GOVERNOR TELLS WHY HE REMOVED THE TWO WILSONS take orders for meals. J. J. Lange here, will say that Otho offered to sell out his lease to him, yes, and the par-

tatives:

ther directed by said act that the Governor shall suspend any Commissioner the Southern Railroad Company? in case he shall become "disqualified to act." The scope, intent and policy of this act manifestly are to secure on the part of these Railroad Commissioners, absolute independence of the railroad corporations over which they are entrusted with such important pow-

These commissioners were to pass fic, to assess their great properties for taxation, and thus exercise powers vi-tally important to these corporations. The law does not declare any interest in any way in such a com- suspend. pany. Then it provides that if he does any of these things, he shall be suspended. Then it goes further, and dified to act, he shall be suspended.

This last provision I construe to mean any reason disqualified to act.

he shall not enter into contracts with an agreement to run a side track to his mill or mine, or to sell him land, or iron, or goods of any sort. In word, he must have no pecuniary transactions with these corporations, except such as he is entitled to as a member of the general public. This is my unof the general public. This is my un-derstanding and construction of the might regard it a breach of confidence arrival and departure." have this reduction ad absurdum; that the legislature undertakes to require that Railroad Commissioners shall be free from all interests in railroad com
But the names of the witnesses, who the Southern Ry Co.

"I saw Otho Wilson buying articles in the market, especially chickens, and I understand that he had them shipped to Round Knob hotel, D. H., over less stock in any railroad ,no matter your honorable body at any time at market house dealers and they who rewhere it may be, and notwithstanding your pleasure. all this caution it permits them to en-

Applying these principles to the case tion as was available, not having the sioner, and myself met in the Glen attitude of Mr. Wilson in release to examine witnesses, or to take depo- thought that I was the proprietor at the Round Knob hotel, and I received judicial or quasi judicial method, but acting upon the best information obtainable, I reached the conclusion that the best way to have Asheville made lease and by reason of which the South-

Round Knob hotel from Col. A. B. An- nothing, but the remaining years \$250 said that he leased the property for his have free use of the telegraph line, and mother. The info mation, circumstan- all supplies of any kind would be deliv- plies for the Round Knob hotel. tial and positive, convinced me that ered free of freight charges at the howhile he may have nominally leased it tel. To my enquiry as to how this in her name, he was the only real party would be done, he said that the supin interest; that the lease was for his plies would be dead-headed by either the lease. benefit and that the profits were to go the conductor of the trains or the bagto him; that he used the property as gage masters of the same. I am not his own, and that, while his mother's certain which. He also stated that I name may have been mentioned in the would get free transportation (passes)

Otho Wilson would not have rented the of my recollection, both, and if I leas-

3rd, It appeared from the information would stop at Asheville for meals." before me, that favors of a very substantial character, were extended by

2nd. He was mortgaged to Col. An-

drews in a large sum, to wit, \$6,000. 3rd. Col. Andrews was manager of

North Carolina, and the first Vice-President of the corporation. 4th. He, J. W. Wilson, was also part

was valueless as a hotel property, un-Company as an eating house.

temporaneous with the re-opening of ator at Round Knob interviewed. Some the Round Knob hotel as an eating time prior (more than 30 days) to the house, during the year 1896, the eating change of the eating house, I was in-houses at Asheville and Hickory were formed by Conductor W. W. Barber, discontinued.

The lease of the Round Knob hotel was, ostensibly made to Mrs. Wilson, the mother of S. Otho Wilson, but the guaranteeing two dinner trains a day.' evidence herewith sent discloses the day." fact that S. Otho Wilson was the real

owner thereof.

judgment upon complaints against act as Commissioner who has this perailroads, to fix rates upon their triaf-

And the law said in substance, that dishonest because he has an interest in one dollar's worth of grub for seventy- mate journalism for nearly fifteen a Commissioner should not hold a share of stock in any railroad company. Its of stock in any railroad company. Its of stock in any railroad company is one dollars worth of grub for seventy one dollars worth of grub for sev words are broad enough, (although believe that such interest or dollars per month to live at home, but dealings disqualifies the Commissioner. The legislature had the power to prehim from holding a worthless share of scribe any and every disqualification. stock in an insolvent railroad in a for-eign country. Then the law goes fur-the law. There is no discretion here. "In regi-

rects that if he shill become disquali- of his interest in the hotel property. To ties, or on business, and the conductor of it had been pointed out to them, and that he shall be suspended if, in the avoid criticism by even the captious, That Mrs. Wilson complained of her The stories that the cracks in the doors

them, that he shall not make money this law as to suspending this class of ter to the courts where it would require act." out of them, or seek to make it; that officers, the Governor can only act about 4 years to determine the suit. he shall not make transactions with upon such information as comes to him. On the occasion of his father's visit to them for his pecuniary penefit or advantage. Indeed it amounts to a prohibition against his having any dealing with them except those which are ing with them except those which are cannot summon witnesses; he cannot the money on hand away with him open to the general public, such as buyissue a subpoena; he cannot take testinext morning. R. R. Poster, cigar me the next day by my physician at ing tickets, or sending freights at reg- mony; he cannot compel anybody to manufacturer, told me he had been seltract to furnish iron on cross ties, or other supplies. He cannot make a be could procure affidavits, they would Knob, and since your investigation his Washington newspapers started off to other supplies. He cannot make a be only voluntary and would not be contract with the company whereby evidence because they would be ex Porter not to charge any more cigars the company is to furnish him anything parte. In the nature of the case thereof value at an agreed price; such as fore, he is compelled to act upon such pay the bill charged already to Otho

an agreement to run a side track to pay the bill charged already to Otho

The company is to furnish him anything parte. In the nature of the case thereto his father, but to him, and he would just course. I only found one newspaan agreement to run a side track to statute. If it is not correct then we for their communications to be publish- "I saw Otho Wilson buying articles

panies, that they shall be disinterested But the names of the witnesses, who the Southern Ry. Co. and independent, and for this purpose goes to the extent of saying that they shall not own even one share of worth-

The following extracts form papers he ordered." ter into transactions with these rail- and letters exhibit some of the evidence roads for their own benefit or for their which I am informed can be procured after the lease or occupancy of the pecuniary advantage and to place their by such process as your honorable Round Knob hotel by S. Otho Wilson, own fortunes in the power of these cor- bodies may choose to provide for pur- I traveled from Asheville to Greensposes of investigation:

in hand, and obtaining such informa- Hon. Otho Wilson, Raffroad Commis- Greensboro, and in course of conversapower to send for persons on papers, or Rock Hotel, Asheville, N. C. He attitude of Mr. Wilson in relation to sitions or to obtain evidence by any first, and said in substance, that he implied, that Mr. Wilson had admitted Mr. S. Otho Wilson should be suspend-a meal station, by closing the hotel at ern Railcoad Company had contracted ed upon facts which seem to be sub-Round Knob. He projosed to sell to me ed upon facts which seem to be sub- Round Knob. He projosed to sell to me for five hundred dollars the lease for supplies over the railroad for the ho-1st. He leased for three years the five years; the first year was to cost tel. matter he was the real and only gen- over the Southern Railroad, stating that 2nd. That the lease of the hotel was him what assurance he could give me his family already had them. I asked with the understanding that the rail- that the Round Knob Hotel would re- freight on it." road company should abandon its eat- main an reating station, if operated by ing houses at Hickory and Asheville, me, and he said that he could give me

In regard to I. W. Wilson, the facts himself is easily proven. He told me so the first time I ever met him. He also to the first time I ever met him. 1st. He was member of the Railroad so told everybody in this section the privilege. He also urged me to buy him out—he at Old Fort (there being no billing of-fice at Round Knob) marked to Wilson and lavished upon me every kindness and volunteered in every way in their which, it was alleged, he was unable to but himself, and said he would transfer "deadhead," on account of R. R. Comis now running the place, told me that next train without cost. Several good Through their efforts much was also the Southern Railway in the State of the old man always took away all the people living near there w.o desire the done toward checking the falsehoods money, leaving him scarcely enough to make change. When he took his fami-rides on all trains to Old Fort and Ma-pers. owner of the Round Knob hotel, which was located on the line of the Southern Railway, in North Carolina, and ture he bought for his poor mother. The old lady Wilson has complained time ess it was patronized by the Railroad and again toothers, not to me that she never got a cent. Now, if you want Company as an eating house.

5th. The Round Knob hotel had been discontinued as an eating nouse for a number of years, prior to the leasing of the same to S. Otho Wilson, also accompany their party out on the Muracompany of the Railroad Commission. When the said Round Knob hotel was closed as an eating house, railroad eating houses were established, one at Hickory, on the East, another at Ashe-Wilson case, have the telegraph oper-"For any further information in the

"Maj. Geo. D. Miles and Mrs. Cun- a little delay, when I met a fellow who ningham, who are now at Round Knob paid up what he owed me, and-The word "interest" in the statute, is Hotel, will say that Otho's mother told | "Why on earth don't you sit down? one of the wilest signification, and as them that she was to get a salary for Will you take a glass of wine?" here used, is broadened and enlarged running the house, and that she had in its scope by the expression "in any never received a cent; that Otho would way." Legislative ingenuity exhaust- pocket all as fast as it came in. That few random texts for 1899, which can

that Maj. Wilson offered to lease

Round Knob to Mr. Christie, who keeps

the eating house at Balsam, N. C.

tickets or pass (or as many as wished to go), and go to Old Fort and attend dances and return without any questions-all that was necessary was for

Otho or his boy to be on the train. That the lady operator was to fed by Wilson, and the Railroad Company was to give her \$12 per month, simply to take orders for meals. J. J. Lange came from Raleigh night or so that he was to answer, to get an affidavit from his mother that she was the lessee. To the Senate and House of Represen- es us all that the relation of mortgagor General Miles says that Otho offered and mortgagee is one of subordination to take him to Murphy, and see that on the part of the mortgagor, and dom- his R. R. fare should be nothing; that By the Railroad Commission act of ination on the part of the mortgagee. all he had to say "pass that man." At duty of the Governor to suspend from office any Railroad Commissioner who shall become the holder of any stock or bond of any railroad company, or with the corporations that Col. An-1891, it is provided that it shall be the The mortgagee generally having the that time of getting the mother's affi-

> And again, J. W. Wilson was part cured half rate of freight on his goods his deep regret at the alarm caused to George Tait, of Norfolk, formerly of court house. The poor girl is a owner of a hotel property that was only to Round Knob. You only have to his friends by the sensational reports Wilmington. Final proofs of claim representative of a native Filipino. valuable when used by the Railroad consult the R. R. books to prove this published in many of the newspapers

perty. It was also in their power, and front of the Farmers' Warehouse in from Mr. Andrews' letter as follows: their power alone, to give it value. Un- Asheville, N. C., and Mr. S. Otho Wil-

> "In regard to the Round Knob hotel, during the past two months or more,

ceived the message, would send what "Sometime during the early summer

boro in company with a Pullman car "On or about the 24th of July, 1897, conductor, who I think resides at

I have seen Mr. Wilson in the Ashedrews and Maj. Jas. W. Wilson. He each year. He also stated that I would ville market buying supplies, and heard him say that he was purchasing sup-The general impression here is, among those with whom I have talked

> "Mr. Wilson has been buying his meats here from Zimmermon & Co. The butchers would deliver it, (not at our I arrived at the hospital where I was city depot) but at Biltmore, early each informed of it, and where I was in a morning and place it on the outgoing remarkably short time in a perfectly freight, D. H., and conductor would put normal condition for a man who had it off at hotel. He never paid any been near asphyxiation.

free both R. R. & express. That when have scarcely left the transum over my and to give the benefit of its patronage assurance as long as it was owned by freights are paid to Oid Fort, that whole incident and through which the to Round Knob, and but for this con- he gailroad folks, either naming Col. goods are taken on the freight trains whole incident and through which the Otho Wilson would not have rented the of my recollection, both, and if I leased it and the hotel closed, thetrains agency free for the hotel but for no publish this statement of the facts in others. Freight trains stop there daily the matter as I do not wish my friends for the hotel accommodations only, and to entertain any trace of the damaging "In regard to S. O. Wilson's connect not for people living on the mountain and unjust phase which has been put the railroad company for the benefit of That he claimed to have rented for Old Fort The hotel is even a flag station with the hotel at Round Knob. near by, who have to haul freight from upon this unpleasant mishap by irre-

> the lease. As I told you his son, who missioner," and shipped up by freight tance. They have telegraph privileges also." This message is transmitted to your honorable bodies in obegience to the requirements of the Railroad Commission Law of 1891.

(Signed) DANIEL L. RUSSELL,

CHANGED HIS MIND.

"You are just going out, I see-" 'Yes; an important engagement. What was it you wanted? "It was about that little debt I owe

"Ah, yes: take a seat." "I was going to ask you for a little delay-"Oh-excuse me but I'm already

"I say I was going to ask you for

D. H.—. That all the guests of the be studied with profit by business marches may be anticipated as en-The common experience of life teach- house would get on the train without men generally. Here they are:

Mr. G. O. Andrews Tells of His Washington Experience.

Name and Did Not Stop up Crack. Contented on This Mundane Sphere.

with the corporations that Col. An- freight to stop at Round Knob hotel boro recuperating his general health, who shall have any interest in any drews managed? Would he be a com- and let off S. Otho's boy. On this train having contracted a severe case of any way in such company. It is fur-"Mr. S. Otho Wilson asked for and se- York. He writes The Post, expressing of \$5,123.70 to the estate of the late Company as an eating house. It was assertion."

in the power of the Railroad at any "About 6 or 8 weeks ago, one J. N. desiring to reiterate the grave injustice time to confiscate, as it were, this pro- Morgan and myself were standing in done him by these reports. We quote "I am much obliged to The Post for

der the statute, broad and sweeping in son came down on the opposite side of so promptly publishing my statement its intention, can a man be qualified to the street and crossed over to us and given out by me at Washington the cuniary interest at stake, and is at the introduced him to me. I remarked I dicting the absurd and preposterous mercy of the road he is set to look af- knew, that he was the man who gave purpose attributed to me of an atus those good dinners at the Round temtped suicide by asphyxia. I have, The law does not declare any man Knob hotel. He said "yes, I give them as you know, been engaged in legiticold-blooded fabrication and such farreaching and tragic theorizing upon so ther and prohibits him from acquiring The words of the statute are, "shall Major Geo. D. Miles, a boarder there slender and scanty a basis of fact as that lately exhibited by the Washing-After Mr. J. W. Wilson was called told me in a conversation that fre- ton newspapers. And they persisted in upon to show cause why he should not quently Otho Wilsons' sons and others adhering to the unjust conclusion upon be suspended, he made a conveyance went to Old Fort and Marion to par- which they had sprung after the error quote his own language, "this was done never collected fare, and no tickets or so tenaciously did they cling to it that agreeable to section 1st, of the Act, to passes were asked for-passed on sight. they adduced falsehood to support it. agreed on for running the hotel, that and that I registered under an as-Says the law, after enumerating vari- If by these transactions he had be- she was working for a salary and never sumed name different from my own, ous prohibited interests, such as stocks come disqualified, the purpose of the received a cent of it. Otho Wilson's are absolutely false, as well as the and bonds, "he shall not have any interest in any railroad company in any
"This I understand to mean that

| and bonds, "he shall not have any in| law could not be defeated by his con| son told Maj. Wilson recently, that if
| Russell fired his father, he had yet four | stamped and addressed which was
| Russell fired his father, he had yet four | stamped and addressed which was | necessary | ne probably intended for some friend, con-In performing the duties imposed by missioner, and he would take the mat- taining an explanation of "my rash

> This was a letter which I had writ-ten to a party in New York purely on a after taking a nap. It was mailed for the Emergency Hospital at my request. make out a case of suicide and no amount of reasoning or presentation of per which was disposed to be at all fair, The Times, which published the same statement as that given to you and commented upon it as follows:

"Greek O. Andrews who came near being smothered by gas at the Hotel Dunbarten yesterday is coming along well today and expects to be out of the Emergency Hospital shortly. The reporter of the Times was admitted to his room this morning. He denied the statement that he had attempted selfdestruction. He is a man about 31 years old and is unmarried, and has nothing of the appearance of a man who is not contented with earth or who is displeased with either man or

woman kind." As a matter of fact the whole occurrence grew out of an accident so far as I was concerned. I had not touched the gas jet that day and have no idea how the gas was escaping unless the jet was defective or unless it had been carelessly left partially open by some of the servants of the hotel.

I had been out in the forenoon and had in the afternoon gone to my room to take a nap. Before I fell asleep I noticed a slight odor of gas but thought it came from the hall or some other room. I did not detect anything wrong with the jet in my room and knew nothing of the escaping gas until I was aroused several hours later. do not believe the gas was escaping in very great volume or that the room was so full of it as the newspapers represented. If such had been the case I could not have survived after the time I had been in it.

And here I wish to state as a fact there was only one jet in the room and not two as has been stated by some

I had no knowledge of the fact that the gas was escaping in the room until

Furthermore, if I had been bent upon "The Round Knob hotel gets freights self-destruction by this method I should my friends in Washington who called Freight by express has been put off upon me at the Emergency Hospital

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great enthusiasm.

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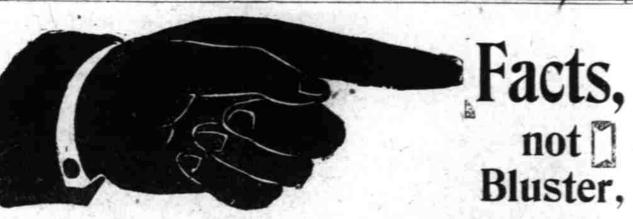
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