

CLAIMS CHARLESTON HAS BEEN "BOTTLED"

Tillman Presents Resolution for Inquiry Into Coal Situation.

CHARGES RAILROADS DIVERT BUSINESS

Senator Asserts That, Under Domination of Hostile Finance, They Do South Carolina Chief Port an Injustice.

Washington, March 10.—Charging that the Southern railway was dominated by men not financially interested in coal mines in its own territory but in mines elsewhere and that for this reason the Southern was not allowed to move coal through the port of Charleston, S. C., Senator Tillman today introduced a resolution for a special investigation by the naval affairs committee into advantages of Charleston as a permanent point for coal distribution as compared with Norfolk and other Chesapeake bay ports.

The committee would be directed to investigate the character and proximity of the coal supply; rates obtainable on coal from fields near Charleston and Norfolk; relations between railroads leading into Charleston and other South Atlantic ports and between these railroads and owners of bituminous fields in Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Kentucky; and conditions of ownership of wharfage property in Charleston and Norfolk.

Senator Tillman set forth that "it appears from numerous complaints before the interstate commerce commission as well as from other sources that the power and influence of the so-called coal trust is being persistently used through the management of the railroads reaching Charleston to prevent the free movement of coal not belonging to the coal trust, practically all of such roads being actually dominated by the same financial interests that control the great coal combines finding outlet chiefly through New York harbor, Philadelphia and the Chesapeake bay ports."

Mr. Tillman declared in his resolution that "in view of the early completion of the isthmian canal and of its importance to the United States navy and of the national defense generally, to the development of an American merchant marine and to the development of trade with Central and South American countries, the establishment of adequate coal supplying facilities south of Cape Hatteras is deemed imperative, and the only available harbor having sufficient depth for the modern battleships and larger merchant vessels, as well as extensive water frontage for the proper handling of coal, is located at Charleston, S. C."

Arguing that the efficiency of the American fleet and the usefulness of Charleston as a coal distributing center depend upon facilities of port, Senator Tillman said:

"The efficiency of the fleet and the usefulness and efficiency of Charleston as a coal distributing center must necessarily depend upon the facilities of the coal producers for reaching that port, and of their ability to procure distributing facilities, and upon the ability of the shipping interest to procure rating and handling facilities in a manner which should be unqualifiedly accessible to all shippers and carriers alike on the same terms and conditions."

Controlled by Financiers. "The Southern railway is dominated by financiers, who are not financially interested in the coal mines of the territory traversed by the Southern railway, but who are interested in coal properties elsewhere, and due to the power and influence of these men it is believed that the Southern railway is not allowed to move coal through the port of Charleston, where coal might become competitive to their larger interests elsewhere."

"As a concrete example of the flagrant abuse of power, the Southern railway, having had for ten years its own rails reaching from Charleston to the great developed coal fields of Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky, and reaching developed mines with a present annual capacity of from 12,000,000 to 15,000,000 tons of coal, which has no other outlet to tide-water, has moved no coal for outlet at that port, and has made no provision for docks, notwithstanding the fact that it controls its own riparian privileges at Charleston."

"It is believed that efforts are now being made by individuals acting for the so-called coal trust to acquire the rights for coal docks and terminal facilities in Charleston so as to monopolize the terminal facilities in Charleston so as to monopolize the terminal facilities there in the same way that the big interests now dominate New York harbor, Philadelphia, Baltimore and the ports on the Chesapeake bay."

Using Other Roads. "It is believed that the so-called coal trust is using other railroads leading to the coal fields in a similar manner, not only to destroy private property, but in many instances wholly against the interest of the railroad thus used and tyrannically unjust to

AUG. W. SMITH RESIGNS PRESIDENCY UNION MILLS

Elected President of Brandon and Carolina Mills, But Will Continue to Live in Spartanburg.

Mr. A. W. Smith, of Spartanburg, who, according to an announcement made Saturday will become president of the Brandon and Carolina mills, has not planned to move to Greenville, but will operate the mills from Spartanburg. This was the statement made by Mr. Smith yesterday when a correspondent for The News asked him what his plans were. Mr. Smith stated that he would decline re-election as president of the Union-Bradford mills, and also would decline re-election as president of the Union & Glenn Springs Railway Co.

The directors of these two enterprises meet in April, and at that time Mr. Smith's successor, or successors will probably be chosen. He resigns his position with the Union-Bradford mills and with the railway because of his new duties in Greenville. He will continue to be president of the Woodruff mills.

The directors of the Brandon and Carolina mills will meet this afternoon in Greenville and it is understood that the formal election of Mr. Smith will take place at this meeting. Mr. Smith will succeed Mr. J. I. Westervelt who recently declined re-election as president of the two mills.—Monday's Greenville News.

Missionary Society.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Grace Methodist church held a very interesting and helpful meeting at Mrs. J. A. Brown's on Monday. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. C. T. Murphy and the subject for discussion was "Tithing." The society will hold the next meeting with Mrs. Warren Arthur.

Union Loses to Spartanburg.

The Intermediat's basket ball team of the Y. M. C. A. of Spartanburg, came to Union Monday and won a victory over the High School boys by a score of 23 to 16.

The return game will be played Friday night in Spartanburg and much interest is felt.

Death of a Young Man.

Mr. Ed Bishop, 28 years of age, died in Texas and his remains were brought to Union and thence to Padgett's Creek church for interment last Friday.

He was a son of Mr. Ben Bishop and his death is greatly deplored.

Church Purchases Organ.

The organ committee of the First Presbyterian church met Monday afternoon, Mr. Emslie Nicholson, chairman, and purchased a Moller organ for the congregation.

This organ will be equipped with all the most modern improvements of organ manipulation, and will be installed by July 15.

Death of Mr. Willie Lawson.

Mr. Willie Lawson died at his home in the Forest neighborhood Friday, March 6., and was buried the following day at Putman church where he held his membership.

Mr. Lawson was a young man about 25 years of age. He leaves a wife and one child. For some time he has been in poor health. In the beginning of this year he bought a farm from Mr. Ed. Johnson, and was an industrious and hard working young man.

The country in which these railroads are located and from which they receive their revenue and protection.

"It is believed that these railroads, all being dominated by the same influence, maintain a secret rate-making body of men in defiance of the law, who 'farm-out' the territory and make freight tariffs in such manner as to be free from every element of competition and who have practically destroyed the usefulness of the interstate commerce commission in so far as it affects the average shipper and the small shippers on account of the great expense and the extraordinary delay brought about by the tactics of the railroad whose agents resort to every method known to political trickery."

"It is not only necessary in the interest of the naval station and of Charleston as a commercial port, but for the protection of the whole country and particularly of that section of the country served by the railroads which lead into Charleston, that a thorough investigation be forthwith made to ascertain the whole truth to the end that these abuses may be permanently stopped by the enactment of proper laws or the amendment of existing laws, and that the port of Charleston may not be controlled by any trust or faction or individual, but be open to the use and needs of the United States and to all carriers and to all shippers on the same basis."

BROWNING, CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR OF STATE

Times Man Gives Account of Visit to His Home—Progressive Farmer, Active in Halls of Legislature. Brief Sketch of His Acts as Public Servant.

The writer had the pleasure some time ago of visiting the farm of Hon. Lowndes Browning in Cross Keys township.

Years ago, Mr. Browning realized that the one crop, all cotton, theory of farming was a delusion and a snare, and he began raising his own meat and corn. It has been 24 years since he has had to use any money to buy meat for his plantation. Not that he has not bought bacon these years, but each year he has sold more than enough hogs, hams and lard to buy all the meat needed on his place. He has a very nice buck of short-horn cattle and a fine flock of Rambouillet sheep. In fact, he lives at home.

He is president of the County Farmers' Union, and during his administration, this organization has put on new life, and is proving quite beneficial to its members in the purchase of fertilizers, and other farm supplies.

Mr. Browning is very much interested in the education of the rising generation, and he takes great pride in the consolidated school that has been established at Sedalia, largely through his efforts. As an incentive to agricultural development, he has given the use of several acres of land adjoining the school lot, on which the school board will have an experimental farm for three years, profits to be used for the school.

He has served several terms in the house of representatives, during the session of 1911-12 being chairman of the Ways and Means committee, and the two appropriation bills introduced by that committee were only amended by the house to the amount of \$83.75. This is a record that has never been equaled by the Ways and Means committee of any other term. The senate made few changes, and the vetoes of the governor were all ways opposed by a two-thirds majority.

Mr. Browning was the author of the refunding bill of 1912, and while this bill involved about \$6,000,000.00, one of the largest financial measures ever handled by the State, the house of representatives passed it without a dissenting voice, even without a ye and nay vote. When it was vetoed by the governor, it was passed over his veto in the house by a vote of 79 to 10, and an equally large majority in the senate. This act, if placed in operation, should save the taxpayers of the State around \$100,000 per year for twenty years.

He was also the author of the asylum bond issue joint resolution, submitted to the people at the last election. While this resolution received a majority of the votes, it did not receive the two-thirds vote which the resolution called for, therefore, did not become law. Had this been enacted into law, it would have proved a solution of this very difficult problem, which is still unsettled.

He was the author of the bill which placed the selection of the commissioner of agriculture in the hands of the people, thus putting this important department of the government on a parity with the other departments of the State government.

He was the author of a number of other bills of benefit to the State, but too tedious to mention here.

Mr. Browning will be in the campaign this summer as a candidate for governor, and of the numerous candidates for this position already announced, he is the only one who, so far, has dared to outline a platform of constructive legislation for the future. He has done this because he is very anxious for the people to have ample time to study an digest the changes he proposes. In other words, he does not want this high position because he is a "good fellow," or a congenial companion, but because the legislation which he advocates would be of great benefit to the people of our State. Therefore, he wants the people to be informed, and have ample time to digest these matters, so that they can vote intelligently at the primary.

He believes in honest elections, he does not care particularly how this is brought about, so that every white Democrat can vote in our primary. He does believe that such restrictions should be thrown around the primary, as will prevent dead men, radicals, Bull Mooses and residents of other States, naming the standard bearers of the democracy of South Carolina.

He is in favor of a thorough reform of our school laws, so that it shall become the duty of the State, and not of the various counties, to educate the children of the State. It is contrary to all public policy, that negro children in one county shall receive more per capita for their education than white children of another county, as is now the case. All are the children of the State of South Carolina, and not of any specific county; therefore, it is the duty of the State to see that each child has an equal opportunity to obtain a common school education.

He is in favor of a thorough reform of our taxing department, so that the burdens of government will

fall on those most able to bear it and who receive the greatest benefit from it. As at present organized, the taxing department of our government expends its greatest energy placing every mucky pig, lousy calf, bankrupt stock of goods, and all half worn household and kitchen furniture, on the tax books, while many just sources of revenue are left untouched. In other words, under our present tax laws, out tax officials are, with devoted zeal, catching the mealy revenues that drip from the spigot, while the bung is left wide open, and just revenues, that should enrich the coffers of the State, are allowed to flow into the pockets of private individuals and corporations.

He believes that our land-holdings in this State are entirely too large, and that for the greatest development and prosperity of our State, we should have a large increase of white citizens who own their homes. He feels that he knows the necessary legislation to bring this about, and in the campaign this summer, will develop this idea.

He also believes that our present laws in regard to land titles work a great hardship on the owner, when he wishes to hypothecate his lands to borrow money. He is in favor of adopting the Torrens System of land registration as rapidly as the needs of the people require.

There are a number of other reforms of minor importance, that would be of benefit to our State, and these he will also bring to the attention of the people during the campaign.

In closing this brief sketch it is not amiss to say that Mr. Browning is a man of pleasing personality, loyal to his friends and considerate of all. He is, nevertheless, a man of strong character and great determination. He will make himself felt in the race for governor this summer.

Revival Meeting Continues.

The revival meeting at Bethel Methodist church (Monarch) continues for another week. Rev. John Paul is doing some great preaching. It is being told on every side, "He is the best I have ever heard." People are attending from the country and all over Union to hear the splendid sermons of this strong preacher.

Sunday was a great day. Large crowds to the crowding of the house and a great number forward for prayer. The music is inspiring and the services helpful to all who come.

Rev. J. H. Danner, the pastor, invites all to attend these services and obtain all the good possible. Services every day at 3:30 and 7:30.

Buffalo Couple Wed at Jonesville.

Buffalo, March 12.—Quite a surprise to their many friends here and elsewhere was the marriage of Miss Nellie V. Riley to Mr. W. P. Johnson, which was solemnized at Jonesville last Saturday evening by Rev. Mr. Cook, the able and consecrated pastor of the Methodist church at that place.

The bride comes of a splendid lineage. Her father, Mr. J. H. Riley, is one of the bravest and most chivalrous gentlemen we ever knew, and has a heart as big as the universe and as tender as the petal of the frailest flower. Her mother sprang from the proud, high-toned, aristocratic Staley family, and is one of the best women and loveliest characters that ever gave grandeur and sweetness to womanhood. The daughter inherits these splendid virtues and charming graces. Since graduating at the Columbia College two years ago she has been one of the efficient teachers in the Buffalo High School. She is a young lady of inestimable christian character, takes an active part in church, and Sunday school work, and everything pertaining to good. With such a woman, so pure, so noble and so handsome, the current of life will be as radiant as the kiss of a sunbeam and as sweet as the ripple of a song, for in her light every cloud will have a silver lining and every sound a strain of music.

The groom is the only son of our townsman, Mr. W. A. Johnson, and is a young man of sterling qualities and high ideals, holding a lucrative position with the Union-Bradford Mill Company.

They are at present at home to their friends at the residence of the groom's father, Mr. W. A. Johnson, on Auburn avenue.

Owing to the wide popularity of both bride and groom it is of State interest, for their friends are numbered by the score, who wish for them a pleasant voyage through life, and may there never appear a cloud to mar or molest the lives of either of them.

The ladies of the Episcopal church are planning to have an entertainment the week following Lent and it is understood there will be some most interesting features in the entertainment. A number of leading citizens will take part in the program.

DEATH CLAIMS FATHER AND SON SAME WEEK

DEMONSTRATION AGENT VISITED UNION LAST WEEK

Mr. W. P. Stewart Delivered Interesting Lecture on Soil Building and Boys' Corn Club Work.

Mr. W. P. Stewart, farm demonstration agent for Greenville county, visited Union county the past week and delivered addresses in the interest of his work.

At Jonesville Mr. Stewart spoke to about 150 persons. His discussion there was on Soil Building and Boys' Corn Club work. He emphasized the need for growing legume crops for soil building as against the use of fertilizer for that purpose.

At Kelly's Mr. Stewart spoke to about 50 persons, and along the same lines as were stressed at Jonesville.

Mr. Stewart made it plain that the emphasis in the boys work will not be on the highest yield, as heretofore; but upon cost of production and quality of corn. These features are to receive consideration.

Clemson College is to give two prizes of a four weeks course to boys from each of the 44 counties in the State.

This great work received new impetus from Mr. Stewart's visit. Mr. F. W. Carnell, agent for Union county, did a good service in bringing him to Union.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PURCHASES A HORSE.

Cost \$500 and Paid For by Fire Department.

The city fire department has purchased a fine horse. They delegated Mr. A. B. Brannon to go to Atlanta last week and buy the horse. On Saturday the horse arrived in Union. It cost \$300 and is the property of the fire laddies. The city pays no part of the cost. The horse is to be used at tournaments, and on dress parade occasions, and will be used in fire-fighting in cases of emergency. This horse will always be held ready to go out with the one-horse wagon.

The city authorities have ordered a considerable amount of new hose. The city fire department is now equipped to do better service than ever in fighting fire.

To the Teachers of Union County.

Your president wishes each of you to take this as a personal letter, as I find this the best means of communicating with you.

You know that the State Teachers' Association meets in Spartanburg March 19th to 21st, 1914.

How many of you are members of this association? If you are not a member, become one right away by sending your dues to C. F. Neuffer, Treasurer, Bennettsville, S. C. These dues are 50 cents for female; \$1.00 for male teachers.

The State Association is giving a trophy cup for the county which has the greatest percentage of its teachers members of the association. Why can't Union county have that cup? With your assistance we can.

Join at once and I will appreciate it so much if you will send me a card at the same time telling me you have joined, in order that I may have some idea of what progress we are making.

Don't forget about your own county meeting, which will be held March 14, 1914. Come prepared to share your ideas and plans. Hope to see each of you in Union Saturday, Mar. 14, 1914. Best wishes from

Mary Gist Fleming, President County Teachers' Assn.

Baraca Class for Men.

The Baraca class for men of the First Baptist church, Main street, meets every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock in the Baraca room of the church for the study of God's word. A most cordial invitation is extended to you to meet with us.

Baraca means blessing (2 Chronicles, 20-26). So we seek to make this class a blessing to its members.

Get the habit of attending the Baraca class at the First Baptist church each Sunday morning.

Bring your friends.

Honor Roll of Mabry Graded School.

Adv. 1st Grade: Julia Lawson, Dudley Smith.

2nd Grade: Howard Blackwood, Annie Lawson, Haskell Petty.

3rd Grade: Ruth Gallman, Alma Vaughan, Wilina Mabry, Paul Lawson, Albert Tweed.

4th Grade: Bull Ward, Frank Lawson, Wofford Tweed, Louise Blackwood.

5th Grade: Sidney Blackwood, Joe Gallman, James Ward, Gladys Mabry.

Miss Annie Rodger, of Chicago, arrived Wednesday evening to spend some time with Mrs. John K. Hamblin. Miss Rodger has been in Greenwood, the guest of her school friend, Mrs. H. C. Tillman.

Mr. T. M. McNeace is visiting friends in Anderson, S. C.

They Were Both Good Citizens and Highly Respected.

FATHER WAS GALLANT CONFEDERATE SOLDIER

Union County Mourns the Loss of William Sanders and His Son, W. S. Sanders, Who Died Last Week at Kelton.

(By G. T. G.)

Kelton, S. C., March 9th.—Mr. W. S. Sanders died March 3rd, and was buried the following day at Foster Chapel cemetery; the funeral services being conducted by his pastor, Rev. T. F. Gibson. He was a consistent and faithful member of the Methodist church and held his membership at Foster's Chapel; his death was one of triumph in the faith of the Son of God, and his end was peace. His loved ones mourn not "as those who have no hope." A dutiful son, a loving husband and father is gone.

And again on last Friday night about 9 o'clock, another one of our oldest and most respectable citizens passed away, Mr. William Sanders, of near Kelton, who was the father of Mr. W. S. Sanders. He was in his 87th year and was a gallant Confederate soldier. He entered war between the states at the beginning and surrendered with General Lee's army at Appomattox. He volunteered in the Johnson Rifles, and served in that command the most of the war; he was wounded seven times. He was so badly shot that he was unable to do infantry duty, and asked his Colonel to give him a transfer to the cavalry. So he went to the 7th S. C. Cavalry, the McKissick Rangers, and served in that command until the close of the war. He could have obtained an honorable discharge but he preferred to fight for the Southern cause to the end. I have often heard him tell of the scenes at Lee's surrender when all the terms of surrender had been completed. Lee turned and faced his little remnant of an army, brave men, weeping like children; with tears in his eyes, he said "Now men, go to your homes and make as good citizens as you have made soldiers. I bid you all an affectionate farewell," and rode off. He said he was not far from the general when he uttered these words. He had in his possession a Confederate flag that he carried in the war, well preserved, which he prized so highly.

do not know what, if any, words he left for his family to do with the flag. I am sure that either the Johnson Rifles, of Union, or the U. D. C., of Union, would be proud to have that relic. His remains were laid to rest in the Mt. Joy cemetery Sunday about one o'clock. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. L. L. Wagnon of Union, in the presence of a very large gathering of sorrowing relatives and friends. He left a widow and five sons and five daughters and many grand children and other relatives to mourn his death, all who have the profoundest sympathy of the community. He was a consistent member of Foster's Chapel Methodist church. The following Confederate veterans were present to pay the last tribute of respect to their departed friend and brother comrad: A. G. Bentley, William J. Vaughn, William H. Gault, Geo. T. Gault, Samuel Garner, John Garner, James Millwood, and Charles Scales. One by one the old veterans of the civil war are rapidly passing away.

DEATH OF A GOOD WOMAN.

Mrs. S. K. Humphries Passes Away at Her Home on Main Street.

Mrs. S. K. Humphries died at her home on West Main street Monday night. She had been ill for several weeks.

Mrs. Humphries was born and reared in Darlington county, but for a number of years she and her husband have lived in Union. She was 60 years of age and leaves a husband and one child, Mrs. James Harris, to mourn her death.

Mrs. Humphries was a devout Christian, and was held in high esteem by all her neighbors.

Baptist Pastor at Lockhart.

Rev. J. M. Culbertson and wife were visitors in Union Wednesday.

Mr. Culbertson is the new Baptist pastor at Lockhart, Philippi and Mt. Joy churches. He will live at Lockhart.

Mr. Culbertson is a man possessing a vigorous mind and a strong body. Both Mr. and Mrs. Culbertson have won the hearts of the people in the field to which they have come.

Mayor John Scott Improving.

Mayor John T. Scott, of Jonesville, who last week underwent a severe operation, is rapidly improving. This will be good news to his many friends. Dr. Steedly, of Spartanburg, performed the operation at Mr. Scott's home.

Mr. Scott has been mayor of Jonesville for several years, and is at the present time standing for reelection.