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able charge—a matter of great importance to the manufacturers established on that line here in Richmond, the Virginia Passenger & Power Company was made to give transfers to persons living on the Seven Pines route.

Relief has been afforded to citizens and merchants in all parts of the State in these judicial proceedings in various matters relating to the performance of duties by public service companies. It may be safely estimated that under orders of the commission many new stations have been built by the railroads, and probably over two hundred stations have been repaired or rebuilt and improved.

One of the most arduous duties performed by the commission is in answering letters propounding general inquiries, necessitating an opinion upon the proper construction of some portion of our corporation or revenue statutory laws. The commission has probably in this way, by letters, given over one thousand opinions, requiring study, care and thought.

In the matter of freight rates the commission has performed a task never undertaken in this country before by such a body. The commission says in its report for 1904 that in the fall of that year it entered upon an investigation and study of the entire rate situation in Virginia, and reached the conclusion that, owing to the exceedingly confused and conflicting state of the rates on freight in Virginia, it felt obliged to work up and formulate an entire new system of rates, which should be uniformly used by all the roads in the State.

The State Corporation Commission is a human institution, and it is human to err. It is also human to criticize the commission's acts, and it is very human for political opponents to discover and exploit all the mistakes which the commission may have made. But the public should reflect that the Corporation Commission is their institution, and that it is working for the public good.

The Constitution provides for the assessment by the commission of a small annual registration fee. This is not intended as a tax, but as a regular assessment upon the corporations on a basis estimated to yield sufficient to pay the entire cost of the commission to the State.

That eliminates the question of cost. Now let us recall some things that the commission has done for the public welfare. First as to the matter of revenue. The general franchise tax assessed by the commission for that year amounted to \$104,015. Franchise taxes assessed by it against canals and railroads amounted to \$39,027.

North Carolina's Good Example. The lynching at Salisbury has aroused the people of North Carolina to the danger of mob violence and to the necessity of punishing those who "take the law into their own hands" and mete out summary punishment to persons accused of crime.

Scandal at Manila. Manila has just furnished another example of some pitfalls that beset the path of the imperialists. The government is being sharply criticized and the so-called abuses are to be immediately wiped out.

The demurrage and car service rules, which were put into effect by the commission after a controversy with the railroad companies, running through a period of over eighteen months, are considered in all States as models of their kind, and have been adopted in several other States.

During the little over three years of its existence to this period, the commission has on its judicial docket about one hundred cases, of which sixty or seventy have been finally concluded. These cases have embraced the consideration of some of the largest economical legal questions of the day.

ment it would seem, if it were true, did not reflect credit upon those who advance it. How often must the platitude of private honesty be reiterated if it is ever to become a practical force.

Mr. Rockefeller's Error. In a recent lecture to his Sunday school children Mr. Rockefeller remarked that our great country has grown to its present strength from the strength of a few Puritan fathers who first settled here.

Mr. Rockefeller mixes his Pilgrims and his Puritans in a manner to show that he is not familiar with the subject. The Pilgrims and the Puritans were not the same. Far from it. The Pilgrims came in 1620 and settled at Plymouth. The Puritans came later and settled at Boston.

They are easily tired and provoked; He is long suffering. A father needs patience in dealing with his children, and love lends him that patience. But it is not inexhaustible. It wears out, and he gets provoked.

They are often perplexed; He is never at a loss. Their resources are limited, and sometimes they know not what to do, because of the different wants of the members in the family.

Rowdy Baseball. New York has just been treated to an example of what rowdiness among ball players means for the patrons. On Tuesday evening, despite the sweltering heat, 15,000 fans went to the Polo Grounds to see New York play Chicago.

Some practical joker or religious fanatic has sent out an endless chain prayer, which purports to come from Bishop Lawrence of Massachusetts. The prayer consists of this cur. "May some dreadful calamity come upon those who refuse to aid in spreading this prayer."

The New Yorkers are finding out what it means to depend absolutely upon the assistance of others for daily bread. The strike of the freight handlers has cut off all the vegetable supplies that come in by forries.

Exactly the same condition confronts every baseball manager who tolerates for one instant any bulldozing tactics on the part of his own team. The same day that the trouble took place in New York, Manager Tenny, of the Boston National team, had a rough, roll and tumble fight with Umpire Klem at the close of the Pittsburgh-Boston game.

"How Much More!" (Selected for The Times-Dispatch.) If you then being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?—Luke XI, 13.

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Seven Days in American History. August 12th—1876—King Philip's war ended by the death of King Philip.

August 13th—1812—General William T. Sherman made a major-general in the regular army.

August 14th—1862—General Sherman removed by President Johnson and General Grant appointed to succeed him as Secretary of War.

August 15th—1898—Protocol of peace between the United States and Spain signed at Washington, and an armistice proclaimed; blockade of Cuban ports raised.

August 16th—1862—Don Juan de Luna, with an army of 1,500, leaves Mexico to conquer Florida. His ships wrecked on the Florida coast.

August 17th—1862—General Washington decides to transfer his army from New York to Virginia.

August 18th—1862—Free-State men capture a fortified post near Leecompton, Kansas.

August 19th—1862—The Confederate Congress warns all citizens of the United States to leave Confederate States within thirty days.

August 20th—1862—Great storm sweeps New England coast; tide twenty feet high; many lives lost.

August 21st—1862—First Lutheran Synod in America organized in Philadelphia.

August 22nd—1862—Retreating garrison of Fort Dearborn, (Chicago) massacred by Indians.

1854—British assault Fort Erie, and are repulsed.

1854—Lafayette visits New York on his second visit to America.

1851—Cyclone destroys part of St. Louis, 1858—Berlin Sen. court of arbitration, situated in Paris, decides most of the disputed points against the United States.

1854—Salt springs at Onondaga, N. Y., discovered by Jesuits.

1854—Battle of Bonington, Vt. British Westons defeated by militia under Colonel John Stark.

1850—Americans disastrously defeated at Saunders's Creek, S. C. Baron de Kalb mortally wounded.

1812—President Tyler vetoes the bill to establish a fiscal bank.

1868—Queen Victoria and President Buchanan exchange first messages by Atlantic cable.

1861—President Lincoln proclaims seceding States in a state of insurrection, and forbids all commercial intercourse with them.

1868—The Army of the Cumberland, 65,000 strong, under General Rosecrans, begins its southern advance.

1870—A terrific cyclone on the North Atlantic coast; during this and three succeeding days more than 800 vessels perish.

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