



## RUSSIA

### GOVERNOR AYCOCK'S OPINION ON THE RATE QUESTION.

The discussion of the rate question in the legislature has been characterized by independence of thought and frankness of expression. The legislators have great confidence in the Governor and his counsel, but every man properly feels that he must be true to his own convictions. The message of Governor Glenn, already printed in these columns, was a strong presentation of the reasons why the adjustment presented by him should be accepted by the General Assembly. Last night Representative Bickett of Franklin presented to the House a letter he had received from Ex-Governor Aycock giving reasons why he advised the ratification of the adjustment. No men enjoy to a larger degree the confidence of the people of North Carolina than Governor Glenn and Governor Aycock. They are actuated in this as in all matters by patriotic considerations. The view of Governor Aycock, entitled to great weight, is as follows:

Greensboro, N. C., Jan. 15, 1908.  
Hon. T. W. Bickett,  
Louisburg, N. C.

Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of your letter of Jan. 14th inquiring of me what were the reasons which led me to endorse the proposed settlement between the State and the railroads. I am very glad to comply with your request.

As soon as the railroads were defying the statute I thought that the State would compel obedience to it if it required the expenditure of all the money that could be raised, but on August 8th, 1907, the railroads wisely concluded to obey the statute and put into effect the 21-cent rate. Having done this and thereby acknowledged the supremacy of the State, I was willing, as one representing the State, to consider a settlement of a controversy which had arisen in the courts between the State and the railroads, the railroads alleging that the rate fixed by the legislature was confiscatory and the State denying it. This is a controversy about a fact. It may be determined by the courts one way or the other. It is within the competency of the court to pass upon this question. Whether the Circuit Court of the United States can pass upon this question or not in the pending suit is another question, but that the courts must eventually pass upon this fact is admitted by all. Now the fact being one in dispute between the parties litigant or capable of being brought into dispute, there is nothing unusual in the effort between the parties to reach an adjustment without litigation or without further litigation. The investigation conducted before the Master in equity proceeding in the Circuit Court of the United States does not lead me to the conclusion that the 21-cent rate is confiscatory; on the contrary I believe in a strict legal sense that the rate is not confiscatory. The railroad on the other hand insists with much earnestness and apparent sincerity that the rate is confiscatory, and it has offered much evidence tending to establish its contention. What the decision of this question of fact may be I do not know. It may be decided one way or the other according to the view which the court or the jury, if it should be submitted to a jury in a different proceeding, should find. Now it being a question which can be determined one way or the other, when a proposition of settlement was made, it became my duty to see what the State could gain if she accepted the offer of the railroad. Under existing conditions railroads are maintaining their old interstate rate. A ticket from Goldsboro to Washington or New York is selling today at 3 cents per mile. One

cannot travel out of North Carolina into any other State at the 21-cent rate. If he buys a local ticket in the different States he cannot check his baggage through. If the settlement is made on the basis proposed this rate is fixed at 2 cents and 21 cents. There is a great deal of travel going out of and coming into North Carolina. The saving between 3 cents, 2 cents and 21 cents on this travel, in my opinion, will amount to fully as much to the people of North Carolina as the loss of a cent on the interstate rate, which, according to agreement, is to be raised from 21 cents to 24 cents. In addition to this, under the agreement, by the purchase of a five-hundred mile book, which can be had at \$11.25, the 21-cent is available in the State. It is not to be overlooked that the railroads are the largest single property interests in the State. They do a business which reaches every person. Their prosperity is a matter of value to everybody. That they should be able to conduct their business without conflict with the State is a very great advantage to every other business. The settlement of the controversy between them and the State on an equitable basis can but result in reviving business. In this hour of great industrial depression when stocks are abnormally low, when many of the large business enterprises in this State and elsewhere are running short time or have entirely shut down, anything which is not violative of principle that tends to produce better business conditions is desirable. I gave consideration to the objection now made by some people that the settlement violates the principle of equality in that a man who can buy a two-thousand mile ticket can ride at 2 cents a mile, whereas one who buys only a single ticket will have to pay 21 cents. This is an inequality in life which has always appealed strongly to my sympathy, but I find that this inequality exists in every department of business. It is a law of the State today that one shipping in car load lots gets a less rate than one shipping in less than car load lots. It is a fact that one who buys flour by the barrel gets his flour cheaper than the jobber, the jobber buys cheaper than the retailer, and the retailer buys cheaper than the consumer. Until the Act of 1907, mileage books had always been sold by the railroads at a less price than single tickets. There is nothing in that act which prohibits the railroads from selling now a mileage book at less than 21 cents.

I was influenced also in my willingness to settle the controversy between the State and the railroads by consideration of the fact that the legislature itself which passed the act under consideration would undoubtedly at the time have gladly passed an act in accordance with this compromise if the railroads had indicated their willingness to accept it. I have always believed that whenever the authority of the State is challenged the State should, regardless of the expense, establish her authority, but that having done so she ought never to legislate in memory of the rebellion against authority. When her citizens acknowledged the supremacy of her statutes and ask that legislation be adjusted to the actual conditions, the State ought not to recall the fact that its citizens in the past have been unmindful of their obligations to the State. Individuals cannot, without ruin, act in a spirit of revenge. The State which we all love is the highest expression of her best citizenship.

I was also influenced in my view by the willingness of other States situated like North Carolina to accept the settlement offered. There is no man in the South who is better informed on the question of railroads than Governor Hoke Smith of Georgia. In a letter written to me some months ago he expressed his perfect willingness to settle on the same basis as that finally agreed upon by Governor Glenn. If the settlement made by Governor Glenn shall be enacted into law North Carolina will have the proud position of having compelled obedience to the law by the strongest in the State, of having secured a just and reasonable rate, not only within her borders but throughout the South, and will have gained a fresh title to be regarded as an aggressive, powerful commonwealth when her authority is assailed, and as a just and generous mother when obedience is secured.

I am, with great respect,  
Very sincerely yours,  
C. B. AYCOCK.

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Solomon Koury, a Syrian, has a wise name and lives up to it. He sent his uncle a bogus telegram calling him to Camden, S. C., saying his sister had met with an accident, and furthermore, got a check cashed for \$500 at the Fayetteville bank. Then Solomon disappeared.

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### LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Mr. J. B. Little, son of Rev. J. W. Little, has moved from Sanford to Waxhaw.

Mr. T. L. A. Davis of Charlotte is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Howie, at Mineral Springs.

Rev. M. L. Kestler, superintendent of the Baptist orphanage at Thomasville, will preach at Wing gate next Sunday at 11 o'clock.

Dr. E. Nye Hutchinson, one of the best known and beloved men in Charlotte, died last Thursday in his 81st year.

Mr. J. L. Preslar of Buford township, left Friday for Brunswick, Ga., where he will live. Mr. Preslar is a good young man and carries the well wishes of many friends with him.

Rev. W. H. Perry will preach at Zoar on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in Feb. at 2 o'clock, and on the 2nd Sunday at 11 o'clock, and on the same day at Five Forks at three o'clock and at Pageland at 7 o'clock.

Representative Lockhart has secured the passage by the legislature of a liquor bill for Anson county similar to the Union county law, except it makes the possession of a gallon of whiskey, instead of a quart, prima facie evidence of the purpose of selling.

The Rodman-Heath Cotton Mill, says the Waxhaw Enterprise, is now running only three days in each week, or as it is generally expressed, "on half time." It is not known how long this arrangement will continue, but the mill will hardly run on full time any more until there is a decided improvement in the yarn market over present conditions.

The young people of Marvin and Weddington have jointly organized a book club to meet twice a month. The following members were present at the first meeting: Misses Daisy Stephenson, Georgie Howie, Mary DeLaney, Ellie Hudson, Emma Hunter, Bertie Ezzelle, and Messrs. V. S. Hunter, Earle Kizzle, Henry Stephenson, Charlie Parks, Stitt Howie, Frank Steplson. Only the latest standard books will be used.

Mr. Hector Starnes died on the 24th at his home in Buford township of pneumonia. He was 28 years old. A wife and four small children survive. Mr. Starnes was a good citizen and a member of the Methodist church. Funeral was held at the family burying ground near Mr. Starnes' home. The deceased was a brother of Mr. F. E. Starnes, a successful jeweler of Albemarle. The latter was with his brother when he died.

The Journal is glad to print the record of another successful lady who knows how to run her part of the farm profitably: From the 1st of December, 1906, until January 1st, 1908, Mrs. Sam A. Hood of Sandy Ridge township, sold 75 chickens and eggs \$13.00; butter \$24.00; fruit \$5.00; kraut \$5.00; cranberries \$3.00; total \$231.75. Mrs. Hood lives 17 miles from market. Who can beat it!

Mr. Joshua Lee, who moved from this county to Georgia in the year 1857, died at the home of his son, Mr. Frank S. Lee, at Lyerly, Ga., on December 20th, 1907. Mr. Lee was a native of Chesterfield county, S. C., but lived in Lanes Creek township, this county, for a number of years and taught school. He was in advance of his day as a school teacher and was a splendid instructor. He was eighty years old. Mr. Lee married Miss Eliza Doster of this county, who with seven children survive him.

The Staley Enterprise says that Representative E. F. Eddins spent a part of last week in Raleigh. Mr. Eddins sent in his resignation to the Governor after the adjournment of the last session. This was not formally acted upon; but as a matter of honor he felt that it would not be right for him to draw his salary, and his presence last week at the called session of the legislature was in the interest of his constituency, but without money or price.

**Suffering and Dollars Saved.**  
E. S. Loper of Marilla, N. Y., says: "I am a carpenter and have had many severe cuts healed by Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It has saved me suffering and dollars. It is by far the best healing salve I have ever found." Heals burns, sores, ulcers, fever sores, eczema and piles. 25c. at English Drug Co.'s.

Mr. W. C. Plyler, son of Mr. J. S. Plyler, died last Tuesday evening about half past five o'clock at

the home of his father in Waxhaw. Tuberculosis was the cause of his death. His health had been gradually failing for several months, and during the past few weeks the decline had been very rapid. Funeral services were conducted at the residence Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock by Rev. Messrs. C. M. Pickett and J. L. McKinstry, and the burial took place at Belair Methodist church in the afternoon. Deceased was about twenty three years of age, and is survived by his wife. He was a member of the Waxhaw Methodist church.

The postmaster at Unionville desires to call attention to the practice of some patrons of rural delivery of placing loose coins in their boxes each time they desire to dispatch letters instead of supplying themselves with postage in advance of their needs. The practice imposes undue hardship on rural carriers in removing loose coins from boxes and delays them on the service of their routes. The postmaster, therefore, urgently requests that patrons of rural delivery provide themselves and keep on hand a supply of stamps consistent with and in advance of their needs. It is also very desirable that rural patrons place in their mail boxes small detachable cups of wood or tin in which to place coins, when necessary, in purchasing supplies of stamps.

### Husband Management Secrets.

Here are some suggestions advising of woman on the management of a probable husband:

When you marry him, love him. After you marry him, study him. If he is honest, honor him. If he is generous, appreciate him. When he is cross, amuse him. When he is talkative, listen to him. When he is quarrelsome, ignore him. If he is slothful, spur him. If he is noble, praise him. If he is confidential, encourage him. If he is secretive, trust him. If he is jealous, cure him. If he cares naught for pleasure, coax him. If he favors society, accompany him. If he does you a favor, thank him. When he deserves it, kiss him. Let him think how well you understand him; but never let him know that you "manage" him.

### Lies Down to Be Shod.

George Canfield, a milk dealer of Cadell, N. J., owns a horse which lies down to be shod, and putting its head on a bundle of hay and holding its feet in the air, makes itself comfortable during the operation. It was while the last snow was on the ground that the animal adopted this method. One day it had been slipping and stumbling over a thirty mile route and was tired out. It was led to Arlington Russell's smithy to have its shoes roughed, and as soon as the blacksmith raised its foot it lay down with its feet in the air.

Russell attached the four shoes while the animal was in this position. Since then every time it has been necessary to rough the horse again, it has laid down the moment it has reached the smithy. Russell now brings a bag of hay and places it under the horse's head for a pillow, much to the satisfaction of the animal and himself.

### Minister's Remarkable Record.

During the latter part of last week Dr. George L. Leyburn, pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Lexington, was quite ill and was unable to be out until Monday of this week. Consequently he could not fill his appointments at the church on Sunday. This is the first time in 33 years that Dr. Leyburn has missed an appointment on account of sickness, or for any other reason—a record that perhaps no minister in the State can equal, and which few in the whole country can surpass, if, indeed, there is one anywhere who can surpass it.

### Postoffice Inspector will be put on the case against Isaac Meekins at Elizabeth City, to see what there is in the charges against him to prevent his confirmation as postmaster. Meekins' name has since been withdrawn. Charges are filed against E. H. Morris at Mocksville, namely, profanity in public places as one thing. Several affidavits to that effect have been filed.

### Simple Remedy for La Grippe.

La grippe coughs are dangerous as they frequently develop into pneumonia. Foley's Honey and Tar not only stops the cough but heals and strengthens the lungs so that no serious results need be feared. The genuine Foley's Honey and Tar contains no harmful drugs and is in a yellow package. Refuse substitutes, English Drug Company.

### B. B. McLurd, a lumberman and stock dealer of Catawba county, while trading horses around Gaffney, lost \$600 in notes last week. He took off his overcoat, in which the notes were placed, to feed his stock, and when he looked for the garment it was not there. It was found in a negro's cabin, but the notes had disappeared. The negro got 30 days on the gang, but McLurd is still out his \$600.

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### How To Lessen Your Winter Troubles With Poultry.

Dr. J. B. Little, Progressive Farmer.

Dr. J. B. Little, Progressive Farmer, says that the poultry house is one trouble that must be especially guarded against during winter. The curtain front, or open front, house is good in this respect, since the free circulation of air carries moisture out of the house. Of course, it is supposed that the house will be so built that rain cannot beat in. If rain can beat in, the house will be damp in wet weather, the very time that a dry house would be worth most.

Another thing that is taken for granted is that good drainage exists about the house. If drainage is lacking, the house cannot be kept dry, as water will soak in around the bottom edges of the building. If one will take the trouble to fill in the floor of the house with earth till eight inches higher than the ground level outside, water cannot easily soak into the house with only moderately good drainage outside. If gravel is on the bottom of the house, water cannot soak up through it higher than the water level outside. Finer earth can be thrown on the gravel, to make a good smooth surface. When raising the floor by filling in, be sure that all moisture is first dug out. By both drawing moisture and by rotting, it dries the air. Replace it with clean earth.

Drinking vessels should be arranged so that water will not be scattered from them all over the house, to make the air damp and uncomfortable for the birds. While on the subject of drinking vessels, it might be noted that they need scalding and thorough washing occasionally, even in winter. When fowls can step in them it is often done, and the water is then no longer wholesome for drinking.

Damp quarters will give fowls rheumatism. It will do that for even water fowl. A hen that is in pain is no more in condition to do her work of laying eggs than a man in pain is in condition to do his work if he is in pain with rheumatism. Comfort for layers is profit for their owner, cannot be repeated too often. It is the hen that moves about full of good feeling and health, that is the heavy layer. If she is in good condition all winter, she will also lay eggs that will hatch better a little later and make strong, quick-growing chicks. If the house is damp and she escapes the rheumatism, she will still be uncomfortable while in the house. If a man will sit down in a damp cellar, he will note how uncomfortable he will be when he is in a damp house. This matter of comfort for poultry is not mere fanciful sentiment, but hard sense, increasing the revenue.

### Spread Barnyard Manure While Fresh.

Mr. L. B. Core of Johnson county, Ind., who carried off over \$7,000 in prizes at the great Chicago corn show recently, attributes a large part of his wonderful success in corn growing to the careful way he has of spreading the fresh barnyard manure on his corn land, which he rotates with red clover. Mr. Core does not allow the fresh manure to lose any of its fertility by bleaching, but with the spreader carries it to his corn and grass lands promptly. Farmers are coming to understand that they have wonderful sources of fertility in promptly spreading the stable manure as fast as it accumulates. Many keep their spreaders convenient for loading without handling it the second time, and as soon as a load is ready haul it to the fields.

Everything taken into the stomach should be digested fully within a certain time. When you feel that your stomach is not in good order, that the food you have eaten is not being digested, take a good, natural digestant that will do the work the digestive juices are not doing. The best remedy known today for all stomach troubles is Kodol, which is guaranteed to give prompt relief. It is a natural digestant; it digests what you eat, it is pleasant to take and is sold here by English Drug Company.

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### Man in Coffin Found to Be Alive.

In a letter received by a friend in this city information is given that near Hamilton last week a Mr. Gurganus, who was ill with pneumonia and who was thought to be dead, narrowly escaped being buried alive. The body had been prepared for burial and had been placed in the coffin, when sounds as if coughing were heard coming therefrom. Upon opening the casket the man was found to be alive, and at last accounts was on the road to recovery.

Bert Barber of Elton, Wis., says: "I have only taken four doses of your Kidney and Bladder Pills and they have done for me more than any other medicine has ever done. I am still taking the pills as I want a perfect cure." Mr. Barber refers to DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills. They are sold by English Drug Company.

Somebody pasted a placard to Washington's picture in the capitol at Raleigh, bearing the inscription, "Prohibition for Salisbury." Col. Swift Galloway, the same who said he wished the Plymouth Rock had landed on the Puritans instead of those people landing on it, and who also said that whiskey legislation had brought about conditions in North Carolina that would make a furlough to hell pleasant—he looked at the placard, and said that it was sacrilege to put such on a great man who was also a very fine judge of corn liquor, huh!

### A Sensation.

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