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## POU SPEAKS ON RATE BILL.

**Makes a Plea for the Poor Man Who is Unable to Invoke the Aid of the Courts He Needs It More Than the rich Man.**

Washington, D. C. Feb. 5.—Representative Pou spoke with good effect this afternoon in support of the railway rate bill. He said in part:

"There are just one or two observations, I care to make respecting the pending bill. I very much fear it will not benefit those who most need protection by law. Every railroad in its very nature is a monopoly. If one road passes through a community the people of that community are forced to ship over that road or else not ship at all. If there be two or more roads serving any particular town or community we all know it is not long before they adjust their differences and the shipper finds the same rate given him by each and every one of the roads over which he can possibly ship his goods. It has been stated on this floor in this debate, and so far as I know the statement has not been challenged, that all the railroads of this country are practically owned or controlled by six corporations. Now speaking for myself alone I hold that wherever a shipper is forced to deal with a monopoly he should have the guarantee by law that he is being dealt with fairly; that the rate of freight he is forced to pay is fair and just and reasonable, and I hold, Mr. Chairman, that every person who ships should have that protection without being forced to go into court and ask for it.

"Now you can call this what you please. You can call it government ownership if you want to—I do not care what you call it—if it is right. As a matter of fact it is not government ownership. It is simply the enforcement of a section which you have already put in your bill. I find in the bill a paragraph which declares that all rates charged for the transportation of freight or passengers shall be just and reasonable and that all unreasonable rates shall be unlawful. Now how can you enforce this law. It can only be enforced upon demand of the aggrieved party who must expend a considerable sum of money in having his rights protected. If we are going to pass a bill let it be a bill that will accomplish what it is intended to accomplish. Let us not pass a bill which will protect the wealthy shipper and leave the small shipper practically without protection. Every person who ships a bale of cotton, every person who ships a bushel of wheat should have the guarantee that the freight paid by him for the transportation of that bale of cotton or bushel of wheat is fair and just and reasonable, and he should not be forced to go in court to have such rate declared fair, just and reasonable. Dealing as he is with a monopoly, (and I do not use the word monopoly with any offensive intent,) he should have the satisfaction of knowing that there is some agency whose duty it is to see that every justice is done between the shippers on the one side and the railroad company on the other. Gentlemen, let me inquire from whom come the most vigorous protests against the passage of this bill? Do these protests which we have all been receiving come from the large shippers or the small ones?

"So far as I know almost every protest against the passage of this bill comes from the great shippers. Why, because they are the ones who have been enjoying the unlawful benefit of rebates and discriminations. The large shippers need, it seems, but little protection.

"The man who needs the benefit of your bill most of all is the man whose business is so small that he cannot afford to go into court. For the State to surrender part of its sovereignty and leave the humblest individual in

the land at the mercy of the very agency to which that sovereignty is surrendered, is perfectly indefensible in morals." (Applause.)

"This bill, Mr. Chairman, is very good as far as it goes. The Democratic party was demanding the enactment of such a law years ago, even before Colonel Theodore Roosevelt was thought of as a presidential possibility. I say there are good features in this bill. Let us hope they will not be eliminated when the bill goes to the President for his signature. I hazard the statement here and now that the President himself would despair of the passage of this bill, but for the Democratic support, which he knows he can count on and which will be practically solid." (Applause on the Democratic side.)

Let us all hope that his influence with his own party is such that this Democratic measure, adopted by a Republican President will not fail to pass." (Loud applause.)—News and Observer.

## KENLY NOTES.

Miss Sadie Richardson spent a few days with Miss Emma Matthews last week.

Rev. E. W. Souders filled his regular monthly appointment at the Presbyterian church Sunday and Sunday night.

Mrs. Lewis, of New Bern, who has been spending several months with her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Alford, returned home Friday.

Mr. Freddie Richardson, formerly a student of Kenly Academy, has accepted a position as clerk in Bailey Bros. & Kirby's store.

Miss Annie Strickland, one of the teachers of the Lucama High School, and Mrs. Charlie Alford, of Lucama, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. High Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. Smythe Henderson, the gas engineer of Goldsboro, who has just completed the Acetylene lights here for Mr. H. F. Edgerton goes from here to Wilson to install a plant for the Wilson Sanatorium. These lights are giving perfect satisfaction here. And it must mean something when they go to a town like Wilson to take place of electricity.

The Woodman of the World have just organized here with twenty charter members, with Prof. F. A. Edmundson as Consul Commander, E. T. Watson, clerk; J. W. Alford, Banker, A. J. Smith, Adviserary Lieutenant and all minor officers. This order has many good features and one especially, that of assurance. This order is soliciting all good men as members.

Mr. D. T. Perkins, who came here as a student of Kenly Academy, then worked himself up to the position of teaching the business department, then was the first one to secure the appointment of R. F. D. carrier from this office, left us last week for Wilson where he has secured a still higher position as city postoffice delivery carrier of that place. Mr. Perkins is a fine young Christian gentleman, worthy of the position he has secured. He will be badly missed in our town and we are sorry to have him leave us, but are glad of his achievements. He has our best wishes and we wish him much success in his new home and business.

Max.

## Town Purchased a Fire Engine.

The Board of Aldermen of Smithfield have purchased a Chemical Fire Engine of the Howe Engine Co. of Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. Howe, of the Howe Engine Co., was here Monday and made some tests. It was shown that the engine could throw a good stream of water on the highest buildings. At a fire test Monday night it was seen that with the use of this engine flames could be checked very considerably and where the fire has not gotten too much head way, entirely extinguished.

A movement is on foot to organize a fire company here and thus lessen the danger of serious fires in the future.

## THE GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION

**He Issues a Warning to Sheriffs Ament the Enforcement of the Law.**

The Governor has sent the following circular letter to every sheriff in the State.

"It is my duty to see that all laws are properly executed and as some newspapers have suggested that the laws, especially those arising under the Watts and Ward act, are not being enforced by county officers, I write this personal letter to urge you and your deputies to do everything in your power to rigidly and promptly execute all laws. The best way to suppress crime is to bring about quick detection and sure punishment. Counties in which peace and good order most prevail are those in which officers are most efficient and watchful; I would call your attention especially to sections 3533, 3534 and 3526 of the new code, or chapter 498, sections 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8, acts of 1905, setting forth your duty, and trust you will let nothing interfere with your promptly carrying out those provisions, by having warrants sworn out and executed.

"Our State was never more prosperous in its history than it is today, so let none of us, upon whom has been placed the duty of preserving order, shirk this duty, but let us do all we can to bring all criminals to speedy justice by offering rewards, or by asking for requisitions from other states, when needed. I assure you you shall have my hearty assistance in seeing that every citizen and community shall be protected from lawlessness and violation of plain statutes."

The Governor requests all newspapers and citizens who know of any officers refusing or neglecting to discharge their duties not to make a general reflection on all officers by saying they fail to do their duty, but to call his attention to the officers so acting and he will at once put the matter in the hands of the solicitor of the district for investigation and, if found to be true, he will see that said officer is prosecuted and punished according to law. The Governor does not think it is right to make faithful officers suffer for the wrong doing of bad ones, hence his suggestion that charges be made special and not general.—Statesville Landmark.

## New York Syndicate to Hold up Cotton.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 7.—President Harvie Jordan, of the Southern Cotton Association, made the following statement today before leaving for New York:

"I have been definitely assured that an underwriting syndicate, headed by E. R. Thomas and backed by the strongest financial syndicate in New York, will underwrite 500,000 bales of cotton at 13 cents. This proposition will not interfere with those spot holders, who desire to hold for 15 cents. President Jordan distinctly declared that the Southern Cotton Association and its officers have no connection with the proposed syndicate but will work with it as with any other agency, to raise the price of the staple.

## A Modern Miracle.

"Truly miraculous seemed the recovery of Mrs. Mollie Holt, of this place," writes J. O. R. Hooper, Woodford, Tenn., "she was so wasted by coughing up puss from her lungs. Doctors declared her end so near that her family had watched by her bedside forty-eight hours; when, at my urgent request Dr. King's New Discovery was given her, with the astonishing result that improvement began, and continued until she finally completely recovered, and is a healthy woman to-day." Guaranteed cure for coughs and colds. 50c. and \$1.00 at Hood Bros., druggists. Trial bottle free.

## CLAYTON NOTES.

Mrs. Will H. McCullers spent Tuesday in Raleigh shopping.

Mr. John Hinnant, of Selma, spent Sunday here with his mother.

Miss Laura Adams, of Cary, was a guest of Misses Blanchard this week.

Mr. W. R. Batten, Chief of Police of Selma, was here Monday on business.

Mr. Samuel T. Honeycutt, of Smithfield, spent Friday of last week here with his mother.

Mr. S. H. Platt, of Asheville, special agent of the Phenix Insurance Co., was here Wednesday.

Mr. Brosia Adams left Wednesday for Raleigh where he will spend a few days with his sister, Mrs. Brewer.

The meeting at the Methodist church closed Monday evening. Dr. Williams has given us some splendid sermons.

Rev. C. W. Blanchard preached Sunday morning, a very fine sermon. On Sunday evening Rev. Hicht C. Moore gave us a splendid sermon on "The life of Christ."

Mr. Lida Ellis and Mr. Carr, of Spencer, in the employ of the Southern, spent Friday and Saturday of last week here, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Gulley.

Mr. Cleveland Adams was suffering with a gum boil, and had it lanced one day last week. Later it began to bleed and was stopped with some difficulty, on Saturday it began to bleed again so profusely that medical attention was necessary. After the bleeding was stopped, Mr. Adams was in a very weak condition, but is now improving.

## A Live Town Is Clayton.

Clayton, N. C., Feb. 7.—It is interesting to see how Clayton is growing. Whenever you look you can see new houses going up, and there is not a vacant dwelling in town.

The cotton mill is prospering. New houses for operatives are being built constantly, and new operatives are moving in almost continually. The planing mill also, is making progress, while the cotton seed oil mill is running day and night. J. E. Page's general wood and blacksmith shop and planing mill is doing fine.

Wherever you turn you see evidences of a coming town.

The Methodist people have sold their old parsonage. It is to be moved, and right early they will build a handsome two-story parsonage on the beautiful spot where the old one stood, and when it is completed it will add much to the beauty of that section of Clayton.

The revival at the Methodist church closed last night. The pastor, Rev. J. V. Williams has been preaching to full houses for more than two weeks. The meeting has accomplished good.

Hon. Ashley Horne can be seen any day looking carefully after the preparation of his farm. No grass grows under his feet, and he reminds one of the words of Solomon: "Seest thou a man diligent in business, he shall stand before kings, he shall not stand before mean men."—News and Observer.

Mr. Polie Gardner, of Smithfield, N. C., now at Denver, Col., today sent to the Commercial and Farmers Bank the antlers of a huge elk he shot in the west. The horns measure 7 feet. He makes this gift to the bank and the antlers will be placed over the vault door. Mr. Gardner also sends a sheet of the hide on which a picture of the elk is painted. This gift is to the Elks' Temple here.—Raleigh Times.

Something necessary, efficient, harmless and easy for child or adult to take is Vick's Little Liver Pills, 25c. Will cure constipation, biliousness and tone up Liver and Kidneys. At Hood Bros.

## STATE NEWS.

The Gazette says work will soon begin on Gastonia's fourteenth cotton mill.

The Masons of Winston-Salem have called upon architects for plans for a \$75,000 Masonic temple.

Joe Smith, of Pitt County, who was gored by a vicious bull about two weeks ago, died last Friday night from his injuries.

Governor Glenn has written a letter to every sheriff in the State, urging them to aid him in the due enforcement of law and order, especially those laws arising under the Watts and Ward acts.

One morning a few days ago John Bird, colored, was found dead in a side street in Greensboro. While under the influence of liquor he had fallen face downward in a puddle of water and was drowned.

Lee Guyer, of Bethany, killed possibly the largest hog ever killed in North Carolina. This hog was killed last week, and weighed 978 pounds and was 8 feet 4 inches long and 7 feet 5 inches around.—High Point Enterprise.

J. W. Bailey, of Raleigh, for three years chairman of the Anti-Saloon League of North Carolina, has resigned. He will join President W. L. Poteat, of Wake Forest College, in securing the \$150,000 endowment. A successor to Chairman Bailey has not been announced.

President Roosevelt has nominated the following officers for North Carolina: District attorney, Alfred E. Holton, western district of North Carolina. Marshals: James H. Millikan, western district of North Carolina; Claudius Dockery, eastern district of North Carolina.

In a speech delivered at Greensboro, Friday, Prof. Chas. D. McIver related the wonderful work done by the women of our State within the past year in the line of beautifying the rural school houses. He stated that in Wayne county alone, 500 pictures had been hung in the school houses, thereby making the buildings, once gloomy and forsaken in appearance, attractive and inviting.—Goldsboro Headlight.

Some time ago W. I. Young, of Greensboro, was in Chattanooga, Tenn., when he learned of the serious illness of his wife and child at Greensboro. He hired a special train, paying about \$700 for it, on the condition, he alleges, that the train would take him to Greensboro in 12 hours. Instead of 12, 18 hours were consumed in making the trip. Young sued for the recovery of the sum paid for the special train and for damages for mental distress caused by the delay. He was awarded the full amount paid for the train and \$500 for mental anguish.

Col. Olds, writing to the Wilmington Messenger, says that the enrollment at the State University is larger than ever before and the outlook better. The number of students is 652. Ninety-two per cent. are from North Carolina. Mecklenburg has 30; Wake, 28; Orange, 35; New Hanover, 13; Buncombe, 19. There are 213 Methodists, 136 Baptist, 113 Presbyterians, 92 Episcopalians; 70 per cent. are church members. Ten colleges and eighty-five schools are represented. Eighty-eight per cent. passed three-fourths of all the examinations. Several scholarships have been established as gifts. Carnegie promises \$50,000 for a library if a like sum is raised. The General Education Board of New York promises \$2,500. About \$4,000 is needed to complete the Y. M. C. A. building. The annual appropriation to the University by the state is \$45,000. The total income is \$104,000, expenditures \$108,000.

Southern farmers can make cotton cheaper than any other people in the world, but that is no reason they should make more than they can sell profitably.—Lumberton Argus.

## GENERAL NEWS.

Seretary Bonaparte has recommended to the President that Midshipman Minor Meriwether, Jr., third class, convicted of hazing, be pardoned.

Public building bills acted upon favorably by the Senate committee Wednesday were as follows: Salisbury, N. C., \$75,000; Fernandia, Fla., \$100,000.

Simeon Wilder and John Hatchett, of Wilder & Hatchett, saw mill men, were killed by a boiler explosion Wednesday near Rock Hill, Crawford county, Ga.

Cuba's wedding gift to Miss Alice Roosevelt will be a collar of pearls. She received Wednesday a beautiful gobelin, representing "Justice," a rare piece of tapestry sent by France.

Midshipman Laurens C. DeSaussure, of Charleston, S. C., and Geo. H. Melvin, of Geneseo, Ill., were formerly dismissed from the Naval Academy at noon Wednesday. Both had been convicted of hazing.

The Clyde Steamship Company has filed certificate of incorporation at Augusta, Me., the capital stock being \$14,000,000. It is believed in New York that the Clyde Line has been absorbed by the Coast Steamship Combine.

The army appropriation bill as agreed upon by the House committee on military affairs carries an appropriation of \$5,000 for the preservation for the battlefield of Ball's Bluff, Loudoun county, Virginia, and the burial place of those killed in the battle.

Robert M. Sutton, head of the wholesale dry goods firm of the R. M. Sutton Co., and one of the most prominent and widely known merchants of Baltimore, died this week in that city of heart disease, after an illness of some weeks. He was born in Westmoreland county, Virginia, in 1831.

## BENSON NEWS.

Mr. Heber Creech spent last Friday and Saturday in Smithfield.

Mr. J. E. Wall spent last Sunday and Monday with his parents at Wilson's Mills.

Miss Addie Barber, of the Polenta section, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. F. Lee this week.

Mr. D. B. Denning, one of Johnston county's most successful farmers, killed two hogs a few days ago that weighed 772 and 563 pounds, respectively.

Mrs. J. H. Duncan who has been running a hotel on R. R. street for the past year has discontinued the hotel business and moved to her residence on Main street.

The Benson Graded school continues to increase in patronage; 264 students have already been enrolled and Prof. Allen expects to easily enroll 300 before this term closes.

On Wednesday afternoon February 7th, at the home of the bride's father, Mr. W. D. Thomas, the marriage of Miss Edna Thomas to Mr. Ira Woodall was solemnized, Rev. D. F. Putnam officiating. The bride and groom are both very popular young people and are well known throughout this section.

Solon.

An Oklahoma lover rode eighteen miles to get a marriage license, then had to pawn his mule for money to pay for it; and then walked back to the starting point, and was there on time for the ceremony.—Exchange.

## Beats the Music Cure.

"To keep the body in tune," writes Mrs. Mary Brown, 20 Lafayette Place, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., "I take Dr. King's New Life Pills. They are the most reliable and pleasant laxative I have found." Best for the Stomach, Liver and Bowels. Guaranteed by Hood Bros., druggists, 25c.