

# In Memoriam—William Wilson Finley

The Board of Directors of Southern Railway Company having assembled in special meeting this first day of December, 1913, and being advised of the death, at his home in Washington on November 25, 1913, of William Wilson Finley, for the past seven years President of Southern Railway Company, advise the following minutes to be spread on the records of the Company and to be published in the newspapers of the South:

**WILLIAM WILSON FINLEY** was born at Pass Christian, Mississippi, on September 2, 1833, and entered railway service in New Orleans in 1853. During the succeeding twenty-two years he had a varied experience, earning steady promotion and a growing reputation, in the traffic departments of several railroads and in charge of traffic associations, in the west and southwest. In 1855, soon after the organization of Southern Railway Company, he became its Third Vice-President in charge of traffic, his service for this Company, in which, with an interval of a few months in 1896, he continued until his death eighteen years later.

He became President of this Company in December, 1906, at a moment when the work of gathering in and welding together its lines into a consolidated system had been done. The map had been made. There are no more miles of railroad included in the system today than there were when he became President. His task was therefore, complimentary to the work already done and the history of the development of the property during the past seven years is the history of how he conceived and accomplished that task of conservation and progressive development. During his administration the revenues of the Company increased 29.85 per cent. (comparing 1913 with 1907), but what is even more his achievement, the balance of income available for dividend (but largely put back into the property) increased 209.07 per cent.

This record of material success is in no small measure the result of Mr. Finley's policy and practice of building and strengthening a working organization of the Company so far as concerns personnel. He inaugurated and steadfastly enforced a rule of promotion to all vacancies within the organization, by recognition of demonstrated merit, with the result that he secured and conserved that loyal identification with the interest of the South and of the Company, and that sense of personal responsibility in all ranks of the service, which is one of the most valuable assets the Company has today.

On the public side of his responsibility Mr. Finley developed largely during the past seven years. Convinced of the duty of accepting the changed conditions in respect of the administration of industry incident to the governmental policy of regulation of the railroads by public authority, he was nevertheless keenly impressed with the apparent lack of understanding on the part of the public of the problems of railway management. He, therefore, devoted much of his time to the discussion of such questions before representative audiences in all parts of the country, but chiefly in the South, and the effect upon public opinion of his

frank, straightforward and manly utterances and patiently iterated doctrine has been long recognized, but was remarkably demonstrated by the expressions which have been received since his death from public bodies throughout the South. He did much in this way to correct a sentiment from which all railway property has suffered in recent years—a sentiment which has found its expression in an erroneous belief that a railway takes from the public more than it gives, and his effort in word and deed was to restore a just balance of understanding of the economic necessity, to every citizen in his daily life, of a well maintained, honestly administered and prosperous transportation system.

In other ways also he gave expression to a broad view of the indelible interest between the welfare of the railways and that of the public. His best active co-operation to the chief educational, industrial and commercial interests of the South, and a moral support to every movement which is making for the welfare of the South, but perhaps his greatest service of this nature was his successful campaign for the promotion of better agriculture.

Gently born and gently bred, it was Mr. Finley's fortune to be thrown upon his own resources at an early age and without the advantages of a university training and experience usually enjoyed by his associates; it was, therefore, a peculiar satisfaction to him and to his friends that in 1910 he received, with the assurance that it was no mere decoration, a degree of Doctor of Laws from Tulane University at New Orleans, the principal seat of learning in the community where he had spent his youth.

On the personal side, Mr. Finley was essentially a gentleman; he demonstrated on many occasions the combination in his character of those qualities which may be expressed by the words modesty and courage. He was fair and just in all his dealings, courteous to all men, slow to anger, but fierce in his resentment of injustice to others. Partisan in his love for and belief in the South and its future and in the Southern Railway as an important factor in that community, he convinced his associates that he never allowed partisan feeling to colour his judgment to such an extent that he could not always see the other side; but a policy once determined he set about its accomplishment with a characteristic belief in the potency of persistence and an unhesitating use of all the power at his command.

He had at all times the confidence, the respect and the good will of this Board and of every member of it, and in his death the Board and every member of it feels the loss of a friend of charming personal qualities as well as an official associate of commanding ability.

The Secretary is directed to express to the surviving members of Mr. Finley's family the respectful sympathy of this Board and to transmit to them a suitably engraved and attested transcript of this minute.

## Fertilizers

Our mercantile friends are beginning to buy fertilizers to supply our farmers for the coming season and we might begin to think what kind of fertilizers we most need.

This is determined by the kind of soil we have, the crop we are going to plant or have planted.

We buy fertilizers for three plant foods generally—nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash. The name of the fertilizer does not always mean very much so we should be guided by the figures on the sack.

A good corn fertilizer should contain from 2 to 3 per cent of nitrogen, 7 to 8 per cent of phosphoric acid and 2 to 3 per cent of potash. We should put on 300 to 500 pounds to one acre broadcast and harrowed in before planting. We should not put fertilizers in the rows or in contact with the seed as the seed are apt to be injured by the fertilizer and the roots will make little growth, so that a drought will injure the crop and the yield shortened.

Fertilizers should be broadcast for small grain, corn and grass as the roots will then make an even growth and the crop will not be injured by a drought. A mixture of 200 pounds of bone meal, 200 pounds of acid phosphate and 50 pounds of nitrate of potash, making a total of 450 pounds to one acre, make an excellent corn fertilizer. Anyone can mix these by pouring together on the floor or dry ground and mixing with shovel. Bone meal is a good fertilizer at the rate of 200 to 500 pounds to one acre for corn, small grain or grass but is slow, more effect can generally be seen the 2nd year than the first year.

For potatoes we should have a fertilizer with more potash, 2 to 3 per cent of nitrogen, 8 to 8 per cent of phosphoric acid, 4 to 8 per cent of potash. This should be put on at the rate of 400 to 800 pounds to one acre. It may be applied broadcast or scattered over a row about 12 to 2 feet wide and mixed with the soil before laying off the row. The fertilizer should not be put in the row in contact with the potatoes. For wheat and oats we ought to sow about 200 pounds to the acre of acid phosphate when we sow the grain and in the spring when the leaves are 3 or 4 inches long sow about 100 or 200 pounds of nitrate of soda to 1 acre. For grass about 100 to 200 pounds of nitrate of soda per acre sown in the spring just before or after a rain gives excellent results.

For vegetables we want a high grade, strong fertilizer and we apply it freely as we want our vegetables to grow fast and be tender. A fertilizer containing 2 to 4 per cent of nitrogen and 8 to 9 per cent of phosphoric acid and 3 to 6 per cent of potash is a good vegetable fertilizer. We can put on 500 to 1000 pounds to one acre, the truck farmers around Norfolk use several tons to one acre. Unless a soil has a fair amount of vegetable matter in it, it is useless to apply more than about 300 pounds of fertilizer for any crop. That is if the soil is very poor indeed, don't use much fertilizer, not more than about 300 pounds to one acre, until the land is improved by manure or cover crops.

We cannot improve or maintain soil fertility by the use of fertilizers, we sow crops and turn them under. This is the only way to improve land unless we have manure or some other vegetable matter to add direct to the soil. Fertilizers are used to help out and to help get a stand of some cover crop as grass, clover, peas, etc. Fer-

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SAM JACK MUSICK, Mer. Piedmont Business College, Lynchburg, Va.

Fertilizers can generally be bought ready mixed to suit our different crops but unless we know what we want we will hardly know what we get. When one is going to use about a ton or more of fertilizers it will pay to buy nitrate of soda, acid phosphate and nitrate of potash and mix them to suit the different crops. I will be glad to answer queries about fertilizers or other things of interest to the farmers in these columns or direct to the inquirer.

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## From Roda.

Mr. Skaggs, father of J. H. Skaggs, has been visiting his son for the last few days.

Miss Ruby Skaggs made a hurried visit to see her brother, J. H. Skaggs, at this place last Saturday.

There was a special show given of the mine motion pictures last Friday afternoon for the benefit of our ladies. The house was full to overflowing. Mr. Owens made the explanation, which was well received.

Mrs. Floyd Litton, of this place, is visiting her father at Gate City this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Author Brown, of Osaka, was up to visit Miss Elizabeth Collins Sunday.

Grandpa Sheppard, of Happy Hollow, who has been sick for some days is better at this writing.

Bev Flannery, of Big Stone Gap, was up Sunday and helped in band music.

Isaac Taylor and Mr. Chapman were up Sunday visiting friends in Roda. They also took part in the band practice.

The Band went to Arno on Saturday night and gave a concert to a full house. Every

body was well pleased, as they always are with the Roda band. We had a packed house last Thursday night when the mines were brought before the eyes of the people, by motion pictures. The pictures were very ably explained by Supt. R. E. Taggart. Mr. D. B. Wentz, president of the Stonega Coke and Coal Company, accompanied by Mr. Mouser and Mr. R. E. Taggart visited Roda Plant Saturday.

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