

AN ADDITIONAL WORD.

In that long and rather disconnected article which I wrote about Abbeville of the long ago, there were one or two things which I intended to mention, but overlooked in trying to shorten the story somewhat. And I am going to mention them now.

I met on the street the Rev. L. J. Bristow the pastor of the Baptist church there. Now, of course, he is too young to have lived in Abbeville in the days of which I am writing. In fact, when I first knew him he was simply an ordinary newspaper writer on the News and Courier, but now he is the pastor of that handsome church and I believe it was built while he was pastor. Well, what I am referring to him for in this connection is to say that he went around with me to call on Mr. Tom C. Seal. Now, Mr. Seal is a Methodist, but I wanted to call on him because he is living at the same place and in the same house where he lived when I lived in Abbeville, and one of his daughters was a pupil of mine. I was glad to see Mr. Seal once more, and I believe he was glad that I called, if it was for only a little while. He is looking young and says he feels good except that at times his legs kinder give out. He is now retired from business and has 82 summers behind him.

And then I wanted to say that I met Mr. J. A. Hill who was a pupil of mine, and who is now prospering in business in Abbeville. I also met his son who is a cadet at the Bailey Institute. I am going back to Abbeville some of these days before so long when I can spend a little more time and see more of the good people of the old town, and I am going to ask Col. William P. Greene to take me down through that section that we drove when we went to McCormick, at a time when he is not in so great a hurry and when I will have more time. There are some good stories that may be written of this section, and then I just love to gather this local history. And there is much of it in this section that would be of interest to the people of the State.

And by the way, that reminds me that Mr. Joseph H. Hunter called me up the other evening, after having read about the sun dial to which I referred as being at the Pettigru home, to say that he had one that his father, Mr. Nathan A. Hunter, had when he lived at the old home on the spot where Mr. Geo. W. Summer has built his handsome home. I may have seen this in my boyhood, because that was my second home, but I do not recall it. Mr. Hunter says he is going to bring the dial around for me to see, and I think when he does that I will get him to let me put it up on my lot. There may be many more of these sun dials in the state, but the only two that I have seen is the one at Barnwell and the one at the Pettigru home. E. H. A. Newberry Herald and News.

SUBSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ACT

Columbia, Feb. 9.—A substitute public service commission bill, to be submitted to the judiciary committee of the house of representatives, was agreed upon at a conference in Columbia Saturday between attorneys representing the public utilities and the chairman of the public utilities commission. This compromise measure will be submitted for the consideration of the house judiciary committee this week. This will effect North Carolina, Georgia and South Carolina corporations operating in the state.

There are at present two public utilities bills before the house, both in the hands of the judiciary committee. One was introduced by Representative Atkinson, of Spartanburg, the other by Representative Meares, of Fairfield. The Atkinson bill was prepared by the utilities interests, the Meares measure by William Banks, of Columbia, chairman of the public service commission. The purpose of the conference in Columbia Saturday was to reconcile the two elements.

The feature of the bill proposed by the public service commission to which the utilities objected was the proposition to allow the commission to pass upon the validity of securities to be issued hereafter for public utilities. It was suggested at the Saturday conference that this be incorporated in a separate bill. The

new suggestion will be submitted to the judiciary committee for final disposition.

The compromise bill would provide for a commission of three members "discreet and disinterested citizens," to be appointed by the governor, each to give bond of \$1,000. The salary of the chairman would be \$5,000, and that of each of the other members \$2,500. The total appropriation for the expenses of the commission would be \$30,000.

The expense of the commission would be borne by the persons and corporations subject to the jurisdiction of the commission, each in proportion of its gross revenue in the state, this taxation not to exceed one-quarter of one per cent a year.

The commission would be vested, under the proposed compromise bill, with "power and jurisdiction to supervise and regulate the rates and service of every public utility in this state." Gas, electric, water and street railway companies would come within the scope of its authority.

The commission would also be empowered to make investigation of unused hydro-electric potentiality in this state, with reference to its future development, if practicable.

"The commission may," says the bill further, "in its discretion establish a standardized system of accounts to be kept by the public utilities, subject to its jurisdiction."

It is probable that the judiciary committee will introduce a bill that will embody its adoption from the several bills before it, and a spirited fight over the measure is expected. This will probably come during the week.

Some Remarks on Quarantining

Dr. Woods Hutchinson, a medical authority of national repute, was quoted in the New York Sun of December 18th, 1918, as replacing little reliance on "closing" measures. He said: "We closed theatres and business houses because we did not know what else to do. It was a new problem, and frankly we scarcely knew how to meet it. As a matter of fact there is no safer place for children during an epidemic of any kind than right in school, provided it is well ventilated and modern to nurses and equipment." Dr. Royal S. Copeland, president of the board of health in America's largest city, the most congested city, took every precaution a year ago last fall; but there was one thing he refused to do, close the theatres, saying then as he says now: "If managers see that health rulings are obeyed, one is as safe or safer in a large, well ventilated theatre as in a hospital; if for no other means than that there are more pathogenic germs in a hospital than in a well kept theatre." A late bulletin says time has proved Dr. Copeland to be entirely right. "See how lightly New York escaped—how the biggest city was also the safest."

APPROPRIATION BILL IS NEARING COMPLETION

Columbia, Feb. 9.—The 1920 appropriation bill is rapidly nearing completion, according to members of the ways and means committee of the state senate before whom the matter of finances has been for several weeks. It is stated that the bill will be introduced this week.

Members of the ways and means committee state that the appropriation bill will conform largely to the budget, submitted early in the session by the state budget commission. It is stated also that the total tax levy will not likely be materially changed from the present levy. However, members of the committee also state that the matter of the final total of appropriations and of the tax levy cannot be predicted, as slight cuts in some places and slight increases in others will effect these final figures.

Members of the committee state that the hard knots in the bill have largely been disposed of and the committee will get the bill into final form quickly. The committee announced Thursday that all hearings on the matter of finances for the year had been disposed of and there would be no further hearings.

There has been considerable discussion of the budget plan. Members of the legislature state that the budget commission is unnecessary. On the other hand others take the position that the commission accomplished a great deal in the matter of preparing a foundation for the appropriation of state funds.

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Special exercises on Washington's Birthday will mark the distribution of French honor certificates to the next of kin of American soldiers, sailors and marines who lost their lives in the great war. Franklin d'Olier, national commander of the American Legion, has made arrangements with the adjutant general of the army for the distribution of approximately 118,409 certificates through posts of the Legion in all cities and towns where posts have been organized. To those living in outlying sections the certificates will be mailed.

The certificates for relatives of deceased soldiers who reside in foreign countries will be presented through the military attaches of the allied countries while those for Porto Rico, Alaska, Manila and Hawaii will be distributed under the direction of the several department commanders of the American Legion. The certificate shows a group figure from the cenotaph in the Avenue des Champs Elysees, Paris. In the scroll above are the dates "1914-1919." Above the group is a quotation from Victor Hugo, which freely translated reads: "The people should come to pray at the graves of those who died for their country." The inscription reads: "To the memory of . . . of the United States of America, who died for liberty during the great war, the home of France" and the engraved signature of the President of the French Republic, Raymond Poincare.

The honor roll is made up of 107,952 soldiers, 6,000 sailors and 3,657 their mills. And any one who knows

marines. The Marine Corps received its allotment of testimonials too late to address and send them to district recruiting offices for delivery to local posts for presentation and all Marine Corps testimonials accordingly will be mailed directly to the next of kin.

END OF STALMATE IN COTTON MARKET

"I look for the stalmate in the cotton market to break in a few days," said Commissioner Harris Thursday. "This deadlock can not last always when there is the greatest demand for cotton that there has ever been in the history of the staple. My fear is that when cotton goes to 40 cents, as it must, there are many farmers who will be willing to let loose their holdings. This would be disastrous to themselves and to the cotton growing industry."

"For, according to the laws of supply and demand cotton today is worth 50 cents a pound, and the farmers would be getting it but for the fact there is now going on one of the biggest and most exasperating combines to depress the price and bear speculators are exerting every device to force the price of cotton down."

"The range of futures has been slight in the last few days, except semi-occasionally. The mills are rapidly and surely grinding up the reserve stocks laid in when cotton was relatively cheap last August and September, but the day is surely coming when the mills will be compelled to buy short or shut down."

of raw cotton and the price of cotton goods will never think that the cotton mills would shut down as long as there is a bale of spinnable cotton.

MESSAGE SHOWS NEWBERRY WAS IN CONSPIRACY

Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 9.—The government today established that Truman H. Newberry was kept in touch with the expenditure details in connection with his campaign in 1918 for a seat in the United States senate.

The proof in the form of a telegram copy was given to the jury which is trying the senator and 122 co-defendants, all charged with conspiring to violate the federal and state laws which limit the campaign expenditures of a senatorial aspirant.

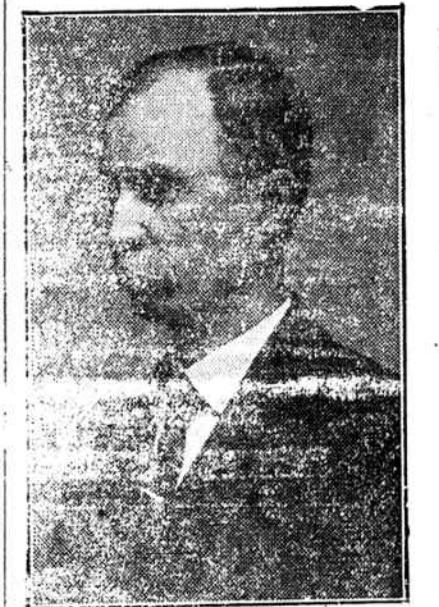
The telegram was sent by Fred P. Smith, manager of the Newberry estate in Detroit and a defendant in this case. It was addressed to Lieut. Commander Truman H. Newberry, third naval district, 260 Broadway, New York. It read:

"Misinformed you this morning the date of close of regular expenses. Should have said August 27th. Circular work, advertising, clerical help, postage an all regular overhead expenses will naturally continue until primary. Have written."

In getting this message into the court records Special Assistant Attorney General Frank C. Dailey has forged the strongest link thus far in proving a conspiracy. Up to the present Senator Newberry has con-

tended that he, personally, had nothing to do with the money paid out in his behalf during the battle for the senatorship.

Newark, N. J., Feb. 6.—The number of influenza cases here is greatly decreased, according to Friday's reports, but local physicians are threatened with an epidemic of writers' cramp following Mayor Gillen's announcement that he has arranged with twenty-eight druggists to sell whiskey on doctor's prescriptions at not more than \$1.50 a pint.



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