

UNIFORM BILL OF LADING

COMMISSION ACTS WEDNESDAY.

Important Meeting of Inter-State Commerce Commission to Be Held in Washington This Week—Charleston Manufacturers Deeply Concerned in the Result—The Long Fight and Pressing Need of Such a Uniform Bill—Its Great Benefit to the Trade Generally—Mr. H. W. Macalister and Others to Appear Before the Commission.

Norfolk, Va., Oct. 13.—The Interstate Commerce Commission, in Washington, Wednesday, which has been called for the purpose of considering that much-discussed topic of a uniform bill of lading, Mr. H. W. Macalister, a noted English manufacturer and expert, will appear before the commission and express his views on the subject, he having been invited to do so on his arrival in this country with the party of distinguished foreign shippers and manufacturers several weeks ago. Others, both carriers and shippers, will also be on hand when the commission meets.

The following brief article on the need of a uniform bill of lading is copied from the last issue of American Industries: "Manufacturers and the general shipping public have long felt the need of a uniform bill of lading and for several years past have been working to secure legislation along this line. As is known, the greatest obstacle to such a measure has been the difficulty in getting the various conflicting interests of the shippers and carriers together. That such a bill is needed we all know, but heretofore no stated form could be agreed upon. Now it appears, however, that matters are assuming shape whereby the Uniform Bill of Lading is soon to become a reality.

The inter-State commerce commission will hold a meeting October 15th, at which the carriers are invited to be present and show cause why the form proposed by the shippers June 15th should not be approved as a just and reasonable regulation to be observed after January 1, 1908. "Ever since 1904," headed by the Illinois Manufacturers' Association, manufacturers and shippers have had this matter before the inter-State commerce commission. The commission gave the bill their attention at several hearings and now that a definite form has been agreed upon by the shipping interests, it is reasonable to suppose the bill will shortly go into effect.

A MISUNDERSTANDING.

The Little Controversy in the Court House Saturday. The little misunderstanding between Messrs. Cameron Morrison and Plummer Stewart in court before Judge G. S. Ferguson, Saturday, was amicably adjusted whenever Mr. Stewart made it plain that he had intended no reflection whatever on Mr. Morrison. In building up his argument Mr. Stewart had intended to say that Mr. Morrison had heaped infamy upon his client, but failing to make his point entirely clear he seemed to say that Mr. Morrison was infamous and that the trouble began. Some hot words passed before the lawyers came to a proper understanding. This may not have been made clear in the story in yesterday's Observer. Messrs. Stewart and Morrison went out of the court house together, in the best of humor. When Mr. Stewart declined any intention of reflecting on Mr. Morrison the matter was dropped.

Guilty Ones at the Station.

There were several interesting prisoners at the police station yesterday. Earn Zeigler, white, who ran away without making good an order of court, came back and was captured by Patrolman T. B. Henry. He now occupies a cell. Lonnie Collett, a negro, stole \$5, bought a suit of clothes and went on parade. He is a small negro. The recorder will hear his case this morning.

There are some charged with being drunk and disorderly.

Asked if the Ice Was Fresh. "That woman has a fearful name," said a clerk in a dry goods store. "She is a doubling Thomas from Missouri. She takes nothing for granted and kicks about everything. Nothing pleases her exactly. She looks at everything but buys nothing. That is too high; that is too cheap, and that would never do."

Money in Other Things Besides Cotton.

Mr. H. L. Sloan, a well-known Berthall township farmer, was in the city Saturday. In talking with an Observer he said that he had sold \$32,854 worth of watermelons and \$157 worth of sweet potatoes this year. He had six acres in melons and two in potatoes. Mr. Sloan considers himself very fortunate. His cotton acreage is small but what he makes will be surplus.

AN ACTOR OF THE OLD SCHOOL.

Mr. Theo Hamilton, who is with the Jeffersons, an Actor of Rippe Years, Having Played in "The Rivals" 41 Years Ago—An Interesting Item.

One of the members of the Jefferson company now presenting "The Rivals" through the South is Mr. Theo Hamilton, who will be remembered by many of the older people as one of the famous "Crisp" company which achieved such fame during the civil war, 44 years ago. Mr. Hamilton served in the Confederate army in the Eighth and First Virginia Infantry regiments. After 18 months of active service, he was detailed to join the dramatic company of Mr. W. H. Crisp, at Mobile, Ala. In this connection, the following may be regarded as a somewhat memorable cast of this comedy given in Atlanta, Ga., during the war:

"The Athenaeum." Manager..... Mr. W. H. Crisp. Leader of Orchestra..... Mrs. N. Giles. Wednesday, August 24, 1863. W. H. Crisp and his company from the Mobile Theatre in Sheridan's Comedy, "The Rivals."

With the following cast: Sir Anthony Absolute..... Mr. W. H. Crisp. Captain Absolute..... Mr. Theo Hamilton. Falkland..... Harry Crisp. Fag..... Charles F. Crisp. Bob Acres..... D. E. Townsend. David..... D. C. Wolfe. Sir Lucius Trigger..... John Davis. Mrs. Malaprop..... Mrs. W. H. Crisp. Lydia Langlands..... Cecelia Crisp. Lucy..... Jessie Crisp. Seven of the ten actors in this company belonged to the Crisp family. The theatre was on Whitehall street, Atlanta, opposite the old Frost House. With the exception of Mr. Hamilton, the entire company passed away. Crisp, the elder, died in Texas after the war. His wife died in New Orleans in 1875. John Davis was Crisp's brother-in-law and lived in Chicago. Harry Crisp died in Cincinnati. Cecelia and Jessie Crisp died and left no descendants. Charles F. Crisp who was conspicuous in Georgia affairs after the war, passed away not long ago. He left a family which now resides at Americus. Harry Crisp left a son who is now connected with the New York World. Some of the descendants were theatrically inclined. Of the number of actors in the Confederacy Mr. Hamilton is the only one alive. He has passed a number of years in Australia and England and has lately written a book entitled "The Drama in the Confederacy" which will shortly be published in Boston.

AN EXTRAORDINARY CASE.

Death of Little Jean McDonald Moore Due to Constitutional Peculiarity Which is Incredibly Rare—One of The Mysteries of Life. It has been remarked by physicians and others cognizant of the facts that the circumstances incident to the death in Dr. Whisnant's sanatorium last Friday afternoon of little Jean McDonald Moore, the sweet and lovely child of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Moore, were altogether extraordinary. Prior to the administering of the anaesthetic a thorough examination of the child was made, the most careful diagnosis revealing no organic affection. The drug itself was given by a physician in this case the family physician, who had had more than 25 years of successful professional experience and who is reputed to be one of the most careful practitioners in the city. The reaction by the child's system of the drug accorded with the diagnosis and was altogether normal. Even the manner in which return to consciousness was made disclosed nothing out of the ordinary. When all seemed well one of those mysterious incidents to which no name has occurred and a call from the beyond came unheralded and unforeseeable by any earthly means. Scientifically, these facts are to be explained only by supposing the existence in the little girl of an "idiosyncrasy"—the word is here used in a technical sense—or constitutional peculiarity such as reveals itself only in its effects. The point which the doctors make is that no one should get an exaggerated idea of the danger of anaesthetics, judiciously administered, from a case which, by its nature, must be almost incredibly rare.

HON. CAMPBELL SLEMP DEAD.

Only Republican Congressman From Virginia Passes Away at Big Stone Gap—Left Democratic Party in 1880—Three Times Elected to Represent His State—Captain and Lieutenant Colonel in Confederate Army. Big Stone Gap, Va., Oct. 13.—Hon. Campbell Slemp, member of Congress from the ninth district of Virginia, died early this morning of angina pectoris. He was the only Republican member of the Virginia delegation in Congress.

Born in Lee county, Virginia, in 1839, Campbell Slemp was reared on a farm and was a farmer most of his life, being also engaged in the live stock business and in trading in coal and timber. He was a student at Emory and Henry College but did not graduate, owing to the death of his father. He served in the Confederate army as captain and lieutenant-colonel of the Twenty-first Virginia Battalion and colonel of the Sixty-fourth regiment, which was both infantry and cavalry. He was elected to the House of Delegates in 1879 and 1881. He left the Democratic party in 1880 and as a Republican ran for Lieutenant Governor with General William Mahone in 1889. He was elected on the Harrison ticket in 1888 and on the McKinley ticket in 1896. He was elected to the Fifty-eighth Congress and twice re-elected, the last time defeating R. P. Bruce, Democrat, by 2,200 majority.

His son, C. Hascom Slemp, of Big Stone Gap, is the Republican State chairman of Virginia, being the youngest State chairman in the country. The funeral arrangements have not been announced.

MRS. WADSWORTH'S FUNERAL.

The Services Will Take Place at the Residence at 3 O'clock. The remains of Mrs. Margaret Barbara Cannon Wadsworth, who died at the Jefferson Hospital in Philadelphia Saturday morning, arrived here early yesterday morning on train No. 28 and were carried to the residence on North College street, where they will remain until after the funeral, which will take place at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The services will be conducted by Rev. T. F. Marr, of High Point, and H. K. Boyer, of this city. The pall-bearers will be Judge Armistead Burwell and Messrs. W. C. Ladd, C. W. Thibault, Samuel Asbury, M. F. Kirby, R. P. Stokes, George W. Bryan and Frank Gilreath.

A large crowd of devoted friends will attend the funeral services, and many people, relatives and friends from Concord, will be here.

Fifty Years a Blacksmith.

Samuel P. Worley, of Highburg, Va., has been shoeing horses for more than fifty years. He says "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy" has given him great relief from a long back ache and rheumatism from time to time. "I never used it before but I find it ever used." For sale by W. L. Hand & Co.

PEG LEG GRAHAM'S BEAR

HE KILLED ONE 17 YEARS AGO.

The People of Providence Township Will Recall the Famous Bear Hunt That Took Place Between Fort Mill and Rock Hill, S. C.—Charlie Graham the First to See Bruin—He Killed Colonel Pez Who Saddled His Mule, Called His Hounds and Went to the Chase—After Two Hours' Hard Running the Dogs Brought the Bear to Bay in a Ditch—Rifles Used to Slay Him—Carcase Weighed 350 Pounds.

"Talking about bears," said Col. Peg Leg Graham, a well-known Confederate veteran, "do you recall the famous chase that we had in South Carolina, near Fort Mill, several years ago?" "Several years ago?" asked a reporter.

"Yes, about ten years ago." "It has been nearer twenty. I was still on the farm in Providence, when you and your brother killed that bear, and I remember just as well as if it were yesterday. Yes, you ran him with your fox hounds and drove him in a ditch and shot him."

"You are right, but I had no idea it had been so long since. Time flies as we turn grey. That was a great race and a day of events. All the rules and niggers in that part of the country were scared half to death."

"Well, colonel, tell us about that bear—where did he come from—where was he going—how large was he—where did you catch him? I have often wondered why a bear would be up there."

"I think he was going from one swamp region to another, for he had turpentine all over the back of his neck. He had evidently been in the long leaf pines. He did not belong to our county."

"My brother, Charlie, was the first that saw him, I think; he came for me and my dogs. Early one morning, when Charlie was on his way to Fort Mill, he saw what he took to be a bear in front of him. Charlie rode up to the place where the animal crossed the road, got down and examined the tracks. He had never seen many bear tracks but he recognized in those the footprints of Bruin."

"I had two dogs—Red and Blue and Mollie. They could drive a red fox to death or make the wildest coon take a tree."

"GETTING READY FOR THE FUN." "When Charlie rode up and told me he had seen a bear I looked at him and laughed, but he swore that he was telling the truth, and his face was so serious that I knew he had seen something. He told me his story and I saddled Beck, my old sorrel mule, my gun and horn, called the hounds and put out."

"The word was already out. Everybody at Fort Mill had heard of the bear. In fact, you know, there had been much bear talk over in Providence. Old Ben Ivey and George Gregory and others about the old Davis place had seen signs of a bear. It was said that a large varmint, with a club-footed man, had been eating hog, mule and lamb and pigs up and down McAlpine's creek. We had heard those reports. They came to us in exaggerated form. We were on the lookout for a bear or some other dangerous, blood thirsty beast. Therefore, the people were ready for the news."

"By the time we got to the place where Charlie saw Bruin the road was full of men, armed with guns, clubs, bowie knives and iron spikes. One old man had brought his flint and steel with him."

"The track was there, and all agreed that it was made by a tremendous bear. Old Mollie raised her bristles when she stuck her nose to it. I gave a keen yell and set the old dog on fire. Blue came running about and growled. You know that a dog raises his bristles when he strikes a red fox, or a cur dog. My pair were mad as hornets at the bear. Having charged around for a few minutes, riding the people, sniffing and snoring as they went, they got down to the trail and began to work it into the thicket. As they gave tongue I yelled to urge them on. We were wild with excitement. None of us knew what time the bear might turn and come our way."

THE RACE BEGINS.

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general direction being toward Rock Hill, down the Catawba river, forty or fifty men, some on horse back and others on foot, following in their wake. "I had two dogs—Red and Blue and Mollie. They could drive a red fox to death or make the wildest coon take a tree. "GETTING READY FOR THE FUN." "When Charlie rode up and told me he had seen a bear I looked at him and laughed, but he swore that he was telling the truth, and his face was so serious that I knew he had seen something. He told me his story and I saddled Beck, my old sorrel mule, my gun and horn, called the hounds and put out. "The word was already out. Everybody at Fort Mill had heard of the bear. In fact, you know, there had been much bear talk over in Providence. Old Ben Ivey and George Gregory and others about the old Davis place had seen signs of a bear. It was said that a large varmint, with a club-footed man, had been eating hog, mule and lamb and pigs up and down McAlpine's creek. We had heard those reports. They came to us in exaggerated form. We were on the lookout for a bear or some other dangerous, blood thirsty beast. Therefore, the people were ready for the news. "By the time we got to the place where Charlie saw Bruin the road was full of men, armed with guns, clubs, bowie knives and iron spikes. One old man had brought his flint and steel with him. "The track was there, and all agreed that it was made by a tremendous bear. Old Mollie raised her bristles when she stuck her nose to it. I gave a keen yell and set the old dog on fire. Blue came running about and growled. You know that a dog raises his bristles when he strikes a red fox, or a cur dog. My pair were mad as hornets at the bear. Having charged around for a few minutes, riding the people, sniffing and snoring as they went, they got down to the trail and began to work it into the thicket. As they gave tongue I yelled to urge them on. We were wild with excitement. None of us knew what time the bear might turn and come our way. "THE RACE BEGINS. "The dogs carried the track through the thicket and across an old field. The

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