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Recommendation of Corporation Commission

TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Annual Report of the Commission Makes Its Appearance, Embracing 366 Pages—140 Complaints Considered Last Year and All Amicably—Steps to be Taken in Two Old Cases Which Have Been Pending.

The annual report of the North Carolina Corporation Commission is just out. The report embodies 366 pages and is very complete and thorough, giving in detail the work of the commission for the year 1899.

A summary of the more interesting items and facts have already appeared in The Post.

The letter of the members of the commission to Governor Russell reviews the cases now pending in the courts, in which action by the commission is being tested.

The letter of the commission says, among other things:

"The commission respectfully recommends that you call the attention of the legislature at its next session to the fact that the revenue law has been construed by the Federal Court not to confer upon the commission the power to assess railroad and other property for taxation in order that amendments be made thereto as may be deemed proper.

One hundred and forty complaints were filed before the commission, all of which received careful attention, and such as were without the jurisdiction of the commission were brought to the notice of the railroad companies and the differences were in most cases satisfactorily adjusted, the point of jurisdiction not being raised.

Suits were pending in the Federal Court for the purpose of enforcing the enforcement of the order of the Railroad Commission reducing passenger rates over the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad, and telegraphic rates by the Western Union Telegraph Company.

These suits were pending at the time of the repeal of the Railroad Commission act by the last General Assembly. Such being the case, the commission was at a loss to know the exact status of those cases, but being of the opinion that the Railroad Commission act had been repealed, thought that the suits would abate of themselves.

Since this legislation has been construed by our Supreme Court to be an amendment to, and not a repeal of, the act referred to, the commission will be obliged to take some steps in regard to these suits.

The work of the commission for the year has been greatly facilitated by the courteous and efficient manner in which Mr. H. C. Brown, clerk, has discharged his duties.

LOST HIS POCKETBOOK.

Durhamite Afterward Discovered It Was Not Due to Pickpockets.

The general good order which prevailed Tuesday during the parade and speaking was commented upon by many yesterday. There was little or no drunkenness and the pickpocket fortunately was not abroad in the land. At least, no losses by this method were reported.

Chief of Police Mullins received a telegram from Mr. H. A. Reams of Durham, stating that the latter had lost a pocket book containing \$180 in notes, two \$20 gold pieces and some valuable papers while attending the speaking Tuesday. He requested the chief to look around Union depot for the stray pocket book, which that officer did, but without success.

Later in the day Mr. Reams telephoned the chief that he had not recovered his pocket book, but was quite certain he had lost it on the train while on the sidetrack at Durham.

Still the Leading Topic.

Dr. Van Dyke classes "Fisherman's Luck" along with other uncertain things. But, then, you know Dr. Van Dyke has not seen our home talent present it as a play.

Whether it be the play, or the ability presenting it, or the mounting, or what not, "Fisherman's Luck," to be given the public on Washington's birthday, is by no means an uncertain thing. If you are one of those who love to weep, who weep for the mere love of a novel sensation, you had better take your "mouchoir." Or, again, if your adipose tissue needs building up, you can laugh and grow fat. But whatever your nervous predisposition, you cannot class this charming play, admirably given, with "uncertain things."

Back from New York.

Mr. Sherwood Higgs, who went to Boston and New York to complete his spring purchases and hurry up all contracts for spring delivery, has returned, and reports the two weeks as profitably spent in the interest of his patrons. The entire spring stock is now being received, thirty or forty days ahead of time, and he will be the first to show full lines of brand new spring goods this year. The millinery designer is now in New York making ready for an early spring opening.

Tuneful and Clever.

"The Little Hussar" will be presented by the best company of amateurs that Norfolk has yet sent to Raleigh. Besides, it will be assisted

with the Naval Band. The play itself is described in the press as tuneful and clever. The prices are popular.

Our people should show their appreciation of the enterprise of the Daughters of the Confederacy as well as their love for good comic opera, not to mention their interest in the monument to the great Chieftain of the Confederacy, by coming out in large numbers next Friday night.

Handsomely executed photographs of the leading characters are displayed in the windows of W. H. King's drug store.

Supreme Court Cases.

Third District cases will be called in the Supreme Court on Tuesday, February 20, as follows:

- Thomas vs. Steamboat Company.
Mitchell vs. Alley.
Crudup vs. Thomas.
Gupton vs. Hawkins.
Commissioners vs. Gill.
Vick vs. Vick.
Ray vs. Insurance Company.
Finch vs. Gregg.
Strause vs. Aetna Insurance Company.

King vs. Fountain.
Beacom vs. Boling.
Stancell vs. James.
Raper vs. Railroad.

The appeals from the Second District were argued as follows:
State vs. Battle; by Attorney General and Gilliam for the State, Fountain for defendant.
State vs. Davis; by Attorney General and Gilliam for the State, J. R. Gaskill and Paul Jones for defendant.

Strause vs. Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association; by W. W. Clark for plaintiff, Hinsdale, Shepherd and Tyng for defendant.
Street and Hill against same defendant, argued by same counsel.

Every State Represented.

The "Old Maids' Convention," which will be held in Metropolitan Hall Tuesday, February 20, is looked forward to with increasing interest by the general public. Delegates will be present from nearly every State in the Union, and this much abused class will have an opportunity to air their troubles.

Telegrams were received yesterday from representatives in Utah, South Dakota, Texas and Maine signifying their intention to be present. These telegrams were addressed to Sophia Evermore Stuckup and Angelina Electropina Hypnostia Clark.

There will be a full practice of those taking part Saturday afternoon and a dress rehearsal at 7:30 o'clock in Metropolitan Hall.

WERE HAPPILY UNITED

Prettiest Home Wedding of the Season Last Evening.

Miss Bettie C. Edwards and Mr. M. C. Chamblee Made One at the Home of the Bride on West Martin Street.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Edwards, on West Martin street, was the scene last evening of one of the prettiest weddings that has taken place in Raleigh this season.

The contracting parties were Miss Bettie C. Edwards, the winsome and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, and Mr. M. C. Chamblee, one of Raleigh's best known and most popular young men.

The guests assembled in the parlor, and promptly at 9 o'clock, the hour announced for the ceremony, the bridal couple presented themselves before Dr. A. M. Simms, former pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle, and standing beneath a bower of beautifully arranged palms, that minister pronounced the solemn words that united them for life.

Miss Maimie Edwards, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor, and Mr. D. S. Thomas was the groom's best man.

The bride wore a most becoming gown of white organdie, and a bridal veil fastened with a diamond brooch, and carried an exquisite bouquet of bride's roses.

After the ceremony a wedding supper of several courses was served in the spacious dining-room of the Edwards' residence.

Many costly and handsome presents were received by the happy couple. Mr. Chamblee holds a position of trust with the Julius Lewis Hardware Company, and he and his charming bride carry into their new life the prayers and best wishes of a host of friends. For the present they will reside with Mr. Edwards on West Martin street.

Among the guests present last evening were Editor J. W. Bailey, Col. John S. Cunningham, Rev. O. L. Stringfield, Dr. W. I. Royster and Mrs. Royster, Dr. Bell of Wakefield, Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Broughton, Mr. George W. Thompson and wife, Mr. John E. Ray, Prof. and Mrs. Charles Parks and others.

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Care Morning Post.

Funeral of Alexander Curtis.

The funeral of the late Alexander W. Curtis, colored, who died Monday, took place yesterday afternoon. The funeral was one of the largest ever held in Raleigh, and attested the esteem in which the aged colored citizen was held. The seven children of the deceased, all of whom held positions of trust in various parts of the country, were present at the obsequies.

IS TRUE TO HIS RACE

Congressman Atwater for the Amendment.

BUTLER'S GREAT MISTAKE

"Things Dearer Than Political Preference," and He Should Have Declared for the Amendment—Certain That the Amendment Will Be Ratified—Populists Will Endorse It at the Polls Next August.

Washington, Feb. 12.

Mr. R. H. Hayes, Pittsboro, N. C.:

Dear Sir: I received this morning yours of the 10th inst, inviting me to be present at Pittsboro tomorrow at a meeting of the citizens of my county. I regret that my work here at this particular time requires my personal attention and will prevent me from accepting your kind invitation.

With your permission I will embrace this opportunity to state briefly my position upon some of the questions now uppermost in the minds of the people of North Carolina. Regarding my own personal position, I can state that there has been no change. I became a Populist because of my sincere convictions upon certain public questions, and upon the main issues, which induced my change at the time, the Democratic party subsequently aligned itself by the adoption of the Chicago platform at its National convention in 1896. During the entire time, since I became a Populist, I have never knowingly allied myself with the Republican party for the sake of the spoils of office, and I claim that my record in this respect has been entirely consistent.

I state most emphatically that I am for white supremacy, for the rule of the white man in North Carolina, and for the elimination of the vicious and ignorant negro vote, which has for years stood as an open menace to good government in the State.

Senator Butler, nor any other man can lead me to antagonize my own race or to oppose the present movement in North Carolina to amend the Constitution of the State so as to disfranchise a portion of the ignorant negro voters, or to sacrifice the principles of the Populist party by fusing with the Republican party. It is an opportunity which has not come to the people of the State since the franchise was wrongfully conferred upon the negroes, and every white man who loves his race and his State, should without hesitation embrace this opportunity, and, in my opinion, if he follows his own conscience and his individual judgment, he will do so.

There are thousands of other Populists who feel upon this issue as I do, and they will be found in this contest with the great bulk of the white men of North Carolina. Senator Butler has made the mistake of his life. He may have regarded it as the only alternative which promised him re-election to the Senate, but there should be some things dearer than political preferment, and more sacred than the spoils of office, and this question of white supremacy is one. He had better have faced defeat, and have gone back to the ranks of the thousands of honest white men in North Carolina than to have belied his own past record, and to have antagonized the best element of his race in the State.

As for myself, my services are enlisted in the cause of the supremacy of the white man in the government of North Carolina, and as sure as the day of election comes, so surely will the amendment be ratified by the people at the polls.

There are some good men in the State who have feared that if the 5th section of the proposed amendment should be declared unconstitutional, that the remainder of the proposed amendment would stand, and thereby result in disfranchising a large number of honest white voters in the State. While the great majority of the best lawyers in and out of the State have given it as their opinion that the amendment would either stand as a whole, or be rejected as a whole, and that the 5th section was entirely constitutional; still naturally a doubt among the people may have existed upon this question, it being entirely an issue of law.

However, if the Legislature at its adjourned session in June shall adopt another section to the amendment, as is proposed to be done, providing that the amendment shall stand or fall as a whole, all opposition to the amendment will thereby be disarmed, and the only plausible argument of the opponents of the amendment will be eliminated.

Yours truly,

J. W. ATWATER.

McNeill-Johnson

Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Johnson have issued cards to the marriage of their daughter Miss Anna Gertrude to Mr. James William McNeill. The ceremony will take place Wednesday evening, February 28, at 9 o'clock, at the First Baptist Church in this city. No cards have been sent out in the city.

Express Co. Not Referred To

The State Treasurer's circular which was published last Saturday stated that many express, telephone and telegraph companies had not made returns of their gross receipts, as is required to be done quarterly, by legislative enactment.

As has been stated since then, this circular did not apply to the Southern Express Company. The officers of the Southern Express Company are al-

ways prompt in complying with the laws of the State, and the company was among the first to make returns for the quarter referred to.

NOTICE OF SALE.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a mortgage executed by R. B. Jones and Rosa Jones, his wife, to A. J. Ellis on the 11th day of January, 1892, which is duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Wake county, in book 121, at page 470, we will on Wednesday, the 14th day of March, 1900, at 12 M. o'clock, at the courthouse door in Raleigh, N. C., expose to public sale, for cash, a certain lot of land in Cary township, Wake county, described as follows:

Beginning at the fence of John W. Creole and south corner of Miss Nora Creole's line; thence north to a water-oak stump and corners with Miss Mary C. Irwins and Miss Nora Creole; thence west to a white-oak tree and corners with Mary C. Irvin; thence south to a hickory tree and corners with John W. Creole and Mary C. Irvin; thence east to Miss Nora Creole's corner and John W. Creole's line again, containing one acre.

WATSON & GATLING, Attorneys.

Feb. 10, 1900—t-d-s.

Special Rates via S. A. L.

On account of the Mardi Gras Celebration at New Orleans, La., and Mobile, Ala., February 21-27, the S. A. L. will sell round trip tickets on account of this occasion for one first class fare for the round trip, tickets to be sold daily, commencing February 20, up to and including February 25, with final limit March 15.

On account of the Gala Day Celebration, Southern Pines, N. C., February 21-22, the S. A. L. will send round trip tickets for one first class fare for the round trip. Rate of \$2.20 will apply from Raleigh, to be sold February 20 and 21, with final limit February 25.

Winter Tourist rate from Raleigh to Old Point Comfort, Va., \$7.60, with final limit six months from date of sale; to Southern Pines, N. C., \$3.50; Pinehurst, N. C., \$3.75; with final limit May 31.

For further information regarding schedules and rates write or call on the undersigned.

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DINNER WARE.—From the best Haviland to anything in cheap white; 100-piece Dinner Set in Granite, green decorations, border decorations, for only \$6.00; 112-piece Dinner Set of three different patterns, blue, green and pearl, for \$9.50 set—good English.

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