced him to distribute this sum among the stockholders.

This decision, it was felt, stood as a barrier in the path of the Ford policies for enlarging their industries and the perfection of their plans for the extension of their industrial and social benefits.

The Ford policy does not favor large dividends to stockholders. It favors, as is well known, a profit-sharing system for its workmen and the extension of this benefit to the public through the reduction of prices.

"We know of no better way to prevent war than to extend industry," declared Mr. Ford, in commenting on the change in ownership of the company. "We plan to continue building plants in all parts of the world, to continue sharing our profits as we do today with our employees and to reduce the price of our product whenever increasing production makes this possible."

With the consummation of this transaction the announcement made last winter by Henry Ford to the effect that he would enter upon the manufacture of a car which would sell for considerably less than the present model, is superseded by plans for the steady extension of the present concern.

All credit for the successful efforts to centralize the control of the company in the hands of Mr. Ford and his son is given to the young president. He it was who persuaded his father that this was a better method of carrying out their established policies than creating and organizing a new corporation.

The sale stands as a striking example of the possibilities of American business when that business is backed by vision and trust in the possibilities of this country. Sixteen years ago the Ford Motor company was virtually little more than a machine shop with a working capital of a few thousand dollars. Today its assets are said to total at least \$250,000,000, and every dollar paid in by the few men who had faith in Henry Ford and his invention has returned thousands.

The Set Back Colonels.

Col. W. D. Wilson gave a set back party at his home on South Main street Tuesday night. Col. J. W. Everett, of Spartanburg, was the guest of honor and all the set-back colonels in town were invited and were on hand, except Col. Patrick Roche, who held a position at home between the mattress and the feather bed from the first flash of lightning until the big storm was over. A delightful supper was served after which the game was played with zest and pleasure by the following Colonels: Lewis Perrin, T. G. White, W. H. White, J. L. McMillan, M. B. Reese, H. L. Allen, J. R. Nickles, Cliff King, J. W. Everett, J. S. Stark, W. S. Cothran, W. P. Greene, R. S. Link, W. E. Johnson and L. C. Parker.

W. P. Kennedy left Monday for Camp Sevier to undergo further treatment at the government hospital.

FORD ADMITS HE IS "IGNORANT IDEALIST" IN COURT TESTIMONY

Mount Clemens, July 16.—In a moment of petulance while on the witness stand today, Henry Ford, plaintiff in a \$1,000,000 libel suit against the Chicago Daily Tribune, admitted that he was "an ignorant idealist". Subsequently, he reversed his statement.

This was one of the alleged libelous charges made against him in the Tribune editorial. Attorney Elliott G. Stevenson, for the Tribune, had been asking questions to establish, if possible, that Mr. Ford, as a matter of fact, was ignorant. The witness said that he made the admission merely to stop the examination. Later, when formally asked to admit that he was an "ignorant idealist," he declined to do so.

In the course of the examination, Mr. Ford defined a traitor as "one who works against the government," an idealist as one "who helps others to make a profit", and evidently with Arnold Bennett vaguely in mind, described Benedict Arnold as "a writer."

Much time was consumed in reading President Wilson's preparedness speeches of 1916.

The things that Henry Ford thought and that his peace secretary, Theodore Delaisne, wrote for him were again the topic of examination when Mr. Ford resumed the witness stand.

CROP REPORT.

A report issued by B. B. Hare, South Carolina Field Agent of United States Bureau of Crop Estimates, shows an increase of 4 per cent of corn acreage in South Carolina over that of last year, the estimated acreage being 2,340,000 acres. Condition on July 1, was 81 per cent of normal, equivalent to an average yield of 17 bushels per acre. The early plantings range from "fair" to "good." Intermediate plantings are generally "good" while late plantings in various sections are suffering from too much rain, many fields being foul with grass and very much in need of cultivation. Considerable damage is reported to bottom lands from overflow of creeks and rivers, caused by recent excessive rains.

The acreage in Irish potatoes shows a reduction of 5 per cent as compared with last year, while the acreage of sweet potatoes remains the same. Condition of the former is 85 per cent and the latter 90 per cent of normal.

Acreage in tobacco has increased from 86,400 acres in 1918 to 112,000 in 1919. Condition on July 1, is reported at 85 per cent of normal, equivalent to an average yield of 765 pounds per acre.

Acreage in peanuts has been reduced 10 per cent as compared with last year, and a 5 per cent reduction in acreage of sorghum cane (for sirup) is noted. Condition of both is 88 per cent of normal.

The apple and peach crops are both reported as 48 per cent, or 2 per cent less than one-half, of a normal crop.

The condition of other crops is as follows: Rice 88 per cent of normal; wheat 75; oats 80; rye 86; hay 84; alfalfa 85; millet 85; cowpeas 85; tomatoes 85; cabbages 85; onions 86; grapes 80; pears 58; watermelons 80; cantaloupes and muskmelons 78.

The estimated production of corn for the entire United States is 2,815,000,000 bushels, as against 2,583,000,000 bushels last year. The production of cotton in round numbers is estimated at 11,000,000 bales as compared with 12,000 bales in 1918. The production of wheat will approximate 1,160,000,000 bushels, or 244,000,000 bushels more than last year and 370,000,000 bushels more than the five-year average from 1913 to 1917 inclusive. The price of wheat per bushel on July 1, was \$2.22 as against \$2.03 on the corresponding date of last year.

Cutting a Melon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Barnwell and their two children and Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Greene, and Mary and Bill, went out to the home of Col. Pat McCaslan Tuesday afternoon and enjoyed a watermelon cutting. The Colonel raises the right variety of melons and knows how many to cut for a crowd of hungry friends.

ROSENBERG TO ESTABLISH BY SEPTEMBER FIRST NEW HARDWARE STORE

The Rosenberg Mercantile Company announces on another page of this issue the establishment of a new hardware store, distinct and separate from their other stores. The store will be directly under the management of Mr. Arthur Rosenberg.

The announcement reads: "We feel confident that the public will be interested in our plans for a New Hardware Store and we have decided to give the public an idea of what we purpose to do."

"It is our idea to give our hardware the same close attention that we give our other lines and to have a hardware store that will be a credit to ourselves and to Abbeville."

"In order to make this hardware store what we think it should be, we have decided to open a new store exclusively for hardware and equip it properly."

"Plans are under way for putting an up-to-date front in our dry goods store, which we are now using for a warehouse."

"We hope to have these new fronts installed before September 1. The present hardware and grocery store will be used then exclusively for groceries. The present dry goods store will be our new hardware store. And the present warehouse will be an up-to-date dry goods store."

"We purpose to carry everything in the hardware line that there is any demand for. The farmers carpenters, blacksmiths, tinners, brick-masons will find this a real service store."

LAW ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCE HELD AT STATE CAPITAL

Columbia, S. C.—Method: to coordinate the energies of the various agencies for the enforcements of laws in the State and divers ways of quickening the public pulse and stimulating public sentiment for law and order were debated from every angle at the conference in Columbia yesterday of solicitors, sheriffs, magistrates and foremen of grand juries, called by Governor Cooper.

That there is a pronounced sentiment sweeping over the State against wilful disregard of legal restraint, was almost universally expressed. In several instances there was eloquent testimony to the awakened public conscience. One instance in particular was the message brought up from Charleston. Sheriff Elmore Martin and Frank J. Simmons, foreman of the Charleston grand jury, both paid wholesome tributes to the potent moral force which has been given and the remarkable results attained through the war period through community cooperation on the law enforcement program.

GAS SERVICE STATION INSTALLED BY ARNOLD

E. F. Arnold, agent for Ford cars, is installing a gas service station of the latest, visible type. It will be ready for use by Saturday. A large gasoline tank with a capacity of 1,000 gallons was placed under ground in front of the garage this week.

Paving Machinery Arrives.

The machinery of the Southern Paving Construction Company, recently given the contract for paving the streets in Abbeville, arrived in this city Monday. Part of the machinery came from Anderson and part from Atlanta.

COTTON MARKET.

Cotton sold on local market yesterday for 33½ cents. October futures closed in New York at 34.55.

ABBEVILLE SOLDIER ELECTED OFFICER OF WAR VETERANS BODY

Florence, July 16.—The South Carolina branch of the American Legion was permanently organized at the State caucus of delegates of the several counties here today.

Officers were elected as follows: State Commander, Julius H. Walker, of Columbia; vice State commander, Guy H. Gullick of Greenville; State adjutant, Irvine F. Belser of Columbia; State finance officer, W. D. Wilkinson of Abbeville; State historian, Sam J. Royll of Florence; State master of arms, Mr. Williams of Easley; State chaplain, the Rev. J. Fraser of Spartanburg; State publicity officer, Charles S. Gardner of Florence; State insurance officer, W. W. Workman of Greenville.

State Executive Committee—John J. McSwain of Greenville, Wyndham Manning of Columbia, L. H. Smith of Easley, George Wannamaker of St. Matthews.

Finance Committee—Holmes Springs of Georgetown, chairman; J. M. Johnson of Marion, Sam H. Husbands of Florence.

Membership Committee—J. S. McInnis of Darlington, J. F. Anderson, of Easley, Irvine F. Belser of Columbia.

Columbia was selected as the next place of meeting. The date for the meeting will be set by the executive committee.

Body Thanks Governor.

Thorough harmony prevailed throughout the session here today, at which the State branch of the American Legion was permanently organized. The delegates evinced the greatest enthusiasm and earnestness in the proceedings. Former officers and enlisted men stood upon the same footing in the deliberations. The high order of the representation sent from the various counties was particularly noticeable. Though it was expected that two days would be required, the delegates completed their work tonight and have returned to their homes. Word was telephoned to Governor Cooper of the adjournment the body transmitting their thanks to him for the interest he has shown in the proposed organization. Governor Cooper was to have addressed the meeting at its session tomorrow morning.

The Value of a Dollar.

Col. R. W. Smith was in town on Tuesday with a load of fine water melons and cantaloupes which he was selling out at Wall Street prices. He says that a few years ago he could buy as much for twenty cents as he can for a dollar now.

The Scenes of His Youth.

Col. F. J. Holcombe, of Palatka, Fla., who has been in the city for several days on a visit to his sister, Mrs. Mary Taggart, has gone on to Washington on business. While in the city he saw many of his boyhood friends and on Sunday afternoon he made a visit to Cade's Mill, where he worked forty-five years ago.

Col. Holcombe has prospered in his adopted home.

MEETING OF ABBEVILLE COUNTY BIBLE SOCIETY

The Abbeville County Bible Society will meet here Wednesday, July 30. Dr. Lynn, of the Thornwell Orphanage, will deliver the annual sermon before the society. The last meeting of the society was held in Due West in June.

LAND COMPANY ORGANIZED.

The Piedmont Land Company was organized here Wednesday with W. A. Calvert, president; Albert Henry, vice-president; C. H. Pennell, secretary and manager, and D. H. Hill, attorney. Application for charter was made Thursday. The amount of the capital stock will be \$10,000. The company will have offices over the Haskell Store.

WILSON TO TALK WITH REPUBLICANS

Senators Invited to White House for Personal Conversations With the President—Aggressive Effort to Diminish Senate Opposition to Treaty—To Give Arguments.

Washington, July 16.—In an aggressive effort to diminish senate opposition to the treaty with Germany, President Wilson will begin at the White House tomorrow a series of personal talks with Republican senators.

With his reiterated offer to consult with the foreign relations committee unaccepted and with his opponents on the Republicans evidencing no purpose to seek his counsel, the president decided today to adopt the more direct method of inviting Republican members to the White House and laying before them his reasons for asking that the treaty be ratified.

A half dozen senators whose names were withheld were asked to meet there tomorrow and it was indicated that the invitations would be a daily feature until Mr. Wilson had seen most of the Republican membership of the treaty ratifying body.

During the day he selected 15 whom he desires to see this week.

The president's letter of invitation, sent out by mail late in the day, had not been delivered tonight and there was much speculation as to the choice he had made for tomorrow's conference. In some quarters it was thought likely he had invited Chairman Lodge and other members of the foreign relations committee, but it also was suggested that he may have chosen to talk first with senators who are inclined to be friendly to the treaty and have taken no definite stand regarding it.

Pending the receipt of the invitation senators reserved their opinions as to the move, although Republican leaders opposing the treaty in its present form did not hesitate to predict that the White House talks would fail to lessen the opposition to the treaty to consider the Shantung provisions supporting the president, however, declared his course undoubtedly meant that he has convincing arguments to offer.

Those in the President's confidence indicated that the burden of his appeal to the Republican senators would concern the league of nations and the Shantung settlement, the two provisions which have aroused greatest criticism in the senate. It was predicted that he would tell his callers the details of the negotiations on these points and on any others that might be brought into question.

That it might be in a better situation to consider the Shantung provisions, the foreign relations committee agreed today to ask the state department for copies of all available treaties bearing on Japanese and German interests in China. In its preliminary reading of the Versailles treaty, however, the committee passed over entirely that part of the treaty affecting any other former possessions of Germany, reserving the whole subject for further discussion.

Off to Hendersonville.

Mrs. H. L. Allen and Herbert, Jr., and Misses Mary and Bess Allen left Thursday morning for Hendersonville, where they will spend about two weeks taking in the pleasures of that lively city.

Entertaining at Rook.

Miss Evelyn McAllister was hostess to a number of little friends on Tuesday afternoon at her home on Greenville street. The little ladies played rook and partook of ice cream and cake at the close of the games.