

The Commonwealth

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REDUCE FREIGHT RATES.

Some years ago when there was a little stir in the State about reducing passenger rates on railroads, THE COMMONWEALTH took the position that there was much more need for reduction in freight rates than for reduction in passenger rates. We make the same contention now which we made then. If both passenger and freight rates can be reduced with fairness to the railroads we think it might be done; but in such event we believe that the greater reduction should be made on freights.

If reduction can be made in only one of the rates with fairness to the railroads, we say emphatically that the passenger rates should remain undisturbed and the reduction put on freights. We say this in justice to the people affected. Many a man who does not pay passenger fare on a railroad more than once a year pays for freight charges every day in the year.

The passenger fare affects practically only two classes of persons—those who travel for business and those who travel for pleasure. When a person travels for business it is presumed that his business justifies it, and when he travels for pleasure it is presumed that he is able to pay his fare without suffering from it.

It is quite different with those who pay freight charges. Generally those who can least afford it have to pay freight charges. To be sure, the merchants and shippers pay the bills to the railroad companies, but they add the freight charges to what they sell, and it is the last purchaser, or the consumer, who really pays the freight charges, after all. Every man in the country who buys a pound of meat, flour, sugar, coffee or lard, or who purchases a quart of molasses, buys a trace of freight, a bag of meal, pair of shoes, a hat or a coat, has to pay the freight charges on the goods he purchases. Every woman who buys a yard of calico, a yard of domestic, spool of cotton or a bunch of buttons has to pay the freight charges on these goods.

Freight rates, then, bear hard upon all, and the most reasonable thing in railroad legislation is to have freights reduced, and then if the railroads can fairly stand any more reduction, put it on passenger rates.

KITCHIN FOR GOVERNOR.

It has been a common expression for some time amongst men who knew the trend of things in North Carolina that Hon. W. W. Kitchin will be our next Governor, but Mr. Kitchin had not said positively that he would be a candidate for that high office.

The following correspondence to the News and Observer from Durham Jan 25th, settles the question of Mr. Kitchin's candidacy, the balance being only formal:

"For some time there has been a persistent rumor that Congressman W. W. Kitchin, of Roxboro, who is now representing the Fifth District for the sixth term in congress, would be a candidate for Governor of North Carolina in the next campaign. Tonight the congressman, who is here in connection with litigation in the superior court, admitted as much, although he would not give out an interview at this time. He was seen at the hotel and asked pointedly if he was to be a candidate for Governor in next campaign.

"I can not deny that I intend being a candidate for nomination for Governor in the next campaign," he said in reply, and added; "but it is entirely too far in advance of election to begin an active campaign at this time."

"The rumors that Congressman Kitchin would be a candidate for nomination for Governor at the hands of the Democratic party in next campaign has been in circulation for several months. While these rumors have been circulating it is learned from some of his closest friends that he did not fully make up his mind in regard to the matter until since the Christmas holidays.

"For six terms Mr. Kitchin has been the nominee of his party in this, the Fifth district, for congress and that without opposition. It is known that last year a great many of his friends importuned him to get ready and come out as a candidate for Governor, and as the campaign progressed these requests became more frequent and urgent. Then he began to consider the matter and now makes the positive statement that he intends being a candidate and that he does not know at this time anything that would prevent him entering the race for the high office."

The Legislature.

Tuesday, Jan. 22—Twelfth Day.

SENATE—Breese: A bill to prevent intoxicated persons from traveling on common carriers.

Daniel: Bill to lessen the number of challenges in civil and criminal actions.

Mitchell: A bill to make it unlawful for any tenant to leave landlord until all his debts are paid.

Bills passed final reading: To prohibit the manufacture and sale of liquor in Burke county and to prevent shipping it into that county.

Burton: A bill to make it unlawful to sell any toy pistol carrying cartridge or to sell cannon crackers larger than quarter inch in diameter or more than three inches in length.

House—Graham: A bill to establish a dispensary and a graded school in Windsor.

Kitchin: A bill making ten years separation between husband and wife grounds for divorce.

The bill passed third reading giving Judges power to exclude from the court room all persons except parties to the trial in cases of criminal assault.

Wednesday, Jan. 23—Thirteenth Day.

SENATE—Nothing was done in the Senate of special interest to the readers of THE COMMONWEALTH.

House—At 12 o'clock the Senate entered and the result of the ballot for U. S. Senator was announced, electing Senator F. M. Simmons to succeed himself for six years from March 4, 1907.

Thursday, Jan. 24—Fourteenth Day.

SENATE—Senator Daniel: A bill to compel railroads and steamboat lines to ship articles tendered them by the route selected by the shipper.

House—The most important measure before the house was a bill by Mr. Dillony for a mild compulsory school law.

Mr. Neal: A bill to furnish protection from fire at the Soldiers' Home.

Hr. Kitchin: A bill to amend section 3351 of the Revised.

A bill passed third reading to amend the prohibition law of Johnston county so as to permit persons who own vineyards and orchards to sell cider and wine of their own manufacture in quantities not less than a quart.

Friday, Jan. 25th—Fifteenth Day.

SENATE—The bill to prohibit the sale of wine in Littleton passed third reading. The News and Observer reporter said of this matter: "The trouble there is that an election for prohibition this carried, but the manufacture and sale of wine was allowed. A man there manufactures and sells while parties club in to buy a gallon, then divide it to drink. This has been a great annoyance to Littleton and the male and female schools there have been annoyed by this. The bill as passed reads: Littleton of its wine shop; which is said to have sold 2,000 gallons of wine last year."

House—The dope bill consumed most of the time in the House and was finally killed.

Saturday, Jan. 26—Sixteenth Day.

Mr. Drewry: A bill to enlarge the Capitol building and to provide rooms for judiciary and State officers.

Mr. McLean: A resolution to appropriate \$20,000 additional to the North Carolina building and exhibit at the Jamestown Exposition.

House—The bill to put Solicitors on a salary occupied much of the time. It finally passed, allowing Solicitors \$2,500 in fees and all fees over that amount are to go to the State treasury; and all Solicitors whose fees are under that amount shall hold the fees they collect as that much of their salary.

Monday, Jan. 28—Seventeenth Day.

SENATE—Most of the work done in the Senate was of a local nature pertaining to particular counties.

House—Most of the work in the House was also of a local nature. The bill appropriating \$20,000 additional to the Jamestown Exposition passed its final reading.

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Some days ago in the graded school of Waynesville a boy cut with a knife superintendent W. C. Allen who was chastising him. The blow was aimed at Prof. Allen's breast but he caught it with his hand. Prof. Allen is a native of Halifax county, was a teacher here for some time, and his friends here will be pleased to learn that he was not seriously injured.

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DECLINED THE PENSION.

A bill was introduced in the legislature some days ago to allow Mrs. Stonewall Jackson a pension of \$100 per month. On being advised of the matter Mrs. Jackson wrote the following letter:

"300 W. Trade St., Charlotte, N. C., January 25th, 1907.

Major John W. Graham,
My Dear Cousin:

"Yours of the 24th apprising me of the introduction of a bill in the legislature, to allow me a pension of \$100 was certainly a great surprise. I most earnestly appreciate this loyal tribute to the name of my hero-husband, and tender my heart-felt thanks for the proffered honor and benefit, but I do not feel that I would be justified in accepting it. I am informed that the laws in North Carolina limit all pensions to those who have not \$500 of personal property, and as I do not come under this law, I respectfully request that the bill be withdrawn. I would also suggest that the pension which has been so magnanimously proposed in my behalf be appropriated to the relief of the destitute widows of Confederate veterans. It would also please me far more to see our honorable assembly take measures for a reformatory for the good of the State.

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Scotland Neck, N. C.

Dear Sir—I have just received a letter from Scotland Neck stating that my name was being used as being in favor of saloons. Would you please state in your paper my position as outlined below that I may be understood by the people?

I am in favor of a prohibition that will place whiskey on the same footing as other medicines and allowing the same to be sold only on a physician's prescription, this to be followed by a strict enforcement of the law. However, in those communities where the sentiment is not strong enough to enforce the law, I am inclined to believe a dispensary the better solution of the question, and if it comes to a vote in Scotland Neck for prohibition, dispensary or saloons, I have yet to decide whether I shall cast my vote for prohibition or a dispensary—I shall not vote for saloons.

As to the petitions which are being circulated in Scotland Neck, I signed the petition to have the act repealed as I believed then, and am still of the opinion, that such matters should be decided by a regular election held in accordance with the law.

Sincerely yours,
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North Carolina Superior Court Halifax County } Before the Clerk
In the matter of E. M. Land, Annie M. Land, Lucy L. Perry by her General Guardian, Albion Dunn, and E. A. Perry, Husband of Lucy L. Perry.
Ex Parte

By virtue of power vested in me by that decree of the Superior Court of Halifax County made and entered on the 2nd day of January, 1907, in that Ex Parte petition entitled as above, which said decree was duly examined, considered and approved by His Honor, Judge C. C. Lyon, Judge holding Courts of 2nd Judicial District, on the 7th day of January, 1907, I shall sell for cash, at Public Auction in the town of Scotland Neck to the highest bidder on the 23rd day of February, 1907, at 12 o'clock noon, the following described tract of real estate, lying, being, and situate in the county of Halifax and State of North Carolina, to wit:

Adjoining the lands of Miss Fannie Pope and others, and bounded as follows, to wit: Beginning at a stake on the road, thence N. 6 W. 8 poles to a pine, thence W 20 poles, thence N 1 W 197 poles, thence S 70 E 80 poles, thence N 120 poles to a pine, thence S 87 W 232 poles; thence S 5 W 400 poles to the road, thence along said road to the beginning, and containing 400 acres, more or less, (less 20 acres belonging to other parties) it being the same tract of land that was conveyed to V. W. Land by J. L. Shaw and others by deed of record in the office of the Register of Deeds for Halifax County in Book 92 on page 246, to which reference is made.

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