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Higher Court Hands Down Decision Grants Petition for Relief from Arbitrary Freight Rates--A Sweeping Victory.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—North Carolina furniture manufacturers won a victory today when the interstate commerce commission handed down an opinion in favor of the North Carolina manufacturers, against the Virginia territory, in which it is claimed, the rate on furniture to the Pacific coast is a discrimination against the North Carolina manufacturers in favor of Virginia furniture dealers.

The case was argued before the commission several months ago by Robert H. McNeill, of Washington, and E. J. Justice, of Greensboro. Mr. McNeill said today that the victory won by the Tar Heels means many thousands of dollars to them.

Mr. McNeill said: "Ever since the furniture manufacturers got a start in North Carolina and moved the boundaries of its market westward, it has had to secure buyers in competition with Virginia territory, New York, Pennsylvania and New England, with a freight rate preference against them of \$40 per car in favor of the competitors."

"The decision is a sweeping victory for the North Carolina shippers and not only means that the freight rates on furniture and chairs will hereafter be \$1.50 per 100 pounds, carload lots, 20,000 pounds minimum, but it also means that in the future the shippers of North Carolina may be assured that the interstate commerce commission, through this decision, has indicated its desire and willingness to correct the long standing abuses which have existed against the cities of North Carolina and in favor of other sections of the country, in the matter of freight rates enforced by the railroads."

"The commission finds that the system of forcing a higher rate from North Carolina points to the Pacific coast than is maintained from Virginia by the arbitrary addition to the Virginia rate of an arbitrary charge against the shippers of North Carolina, will not be further tolerated. They also find that the present rates are not controlled or influenced by the alleged water competition, as contended for by the railroads. They also find that the maintenance of the present unjust rates have been keenly injurious to the North Carolina shippers and that this discrimination and injury must cease."

COMMISSION'S OPINION IN FULL.

The opinion of the interstate commerce commission says:

"Granting that there must be a line drawn somewhere to mark the limits of application of blanket rates, and that it does not follow that because industries in certain territories are given stated rates, carriers must perforce extend the same rates to all factories of the same kind wherever located, nevertheless that boundary line may not be so artificially established as to subject shippers immediately outside of the favored zone to unjust discrimination, and we hold it indefensible that such shippers should be denied as favorable rates to coveted markets as are accorded throughout a considerable portion of the country to competitors producing the same class of goods, selling in the same manner, and no more advantageously located geographically or commercially."

"The Southern railway may, as has been testified, have but little direct voice in fixing the rates from Virginia cities or from points north and east thereof, but

the complaint here is against all carriers, parties to the rates from Carolina territory to the coast, and against some of the carriers serving the Virginia cities and making rates therefrom, and defendants herein, having their lines west of the Mississippi river, participate in the rates from Virginia cities and eastern and New England points as well as from Carolina territory and are jointly responsible with the initial carriers for such rates.

Penalizing Carolina.

"Largely as the result of a policy in rate making these defendants are penalizing the Carolina-Pacific coast trade approximately \$40 per car, thus restricting petitioners zone of trade, and we are unable to find upon the record that the continuance of existing unequal conditions is warranted by dissimilarity of competition or other circumstances. Our conclusion is, and we so find, that it is unfair for transcontinental carriers, parties, to joint through tariffs and rates, to impose upon Carolina territory the burden of high rates than those contemporaneously participated in and charged by such carriers from Virginia cities and other points in Virginia and from points in eastern and New England territories, and that the present adjustment unjustly discriminates against their traffic, in violation of section two of the act."

"Defendants will be required to establish and maintain to Pacific coast points, North Pacific coast terminals, and points taking the same rates, rates on bedroom furniture and chairs within the description here involved, from points in Carolina territory as that term is here employed, which shall not exceed rates contemporaneously maintained on the same commodities from Virginia cities and other points in Virginia and from points in eastern and New England territories."

THE PRESENT RATES DO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST CAROLINA MANUFACTURERS

What is known as Carolina territory will produce a large volume of furniture business for the railway companies reaching that territory, provided the energy of its people is not diverted to other channels or they are not driven to other territory because of the railway companies' unreasonable and discriminatory rates which limit or tend to limit the trade zone of furniture manufacturers in Carolina territory so that the supply will be greatly in excess of the demand.

The present trade zone to which the manufacturers of furniture in Carolina territory are, in the main, confined is already over-supplied with furniture, and the manufacture of this commodity must be curtailed unless the disadvantages against which they complain in this case are removed.

It appears in the evidence that at one time the rate on furniture from Carolina territory to Pacific coast points was \$1.45 per hundred, as against \$1.25 at Virginia cities, and that at that time there were on furniture factories in Virginia, and consequently no competition; and one-third of the business of the High Point Furniture Companies was at that time done on the Pacific coast, while under the present conditions these companies are almost entirely cut off from the Pacific coast.

Parcels Post Begins Operations Tomorrow

The attention of the public is hereby called to the following regulations pertaining to the mailing of fourth class matter (mdse.)

Distinctive Stamps.

Sec. 8. The law requires that on and after January 1, 1913, the postage on all matter of the fourth class must be prepaid by distinctive parcel post stamps affixed (see sec. 3.) Postmasters can not receive for mailing parcels that do not bear such stamps.

2. Parcel post stamps are not valid for the payment of postage on matter of the first, second, and third classes, and, when used for that purpose, the matter to which they are affixed shall be treated as "Held for postage" as prescribed in section 9.

Where Mailable.

Sec. 10. Parcels must be mailed at a post office, branch post office, named or lettered station, or such numbered stations as may be designated by the postmaster, or delivered to a rural or other carrier duly authorized to receive such matter. (City carriers not authorized.)

2. Parcels collected on star routes must be deposited in the next post office at which the carrier arrives and postage charged at the rate from that office.

Preparation for Mailing.

Sec. 11. Parcels must be prepared for mailing in such manner that the contents can be easily examined. (See secs. 19 to 37, inclusive.)

2. A parcel must not be accepted for mailing unless it bears the name and address of the sender preceded by the word "From."

-Further information regarding the Parcel Post may be obtained by call at the local post office.

DEATH OF MRS. ADDIE L. AUSTIN

The many friends here will hear with regret of the death of Mrs. Addie L. Austin, wife of Mr. W. F. Austin, which occurred Christmas-eve at Dallas, Texas, in the St. Paul Sanatorium occurring after a brief illness. A telegram came on December 13th announcing Mrs. Austin's illness, and members of the family hastened to Dallas only to find her condition serious, she having been ill only ten days when death came. Mrs. Austin graduated from the institution last November and had made arrangements to return to High Point after the first of the year. The body was shipped Christmas day to Hildebrand, North Carolina, to the home of her mother, Mrs. N. L. Townsend, and interment was made in the family burial ground.

Deceased was a gentle woman of the most lovable traits of character, and has a large number of friends here who will hear this sad news. During her residence here she was a consecrated member of the Washington Street M. E. church and took a great interest in church work. She is survived by her husband, Mr. W. F. Austin and son, Mr. Herbert L. Austin.

MACHINERY ARRIVES.

New Machinery for the engine and boiler room of the Durham Hosiery Mill has arrived and will be adjusted at once. This large plant will start up in early spring.

AT POST OFFICE TOMORROW.

There will be no carriers delivery New Year's Day—the general delivery windows will be open from 9.30 to 10.30.

MRS. MILTON CRITICALLY ILL.

The many friends of Mrs. Milton will be pained to learn that she has been critically ill for the past week. While she has been confined to her bed for the past two months her condition for the past week has changed for the worst.

Anyone who will open a clearing house for the exchange of Christmas presents will make a fortune.

The Single Taxers

Single taxers will have nine representatives in the next congress, while the Socialists, who polled a vote of considerably over a million in the November election, will lose their lone member, Victor L. Berger, of Milwaukee, Wis.

Six of the single tax representatives elected are Democrats, while three are Bull Moosers.

The present congress has two single taxers, Henry George, Jr., and David J. Lewis, and the Socialists only one, Victor L. Berger.

The single tax idea, popularized by Henry George, father of the present congressman, George, is growing rapidly. It has increased its representation in congress by six representatives, and tax amendments embodying the scheme were voted on in two states, but defeated. The tax amendment received a splendid vote in Missouri, although defeated.

The single taxers are content with remaining in the regular parties, and the new Progressive party, and claim there is no necessity of their joining with the Socialists. By this they hope to gain a larger representation at every congressional and state election.

Next to Henry George, the late Tom Johnson, of Cleveland, Ohio, was America's leading single taxer.

REACHED HIGH WATER MARK.

Holiday travel reached the high water mark yesterday and today. The conductors say the through travel from New Orleans to the north is unprecedented. The holiday rates go off tomorrow night.



Hon. Thomas Jackson Gold, the able representative of Guilford county, who will take off his coat in the next General Assembly and fight for Aycock county.

CLOSED TOMORROW

The banks and freight depot will be closed tomorrow on account of legal holiday.

There will be no paper tomorrow.

MAY THE NEW YEAR WIPE THIS OUT.

Any man with the brains of a humming bird can soon find out that he can be thoroughly democratic without losing his self-respect and social standing. None of us is superior to our fellow-man, except so far as our equipment makes us so. Education, good raising and wealth give us an advantage; but when we feel it too strongly, and find ourselves unable to bend down to our less fortunate fellow-men without displaying an air of patronage, we lose all we have gained by inheritance and acquisition. May the new year wipe this out of any who may be so handicapped.

NOTICE.

Mrs. Gordon Burnett will entertain the members of the Entre Nous Club and their husbands Thursday night at 8 o'clock.

Local Briefs

Miss Connie Charles arrived today from Winston for a visit to Miss Blanche Bradshaw.

Mrs. H. A. Morrison, of Candor, was here yesterday.

Mrs. John Heighenburg, of Norristown, Pa., is at the Elwood.

J. D. Fry, of South Botson, Va., is here today.

Miss Florine Rawlins, who has been visiting Miss Maude Lewis, on South Main street will leave today for her home in Greensboro.

J. M. Pugh and his daughter, Ollie, from Chatham county, spent Xmas week with Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Trogdon. This is Mr. Pugh's first visit to High Point.

Mrs. McClave arrived today to be at the bed-side of her son, Mr. Wilkes McClave, whose condition is yet very serious.

Gilbert Clark has returned from Wilson.

Dr. John Dyer left this morning for Louisville to resume his medical studies.

Hon. A. H. Boyden was here today.

Col. Roberson spent the morning in Salisbury on legal business.

Rev. J. H. Barnhardt returned today from Reidsville.

Albert A. Holton who has just returned from a visit to his brother in Culpepper, who has been stricken with nervous prostration of the left side, reports him doing well.

Mr. Perkins, of Morganton, spent yesterday here the guest of his brother, Dr. Perkins.

Dr. Austin, of Baltimore, spent yesterday here with his brother, J. Allen Austin, Esq.

J. J. Farris and Masters Chas. Franklin and James, r., will return tonight from DeLand, Fla., where they have been spending the holidays at the home of Dr. C. S. Farris.

Robert Cottam is home from the A. & M. College for a brief visit.

Mr. Parker, of Raleigh, is a social visitor here during the holidays.

Miss Marguerite Grant will arrive tomorrow from Marion to visit Mrs. J. J. Farris.

HANDSOME HOMES

We have been shown the drawings for several very handsome homes being made by different architects, that will be built here soon.

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