

THE COMPLAINT FILED

CHARLOTTE TEST CASE ON

The Charlotte Retail Merchants' Association Files Its Complaint in the Test Case Which It Has Brought Against the Southern, Seaboard, Atlantic Coast Line and Norfolk & Western Roadways.

The Charlotte Retail Merchants' Association, through its attorney, Mr. A. B. Justice, has filed with the North Carolina corporation commission the complaint in much-talked-of test case against those roadways which are charged with improper discriminations and excessive charges for shipments of freight to and from Charlotte. The "common carriers" complained against are the Southern, Seaboard, Atlantic Coast Line and Norfolk & Western Roadways. The test case, the complaint alleges, is made in behalf of citizens and other persons engaged in shipping and receiving freight and doing business in Charlotte, N. C.

The complaint covers eight big sheets of typewriter paper and consists of sixteen separate and distinct sections. Of the sixteen sections, seven are devoted to specimen cases wherein Charlotte is discriminated against in favor of Lynchburg, Richmond, Atlanta and Norfolk. The other five sections consist of legal terms and technical details which are of little general interest. The entire grievance is summed up in the first article of the last section, which declares that the aforesaid roadways have freight all the way across the State of North Carolina in every direction for lower rates than they will stop the same shipments in the State, which discriminations and exorbitant charges make it impossible to build up and develop the commercial and manufacturing interests of the State. Furthermore, on account of the excessive charges above referred to, the jobbers of Virginia cities are enabled to deliver shipments at a lower price than through North Carolina to points in this State for a lower price than the jobbers of our own State can afford to deliver such shipments for.

DISCRIMINATION ON ALL SIDES. The complaint cites cases of discrimination in freight charges on goods shipped from Cincinnati, Grand Rapids, Chattanooga, Memphis, Nashville, Atlanta, New Orleans and Pittsburgh to Charlotte as compared with the charges made on the same goods shipped from these cities to Lynchburg. The rate from Louisville to Charlotte as compared with the four rate from Louisville to Richmond, Va., is also given. A discriminating rate is shown between Charlotte and Wilmington as compared with the rate between Charlotte and Norfolk. All are manifest, easy of comprehension and without apparent justification. An example is the rate from Chattanooga, Tenn., to Charlotte and the rate from Chattanooga to Lynchburg. The distance from Chattanooga to Charlotte, by way of the Southern, is 399 miles; that to Lynchburg via the Southern and Norfolk & Western, 448 miles. The rate on furniture in carload lots to Charlotte is 62 cents; that to Lynchburg 34 cents. The rate for the longer haul is just about one-half of the rate for the shorter haul.

The comparative freight charges on classes of freight Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 from Louisville, Ky., to Charlotte, a distance of 560 miles, and from Louisville to Lynchburg, Va., a distance of 423 miles, are as follows: 1 vs. 62 cents; 2 vs. 36 cents vs 53 1-2 cents; 3 vs. 28 cents vs. 40 1-2 cents; 4 vs. 28 cents vs. 24 cents vs 18 1-2 cents.

A GLARING EXAMPLE. A glaring example is that presented by the comparative rates on furniture between Atlanta, Ga., and Lynchburg, and Atlanta and Charlotte. The distance from Atlanta to Charlotte, by way of the Southern, is 268 miles, and the rate 75 cents. The distance from Atlanta to Lynchburg by the Southern, through Charlotte, which is the most direct route, is 475 miles. The rate is only 41 cents.

The New Orleans-Charlotte-Lynchburg case is a bad one. The distance from New Orleans to Charlotte is 785 miles. The distance to Lynchburg is 990 miles. The comparative rates for the two cities on coffee, molasses, sugar, rice, grain and bananas are: 46 cents vs. 50 cents; 26 cents vs. 47 cents; 32 cents vs. 45 cents; 22 cents vs. 48 cents; 37 cents vs. 44 cents, and 47 cents vs. 34 cents. Charlotte in each instance, though 206 miles nearer, has to pay much the greater rate. The discrimination against Charlotte in favor of both Lynchburg and Atlanta is shown by the following examples:

LYNCHBURG VS. CHARLOTTE AND ATLANTA. The distance from Pittsburgh, Pa., to Lynchburg is 673 miles. The distance from Pittsburgh to Charlotte is 683 miles. The distance from Pittsburgh to Atlanta is 951 miles.

The rates on the classes of freight 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 from Pittsburgh to Lynchburg are: 41 1-2 cents, 47 cents, 35 1-2 cents, 24 cents, 20 cents and 17 cents, respectively.

The rates on the same six classes from Pittsburgh to Charlotte are: \$1.14, 97 cents, 81 cents, 52 cents and 40 cents, respectively.

The rates to Atlanta on the classes named are \$1.26, \$1.15, 95 cents, 72 cents, 60 cents and 52 cents, respectively. Charlotte pays an excess over Lynchburg for a haul of 207 miles on the six classes named 59 1-2 cents, 50 cents, 37 cents, 32 cents and 23 cents, respectively.

While Atlanta pays an excess over Charlotte for a haul of 104 miles on the six classes named only 12 cents, 15 cents, 14 cents, 12 cents, 8 cents and 12 cents, respectively. Attention is called to the fact that Charlotte's excess over Lynchburg is greater than the rates to Charlotte. The same conditions apply to Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and other Eastern cities.

DISCRIMINATION WITHIN THE STATE. Discrimination in another direction is shown by the rate from Charlotte to Wilmington as compared with the rate from Charlotte to Norfolk. While the distance is just about one-half the rates are approximately the same between the two points.

THE LESSON FOR SUNDAY

Third Quarter Lesson XI. Deuteronomy, vi, 1-15.

Moses displayed a persistency, here and glorious. His purpose was to pluck Israel out of Egypt, and plant him in Canaan. With that he might have said: "This one thing I do." From it nothing could divert him. The harness of Pharaoh's heart; the dangers of the wilderness; "great and terrible"; the obstinacy of the Hebrews; self-interest, in the opportunity to be the provider of a new nation—all alike failed to deflect him from his holy intent. For forty years, through vicissitudes unparalleled, he kept the end in view.

The secret of it was, he knew the mind of God. He knew that any who had preceded him, even Abraham himself, he understood the purpose of Providence, the election of Israel. With entire self-abandon and obligation he devoted himself to the realization of God's plan. He was patriotic to the point of being willing to be blotted out of the Book of Life, if only Israel might be saved. But he was more than patriotic. His sympathy was as wide as humanity. He saw in Israel the seed of a new nation, but all the sons of men, into the heavenly Canaan.

The time of his departure is at hand. He will faintly conserve his life beyond his mortal life. There upon the threshold, and in full view of the good land he had not entered, before he lays down his work and his life, he summons up the unspent resources of his splendid personality, and pours them forth in historic resume, in re-enunciation of laws and statutes—ferid exhortations to obedience to the same—reaching the climax in a golden psalm, than which even the poetic epoch of the nation produced nothing finer.

The paternal spirit pervades Deuteronomy. It is the death-bed address of a wisely ambitious intensely affectionate father. Pathetic solemnity is there, too. The intent of Moses in this last discourse was realized. No other portion of Scripture has been so widely and permanently influential upon the Hebrew character and career. Part of it is considered the holy of holies of their Scriptures, has been bound upon millions of foreheads, nailed upon millions of door-posts, and is repeated morning and evening, in the daily ritual in every land where there is a synagogue or a Hebrew home.

But as the sympathy of Moses swept beyond his countrymen to embrace the human race, he did not limit his swarming in felt throughout the world and in each succeeding generation. Jesus himself quotes it as a very epitome of both law and Gospel. Moses, Jesus, and Paul, each affirms that the end of the commandment is love out of a pure heart.

Analysis and Key. 1. Persistency Moses' characteristic. Ground of it: knowledge of Divine purpose. A patriot, but more than one. A wisdom of sympathy. Israel almoner to all nations. 2. Moses' dying hour. Desire to conserve his work. His death-bed address—solemn, paternal. Historical resume. Exhortation. Climax, Golden Psalm.

The Teacher's Lantern. Deuteronomy signifies the second law. The rabbies called it "the iteration," the Saxons "the after law." It is an evangelical, hortatory recapitulation. It bears about the same relation to the preceding four books as John's to the preceding three Gospels. It strikes the same key as the Epistle to the Hebrews. The after law. It is an evangelical, hortatory recapitulation. It bears about the same relation to the preceding four books as John's to the preceding three Gospels.

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The engraving of pious sentiments upon houses is a custom that prevails to this day. In the quaint English city of Chester, is the celebrated "God's Providence House." In grateful memory of the fact that it was the only house uninjured by the black plague, its owner inscribed across the ambitious gable the sentiment, "God's providence is mine inheritance."

Moving into a house formerly occupied by a Hebrew family, I found on the right-hand post a very small in case, in which was a bit of parchment closely rolled up, on which was inscribed in Hebrew characters the paragraph, Deuteronomy xi 4-9. Through a small hole in the tube could be read the words, "Shad Al (Al-might), inscribed on the back of the parchment. This was to remind them that God's eye was on them from above; but in the haste of moving, they forgot their mezuza—their sacred talisman.

The letter kills. Moses probably did not intend that they should literally wear parchments on their foreheads and hands, and tack them on the door-posts. In so doing they were imitating a custom which Wilkinson shows us prevailed in ancient Egypt. You can find to this day door-lambe carved with royal days.

Jesus scathingly rebukes an hypocrisy which reads its piety, and long its proselytes, and many its proselytes, but utterly lacks the Spirit, whose office it is to make revelation a life in the soul. Literalism is always deadly. The Spirit vivifies.

Jehovah our God is the one Jehovah; besides him there is none other. What a shaft of light that across the black polytheism of their age; and across the equally black agnosticism and atheism of our day! Hear it! Jehovah! He is one!

God has always governed by a system of rewards and punishments. If his people would obey his law, it would be well with them, and they would increase in the milk-and-honey land. But He led them to know through these temporal mercies to the richer benefits of grace. Abraham plainly showed that he sought a better Canaan than the one God had given him.

Religion, under the old dispensation, was a matter of the affectional nature. The law was to be in the heart. Faith, too, has its source and its seat in the heart. With the heart man believes. The commandments

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