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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT POWERS.

Twenty-one out of the forty-five states in the union have passed laws regulating railway passenger rates. These vary from a two cent rate to one scaled from two to four cents. We suppose the other twenty-four states will soon fall into line and pass some kind of a railway rate law. No two of these state laws are alike, though several of them provide the same rate of passenger fare. We are not now prepared to advocate it, but in view of these many varying and, in some instances, conflicting state provisions might it not be better to have one system of laws governing this matter? We do not mean an act of congress prescribing a uniform rate but a law recognizing the varying interests and multiple conditions under which the different railroads of the nation are operated and one which is drawn to give the different classes of roads fair and just treatment. We recognize the fact that such a law—assuming that congress could pass such an act which would be constitutional—would be a very difficult matter; but could it be done and if it could be done in such a way as to avoid constitutional objections we believe it would be found to be to the interest of the railroads, of the stockholders and patrons of the railroads and the public generally. This country is reaching such magnitude that there are several matters which the states could handle individually in the early days of the republic but which now have outgrown their management and control. The framers of the federal constitution built a national government based on thirteen states lying along the Atlantic seaboard. They did not contemplate any such country as we have now. Had they done so they would not have reserved so many rights to the states or so narrowly confined the duties of the federal government. So long as the federal constitution remains as it is its mandates must be obeyed, but we think the time has come, or soon will come, when the powers of the general government should be enlarged. It is well known that the opinion of all men regarding the construction of the federal constitution has changed. The meaning of many of its clauses are considered very different from the interpretation put upon them by the public men and the courts of the earlier days. We will make only one reference as illustration. In former days the democratic party contended that congress could not constitutionally make appropriations out of the general funds for river and harbor improvements. What would the people of North Carolina of today think of one of their congressmen who would take such a position?

GROWTH OF PROHIBITION

The prohibition wave is sweeping over the country, especially in the southern states. In North Carolina in a very large majority of the counties there are no licensed saloons, and every now and then there is a local option election in some town which results in closing the saloons or the dispensary, therefore existing in the town. South Carolina wiped out her state dispensary law not long ago. Georgia, by an act of the legislature, effective next January, has put an end to the sale of liquor in that state. The Mississippi legislature, which meets next January, it is thought, will follow the example of that of Georgia. Both the candidates for the democratic nomination for governor in that state have declared for state prohibition. Vardaman, the present governor, has

declared in favor of prohibition in his state. The probabilities are that Alabama, Texas and Louisiana will establish prohibition either by direct act of the legislature or by a vote of the people under acts of the next legislature submitting the question to the people. It would not be at all surprising to us were the next legislature of this state to pass a straight-out prohibition bill or an act submitting the question to the people. The indications are that in less than two years we will have prohibition in this state through one or the other of these courses—by direct action of the legislature, as was done in Georgia, or by popular vote. The prohibition sentiment is making rapid growth in this state as in other sections of the south. There is many a man who will vote for prohibition today who would not have done so a year ago.

MINNESOTA RAILWAY FIGHT.

The railway rate law in Minnesota has assumed a more interesting and sensational aspect than that in either this state or Alabama. Minnesota must have a peculiar constitution. The latter permits men to be sent to prison without indictment and simply on the finding that the provisions of a state statute regulating freight rates has been violated. We find the following in the Charlotte Chronicle:

The railroad rate law fight in Minnesota involves some interesting features. Federal Judge Lochrane has issued an order restraining the railroads from obeying the state commodity rate law. The business organizations are to make complaint before the county attorneys all over the state against the highest railroads officials for violation of the commodity rate law. Under this law each official found guilty of refusing to adopt the rates provided is liable to imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 90 days, without the option of a fine. Indictment is not necessary. Several best suits will be brought against the head officials of the several railroads. The state judges may decide to send them to jail for failure to disobey the order placed upon them by a federal judge, and it will be incumbent upon the latter to give way, or stand firm. The result will be awaited with interest.

This thing of sending men to jail because they refuse to disobey an order of a court of competent jurisdiction in a case which is pending in that court is a mighty serious matter, though some state officials think they can make political capital in doing so.

The Transvaal people are going to pay three hundred thousand dollars for the purchase of the private interests in that seven hundred and fifty thousand dollar diamond so that it can be made a present to King Edward. Under the mining laws the government has a three-fifth interest in all diamonds mined. Now we want to know who is going to pay for the public's interest in the stone. When presented to the king it will belong to his private property. It will belong to Edward Guelf as a private individual and not to Edward VII king of England. The king of Great Britain, as do many of the other rulers of Europe, has a very large private fortune. His mother was very economical and added greatly to the family's fortune by her savings and judicious investments.

This telegraphers' strike business is a mystery. Daily bulletins announce that the telegraph companies are satisfied with the situation. The strikers also declare daily that conditions are entirely satisfactory to them. It does seem that if both sides to the controversy are content with existing conditions that the general public should have no cause of complaint; but, in fact, it is the public which is suffering. It is the loser. It is the public's business which is being interrupted in the orderly course of its service and it is the public for whom neither the telegraph companies nor the striking operators seem to have any concern whatever.

When people go out of town for the summer and close their houses, as a good many Wilmingtonians do it would be a good idea for them to notify the police force of that fact and make arrangements for the chief of police or some other member of the force to enter their houses for the purpose of making inspections when occasion requires. If such were done some of the burglars who raid unoccupied residences might be caught or the stolen goods recovered. If there is delay until the owners return in the fall it is entirely too late to attempt capture of the burglars or recovery of the stolen goods.

Norfolk is to be congratulated on the new enterprise about to be started there in the way of a big shipbuilding

yard. The Journal of Commerce says: Edward S. Cramp, late of the Cramp Shipbuilding Company, of Philadelphia, and now associated with George W. Norris, of the banking firm of Edward L. Smith & Co., of Philadelphia, according to advices from Norfolk, Va., has paid \$95,000 for 1,000 feet frontage on the main harbor in that city, and will immediately begin the construction of a large shipbuilding plant. In addition to doing all kinds of repair work, the plant which will have a working capital of \$500,000, will be constructed on such a scale as to be in a position to make bids for the construction of the largest type of battleship. Edward S. Cramp will be president of the concern.

We thought Lenoir county in this state had shown up the meanest man on record in the person of the fellow who robbed the county poorhouse of all its chickens and watermelons; but we believe Pittsburg, Pa., can beat that in its citizen who had a warrant issued by a magistrate for a two-year-old child, charging it with tearing up his lawn. We are glad to chronicle that the justice of the peace who issued the warrant promptly dismissed the same when he discovered the nature of the case.

A Philadelphian writes to The Ledger that the noises in that city keep him awake from 3 a. m. until 11 p. m. Philadelphia must be becoming something of a live town. Wilmington is not quite up to that yet. The citizens here who need early morning rest are not disturbed by the useless blowing of whistles before about 4:30 a. m.

Mr. Foraker does not exactly approve of Mr. Taft's proposition that congress should revise the tariff as soon as possible after the next presidential election. Mr. Taft knows that there is bound to be a revision of the present tariff laws in the near future and that if it is not done by republicans the democrats will be given an opportunity to do so.

Forced abdication is the order of the day. Following close upon that of the emperor of Korea comes that of the gambling kings of Chicago. The latter kick up more fuss about their rights being infringed by the city authorities than did the king of Korea about his prerogatives being invaded by the strong arm of the Japanese government.

That was a big time that the Tammany Jefferson club of the Bronx had on Wednesday last at its annual picnic. Several men in hospital and several score wounded was the result of the party harmony celebration.

A man of Long Beach, Cal. reports having seen a turtle seventy feet long. The governor of that state should call an extra session of the legislature to pass a prohibition law right away.

Endorsed by the County.

"The most popular medicine in Otsego county," and the best friend of my family," writes Wm. M. Dietz, editor and publisher of the Otsego Journal, Gilbertsville, N. Y. "is Dr. King's New Discovery. It has proved to be an infallible cure for coughs and colds, making short work of the worst of them. We always keep a bottle in the house. I believe it to be the most valuable prescription known for Lung and Throat diseases." Guaranteed to never disappoint the taker, by R. R. Bellamy's drug store. Price 50c and \$1. Trial bottle free.

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"For ten years I was confined to my bed with diseases of my kidneys," writes R. A. Gray, J. P., of Oakville, Ind. "It was so severe that I could not move part of the time. I consulted the very best medical skill available, but could get no relief until Foley's Kidney Cure was recommended to me. It has been a Godsend to me."— Jos. C. Shepard and J. Hicks Bunting Drug Co.

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SHORT TALKS BY L. T. COOPER. CHRONIC CRANKS

We have all met people who are continually kicking. Life seems a terrible thing to them. They seldom smile. Something dreadful is going to happen, nothing is ever just right, and they worry and fret and complain from morning till night.

Their trouble seems to be just a disposition but this is seldom so. In most cases there is one of these things the matter with them; either their nerves or their digestion is responsible. Both come from the same thing—stomach trouble. A man or woman whose nerves are tied in knots is bound to be mighty poor company the same thing is true if what they eat don't digest properly. No wonder they grumble, I don't blame them.

I have seen Cooper's New Discovery change the whole disposition of people in a month's time simply by getting their stomach in shape again. Even the expression on their face was altogether changed. The worried, tired,



MR. J. R. SMOCK.

fratful look changed to a peaceful, happy expression, and the lines of care disappeared altogether. Many people tell me about this in letters. They seem to think it a miracle. It isn't. It's just the stomach working again.

Here's a case of this kind: "I suffered with my stomach for thirteen years. Nothing I ate seemed to digest. I also had chronic constipation, and was tired, dull irritable and despondent all the time. I found it difficult to attend to my duties as traction agent at this place.

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ROBERT R. BELLAMY.

LAND ENTRY

State of North Carolina. New Hanover County. The undersigned lays claim to and enters the following described vacant and unappropriated lands lying and being in Masonboro township, New Hanover County and State of North Carolina, bounded and described as follows, to wit: adjoining the lands of H. L. Horne on the east, and on the south by the Parsley land, on the west by the lands of Ben W. Beery, and on the north by the lands of H. Horne et al, containing twenty-five (25) acres, more or less.

This 14th day of August, 1907. H. L. HORNE.

Entered August 14th, 1905, at 11.15 a. m.

JOHN HAAR, Register Deeds and Acting Entry Taker for New Hanover County. Aug 16 1907

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