

VA. CAROLINA CO. MAKES PURCHASE Secures Gate City Oil Mills and Other Large Holdings. THE DEAL INVOLVES THOUSANDS

Company Also Secured Interest Recently in Southern Cotton Oil Company—Securing Control of Industry for Protection. The Atlanta Constitution prints the following: The Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company has purchased the Gate City oil mills, located near Fort McPherson, and has also bought out all the other interests and holdings of John Oliver, of Atlanta, who is said to be the most extensive individual cotton seed oil operator in the South.

Mr. Oliver's interests are located in numerous parts of Georgia and extend into adjoining States, one of his mills being located at Charlotte, N. C. The Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company has recently secured a large interest in the Southern Cotton Oil Company and is now closely allied with that corporation. This corporation has plants located all over the South, several of them being in this State.

This last deal, taken in connection with the purchase of the Gate City oil mills, is said to involve several hundred thousand dollars. It is understood to be another step on the part of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company to secure the control of the cotton seed oil mills of the South. The deal has lately become an indispensable commodity to the chemical industry, as it is from it that the ammonia necessary to the manufacture of fertilizers will now have to be obtained.

About two months ago the Constitution published an account of the fact that the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company was seeking to buy out the interest of John Oliver in the Gate City oil mills. At that time it was stated that this company had secured possession of six plants in this kind in South Carolina and one in Augusta, Ga.

ARMOUR & CO. TO COMPETITION. Armour & Co. are now building near this city a fertilizer plant to cost half a million dollars. Swift & Co. already have a large fertilizer factory in operation here.

These two companies have many of their plants located in various parts of the country. The consequence is that they are using up the by-products of their packing houses, such as the bones and offal from the hogs and other animals from the business, and they secure the ammonia used in the fertilizers when they manufacture.

The Virginia-Carolina Company has used a vast amount of this material in the manufacture of fertilizer. It is said that the company has therefore been forced to acquire control of the Southern cotton seed oil plants in order to get the cotton seed meal from which to extract its ammonia.

SELF-PROTECTION. "I cannot say anything about the company's plans," said an official of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company, "but you may rest assured that it is going to get into shape for self-protection. The fact that the company has been buying up these cotton seed oil plants in this country for the purchases has been published in the trade journals. But I cannot say about its object in so doing, even if I had accurate information on the subject."

It is believed to be the purpose of the Virginia-Carolina Company to acquire a controlling interest in the entire cotton seed oil industry for the purpose stated, the object being to secure the products necessary to the manufacture of fertilizers in order to get the ammonia of the field in any respect by competitors.

JUSTICE JOHN'S COURT. Double Charge of Selling Liquor on Sunday and Without a License.

Walter Dyson was charged in the Police Court yesterday with selling liquor on Sunday and without a license. The charge was thrown upon this case by the evidence of those who frequent Dyson's "bachelors' hall," as that worthy called his place, over the bar-room on West Broad Street. There was testimony to the effect that at least twenty-five were enjoying the hospitality of the "bachelors' hall" on Sunday last, and that the washing of glasses and the handing around of drinks was going on at a lively pace. A pint bottle of whiskey gotten from his place on Sunday last was also in evidence, and there was some talk of the excellence of the beer which the bachelors have been drinking at this delightful bachelors' resort for several Sundays past. The details of this case stirred Justice John no little, and he evidently has in mind giving Dyson all that is coming to him. If licensed bar-rooms cannot operate on Sunday, it seems to His Honor that some obstacles should be placed in the path of unlicensed places as well. Justice John seems to have it in mind to "speak easy" to Dyson on a case will go over to September the 4th, and will be thoroughly investigated. He was admitted to \$200 bail, given by a friend on the police force.

Richardson and Ernest Walters were fined \$3.70 each for a difficulty with E. H. Palmer, and Richardson was put under \$100 bond for a year.

Robert Thomas, drunk, was fined \$3.70. John O. Potts, Jr., was fined \$3.70 for days for stealing copper wire from the Passenger and Power Company.

Mary Taylor and Rosa Hill (both colored) were charged with striking Sadie Hardaway and Robert Counts was the witness. So Justice John fined all four \$2.50 each, in default of which they will remain in the city jail ten days.

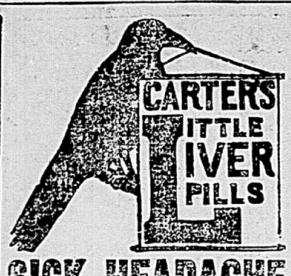
Army Life in Cuba. Mr. C. M. Wesson has received a letter from his son, Lieutenant C. M. Wesson, Jr., written from Puerto Principe, Cuba, in which he says:

"I have been changed stations from Havana to this place, and a very different one, way off here in the bowels of Cuba, when my own thoughts principally for companionship. I came to the Eighth Cavalry when the colored men were sent to this point, Puerto Principe. The health of the army is fair."

To Visit Louisville. Messrs. George W. Poe, Henry M. Boykin, J. V. Bldgood and William Krause will leave to-night for Louisville to attend the biennial convocation of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. A large number will join the convocation of that city, which will attend in a body.

Property Transfers. Richmond: Alvah B. Cousins' trustee to John B. Gayle, 1.7 interest in 30 feet on south side of Canal Street, 156 feet on Fourth Street, \$200.

John B. Gayle and wife to Rosa A. Stone, 1.7 interest in lot described in deed



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DEBATING THE BILL OF RIGHTS

Two Fine Speeches Made in the Convention Yesterday.

O'FLAHERTY AND PARKS TALK

The Former for Wisor Resolution, Latter for Majority Report—Contingent Fund Statistics Not Made Public.

Day's Proceedings.

The Constitutional Convention devoted nearly all of a three-hour session yesterday, in committee of the whole, to a discussion of the report of Committee on Preamble and Bill of Rights.

Outside of this there was little business of importance transacted, but there were several important resolutions and the president laid before the body a large number of reports compiled by the Auditor of Public Accounts in obedience to resolutions passed at the last session.

Mr. O'Flaherty, in the course of his remarks, asked for information and statistics on various subjects. The most interesting of these, perhaps, was that relating to the manner in which the civil census of funds of the State for the past twenty years have been expended, but it was neither read before the convention, nor were its contents in any other way made public.

Colonel Marye brought the package in person to Colonel Burton Thursday afternoon.

"BULKY PACKAGE." It was a bulky-looking arrangement, and was securely tied up and addressed to the president of the convention. Secretary Burton kept it in his desk over the night, and the other reports from the Auditor, in the morning, he just before President Goode called the body to order.

As soon as it was formally laid before the body Mr. O'Flaherty, on whose motion it had been compiled, moved its reference to the committee on the Executive Department, of which ex-Governor Cameron is the chairman.

Neither Mr. Goode, Colonel Burton, nor Governor Cameron would consent for the package to be opened, but it was not until after the adjournment that Colonel Cameron, who had no authority to disclose its contents, under his direction it was again locked up in Secretary Burton's desk, where it will remain until the morning, when it will be laid before the committee on the Executive Department at a regular meeting.

Whether it will then be given to the public is a question.

TO FINE SPEECHES. Mr. O'Flaherty, in the report of the Bill of Rights Committee was taken up in Committee of the Whole. He delivered an able and exhaustive argument in favor of the proposed amendments, declaring that the work of the convention should be submitted to the electorate as at present constituted for ratification or rejection. His speech was delivered with great force and was listened to with marked interest.

Mr. O'Flaherty was followed by Mr. Parks, of Page, who delivered a brief, but powerful, speech in favor of the proposed amendments, and incidentally in favor of the proposed Constitution to an abridged electorate.

As an evidence of the growing sentiment against submitting the new instrument to the present electorate, Mr. O'Flaherty admitted that the committee was undergoing a change in that direction, and every declaration of Mr. Parks favorable to that course was loudly cheered by his colleagues.

Both speakers were also applauded for their respective positions of the two leaders.

DAY'S PROCEEDINGS. President Goode called the convention to order promptly at 10 o'clock. Prayer was offered by Dr. Richard McClinton, the member of the convention from Prince Edward.

The roll-call developed the presence of eighty-two members, and the journal of the day's proceeding was read and approved.

Mr. Orr presented a paper by request from the public school teachers of Lee county, making suggestions in regard to changes in the public school system, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. James W. Gordon offered a resolution asking for the floating and bonded indebtedness of the cities and towns of the Commonwealth, a population of more than five hundred, and Secretary Breneman has been tabulating the reports, and says that thirty towns have not as yet reported. The cities have all reported and their floating and bonded indebtedness amounts to \$29,862,453.33.

FROM THE AUDITOR. The following are the body various reports from the Auditor of Public Accounts in obedience to resolutions passed by the convention, and they were referred to appropriate committees. One related to liquor licenses; another to the taxes paid by the cities and towns in the several counties and cities and still another to the population of the two races by counties and cities; and one to taxes paid by corporations.

The report in relation to the manner in which the contingent fund of the State have been expended for the past twenty years was laid before the convention, and on motion of Mr. O'Flaherty it was referred to the Committee on Preamble and Bill of Rights, and Mr. O'Flaherty was recognized to speak to Mr. Wisor's amendment.

Mr. O'Flaherty said in part: "The problem of promulgating or proclaiming the Constitution should be met now. The advocates of that doctrine should not be allowed further time to gain strength."

"As a legal proposition, I am willing to admit that we have the power to proclaim the Constitution, provided the people approve of it.

"Believe there is no oversight on earth superior to us, technically speaking. That was why I took the position I did on the oath question. The power of the Legislature is subordinate to that of this convention. No potentate on earth has the power to annul the Constitution."

"We have the power here to do as we please. There is no legal restriction on us. The gentlemen from Petersburg (Mr. Cameron), and from Pulaski (Mr. Wisor), are both right in their wrong. We are, however, responsible to the enlightened public sentiment, which I maintain we are bound to respect."

"Decisions of the Supreme Court cannot bind us here, for we can abolish the Supreme Court itself, so far as our power goes. I studied Constitutional law under the great legal luminary John Randolph Tucker, and I do not hesitate to say that neither precedent nor Supreme Court decisions can bind or control or restrict our power."

"But the question with us is: Is it right to do this thing? I do not believe it is. It is our duty to eliminate from the present body the political rubbish and the corrupt and irresponsible members who are the cause of our present predicament. It is the duty of the Suffrage Committee to select the representatives of the people, and to give them the interests of the great masses of the people. If you submit the Constitution to this electorate you have public sentiment to oppose it, and this is the only government of the people, by the people and for the people."

WILL HAVE A DEAD BODY. "We proclaim this Constitution we will have a dead body. We have no power, because it is not supported by the voice and the hearts of the people. They must put the stamp of their approval upon it to give it life or vigor."

The speaker, however, went into a history of former Constitutional Conventions of Virginia. He said the Alexandria Constitution of 1861 was proclaimed and has never been a factor. That precedent is of no value.

"The Constitution of 1867 was submitted to the people of Virginia and they had the power to vote on it, notwithstanding the military power that hung over them."

"One hundred and ten thousand votes were cast, and of these over one hundred and twenty-five thousand were white votes. The pledge made at Norfolk in 1860 was as clear as the noon-day sun, despite what Mr. Gantt may say to the contrary, that pledge the people of Virginia understood that the Constitution should be submitted to them, and they called this convention with that distinct understanding."

"Disregarding that pledge here and you will pay the penalty due all who break pledges."

"A great political boom is sweeping over this Southland that I believe is more dangerous than the great boom of 1890. I trust we will be able to keep out of the whirlpool. I am a white man and the son of a white man, but I do not expect to be scared by bogies; he they black or white."

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"Now listen, ye Hamiltonians here what Hamilton thought. He said that the people, as a mass, were not to be trusted with great governmental questions."

"The speaker here reads Adams' statement of what Hamilton believed, and continued: "It looks like the newspapers are trying to manufacture a proclamation sentiment. How it is in other sections I do not know. It is in the Valley. I know that public sentiment is overwhelmingly against proclamation."

"It is said the office-holders of Virginia would defeat the new Constitution. I do not believe they have the capacity. I do not believe they are selected from the best class of our people and are representatives of patriotism."

"If corporations, as some say, will defeat it, I am in favor of giving them a good whipping. Let Virginia belong to them! I want to know it."

"I have failed to see the slightest evidence of any attempt in any manner by the corporations to influence any action of any member of this convention."

"Are you afraid of negroes deceiving us?" "Trust to white men of the great South-west and the Valley then and give them a good whipping and submit the Constitution to the people. I believe the people will give you one thousand white majorities."

"I represent citizens and not objects, and wish to give my people, whose capacity, the people, showing their own capacity of self-government. I want them to take the responsibility of this Constitution and not leave its burden on my shoulders."

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"Daniel Webster said there was a power on earth greater than earthquakes or whirlwinds, and it was the power of the indignation of an outraged people. 'Beware, my fellow-citizens, of that greatest force on earth—the power of an indignant people. Let us word the report of the Bill of Rights Committee. 'We, the people, do propose,' instead of 'We, the people, do ordain.'"

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Mr. O'Flaherty was liberally applauded when he concluded. Captain Parks, the delegate from Page, followed Mr. O'Flaherty. He defended the report made by the committee on the Bill of Rights, and in doing so, Mr. Mason was here to-day he would approve of them. The speaker here took up the changes recommended by the committee and defended each one. Mr. Wisor then inquired if the discussion should not be confined to the preamble. Captain Parks said he did not consider it. Several members here explained go on. Captain Parks proceeded. Mr. Wisor raised the point of order that remarks should be confined to the preamble offered by him relating to the amendment. Chairman Turnbull ruled that the report of the committee was under consideration and the speaker is not to be interrupted. He said the recommendation that a man could plead guilty and have his case disposed of without the intervention of a jury was calculated to do as much as anything else the convention could do towards the speedy administration of justice and for economy. STIRS UP APPLAUSE. The speaker then reached the question of Mr. Wisor's amendment. He said if the new Constitution contained what he had in mind he would not agree to submit it to the present electorate for adoption. (Great applause.) "When Thomas Jefferson wrote all men are created equal he referred to the Arian race and never dreamed of negroes. My old granny, at her request, was buried by her mother in a grave in our family graveyard, and I have feelings of charity, and not hate, for the race, but never will I admit that Africans here or anywhere else are equals of the white race in governing which is framing constitutions for their people. I shall favor the submission of the Constitution to an electorate created by this convention and to that extent I shall vote to proclaim it." (Great applause.) "I do not believe that some cases could appear, and with his hand strike back the waters of the red sea of the Fifteenth Amendment so that we children of Israel in the political wilderness could walk through a dry thud. "It sometimes seems that the best days of the Republic have passed. Under the present order of things the time must soon come when the people will have no respect whatever for their officials elected under such conditions, and with the loss of respect for their officials, the loss of patriotism. Unless the present electorate is purged and improved our sons will be targets yet, for all forms of anarchy, fanaticism and fetishism."

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