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Be it known to all men that what we said last week concerning freight and express charges was not inspired by any grievance THE INDEX or its editor has against the Southern Express Company or a single one of its employees. This statement is made because we have been asked what grievance we have. We were discussing a public question in a general way without personal reference. And while we are about it let us say that we believe Capt. J. J. Crosswell, route agent of the Southern Express Company, is doing all in his power to treat the people fairly, and we do not believe the people of this locality have a word of complaint against him or those under him.

A STONE FOR BREAD.

A greater farce was never perpetrated before the American people than that special session of Congress now being held ostensibly for the purpose of revising the tariff schedules. There was a growing popular demand for reduction of the tariff. The great masses of the people were tired of being robbed continually by a few money interests protected by the government. The Democratic national platform was very positive in favor of tariff reduction. The demand of the people was so great that the Republicans saw danger, and so they, in their national platform, promised tariff revision, and Mr. Taft promised that if he were elected President he would immediately call a special session of Congress to revise the tariff. Neither the Republican party nor Mr. Taft promised that rates were to be lowered. They very carefully omitted to say whether the revision was to be upward or downward. But with a million dollars "on the side"—contributed largely, yea mostly, out of the fortunes that a few money magnates have amassed by robbing the people through the tariff—enough people were fooled again to elect a Republican majority in Congress. Mr. Taft called his extra session according to promise. Now the Congress of the United States is to remain in session all spring and probably all summer just to "revise" the tariff.

What is to be the result? Of course those who carefully studied the situation knew on the 4th of last November what the result would be just as well as they will know when Congress adjourns. But the actual work of revision has already progressed far enough that the fellows who were fooled can see the outcome. The Payne bill has passed the House and the Senate will adopt nothing better than the Aldrich bill. The outcome will be the passage of a bill embodying the features of both. The "revision" amounts to this: The average rate will be increased from 44.16 to 45.72 per cent., so Mr. Payne admits. The tariff taxes will continue to range around one hundred per cent. on such prime necessities of life as woollens and sugar.

How long, oh how long will the people continue to be fooled into voting for the Republican party to give them relief from the tariff robbery while that party gets its sinews of war from the purses of the government-protected robbers, who in turn get it from the pockets of the people who blindly vote to continue to be robbed?

Topics of The Times

Jno. A. Oates, Editor

By River and Seaside.

SOUTHPORT, May 1, '09.

Thursday morning, in company with Major and Mrs. B. C. Gorham, I boarded "The City of Fayetteville" for a trip down the historic Cape Fear to quaint and quiet Southport-by-the-Sea. Capt. Roy Smith was in command of the boat, and he made our journey pleasant and put us into Wilmington in good time. It is "between seasons" now in river traffic. The cotton and fertilizer seasons are over and naval stores is just beginning. So the freight was light. The farmers are very busy, and this made the passenger travel light also.

It will be a great day for Fayetteville when deep draught steamers can run regularly to Wilmington, receiving there heavy freight direct from Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York and from Charleston, New Orleans and the West Indies. Then will Fayetteville's wholesale trade, which is already assuming large proportions, be territorially like it was fifty and seventy-five years ago when she supplied the people to the west of us all the way into Tennessee. The farther inland the water traffic is carried, the cheaper rates of freight the people enjoy.

After breakfast in Wilmington we take passage on "The Wilmington," Capt. Harper, and at noon the lines are thrown out at Southport, on the west bank of the Cape Fear, just a few miles from the mouth of the river.

From our hotel we look out on Fort Caswell, where the government maintains a large garrison, and farther out we can see Bald Head Island, on which the light house is located. All night one can see from Southport this huge revolving light as it tells the mariner about the dangerous shoals. This island, formerly known as "Smith's Island," has the highest all the year round temperature of any place in North Carolina. It is nearest to the Gulf Stream, being only about fifty miles distant. I am told that the winter temperature is some fifteen degrees higher than Fayetteville and that frost rarely occurs there. Palm trees grow in abundance and the foliage is said to be beautiful all through the winter.

Southport, called Smithville until the early nineties, is an interesting town. It was chartered by the Assembly at Newbern in 1792. An original deed, or "indenture," made in 1792 by five citizens of the town as commissioners appointed by the Assembly, is still in the Register of Deeds office. I doubt if one lawyer in twenty-five in this State ever saw a real "indentured" deed. It is notched on the top like the teeth of a saw, as was the custom at that time. The custom was to make two copies of a document, and then, putting them together, to notch out with a knife or scissors pieces exactly alike from each document. Each party was supposed to keep a copy. This was intended to prevent fraudulent documents. To-day the word "indenture" is used, but the custom of notching is no longer followed. The first records of

the Town Commissioners, beginning with 1792, are kept in the Register of Deeds office. They are interesting books. A prominent figure in the town's early history was William Smith, afterwards Governor of the State and a leader in the establishment of the State University. His original will and that of his mother (1787) are kept in the Court House.

That Smithville early took notice of the need of education is evidenced by the following resolution taken from a town commissioners' meeting in 1798:

"The Commissioners, taking into consideration the want of a school house, resolved that if it appears from the subscription paper for erecting such a building that the power is in the Commissioners, the chairman be and he is accordingly empowered to cause to be erected a framed house 16x24 feet, to be shingled, floored and comfortably furnished with a brick chimney."

Many of the houses at that time had dirt floors and shell and lime chimneys, hence the care with which the city fathers prescribed these things.

Our bankers of to-day handle our financial transactions with distant places with such ease and care that they would laugh at the recording of "Exchange" as was done in those good old days. Here is a copy from the records of the county:

"Exch. for £450 Sterl'g.
"Brunswick, Feby. 6, 1765.

"Fifty days after sight of this my third exchange, my first and second of the same tenor and date not paid. Pay unto Wm. Paul Jenkins or order the sum of Four hundred and fifty Pounds Sterling with or without further advice from

"Your Humb'l Serv'ts
"RICHARD QUINCE & SONS
"To Messrs Lane & Booth,
"Merch'ts in London.
"Registered 12th March, 1765
"Wm. Lord, P. Reg'r."

And to our younger people the following record of the freeing of a slave is interesting:

"North Carolina
"New Hanover County

"These are to certifye whom it may Concern, That Hannah, formerly a slave of my mother Mrs. Rebecca Dry, Deceased, was by her will left to be free at and after the first day of this Present instant November one Thousand seven hundred & fifty nine for her good & faithful service to her late mistress. I do therefore declare her to be free from this date from me or any other person whatsoever & I do desire that no person may molest her from going where she pleases she behaving herself as she ought to do. Dated at Brunswick, November the second, 1759.

"WM. DRY."

The colonial and county records are rich in history of value to us as a people. The records of the early settlements and the struggles of these people for liberty are matters well worth writing into our permanent history.

North Carolina should spend a reasonable sum every year in gathering and preserving her

early history. Some day it will cost many times as much to get it. There is enough in connection with Brunswick county—with the old settlement of Brunswick, with St. Phillip's Parish, with the resistance of the Stamp Act, and with the events of the Civil War and the blockade runners, to fill a large book.

The citizens of the town of Southport will gladly assist any seeker after these things to get all the facts available so far as can be obtained in the county.

Southport is a quiet, restful place, well located and adapted for the health seeker, and I am hoping for good results from the invigorating salt air.

J. A. O.

Local and Personal.

Mr. J. E. Lucas, a prominent business man of Lane, was a pleasant caller at THE INDEX office Friday.

Mr. W. H. Pace, of Womack, Hayes & Pace, a leading law firm of Raleigh, was in Fayetteville Monday.

The Ladies' Union of the Baptist church will give a lawn party on the Graded School grounds Friday night.

Capt. H. L. Murphy has moved with his family from 320 Arch street to the Robert Strange house on Raeford Lane.

The old time fiddlers' convention will be held Friday night, May 14th, in Fayetteville. A large crowd is expected.

Mr. J. A. Baggott, of Smithfield, representing the Smithfield Journal Publishing Co., was in Fayetteville the other day.

Mr. A. G. Wilder, of Wilmington, was in the city Thursday on his way to Lillington to visit his father, Mr. J. L. Wilder.

Mr. L. E. Tyner, of Lowe, a leading country merchant and farmer of Robeson, was in Fayetteville yesterday on business.

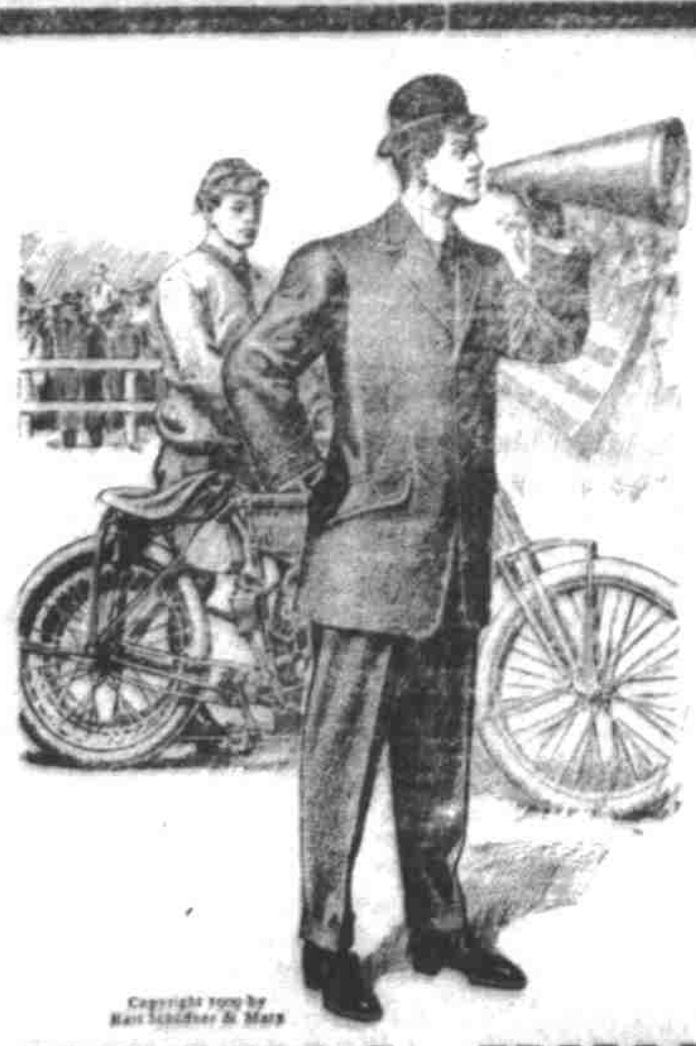
Capt. J. J. Crosswell, the very popular route agent of the Southern Express Company, went down to Wilmington on business Monday evening.

The people of this city and section will appreciate the opportunity that comes Friday of this week to see Gentry Bros' trained animal shows. Nothing better of the kind ever struck this section.

Dr. J. M. Lilly, accompanied by Mrs. Lilly and child, left Monday afternoon for Mt. Gilead and Norwood. Dr. Lilly will return next Monday. Mrs. Lilly will be away perhaps a month.

On last Monday evening the first service in St. Stephens Episcopal church was held, conducted by Rev. Robert Strane, D. D., bishop of the Diocese of Eastern Carolina, assisted by Rev. I. W. Hughes, the rector in charge of the work in Red Springs.—Red Springs Citizen.

Rev. A. R. McQueen returned from the hospital at Fayetteville Tuesday where he was carried Saturday. It was thought by his physicians that an operation for appendicitis was necessary, but after reaching the hospital he was relieved without an operation. His many friends will be glad to learn that he has recovered, and that he did not have to undergo an operation.—Dunn Guide.



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