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GOVERNOR SIGNS TELEPHONE BILL

MEASURE BECAME LAW MONDAY MORNING

Charges Revert to January 1, 1921—May Appeal to Courts. Statement by Cooper

The State, 4.
Governor Cooper yesterday morning signed the Foster telephone act restoring rates and charges on all telephones in the state, except companies owned in one or two counties, to their status as of January 1, 1921. The chief executive had announced a hearing on the act, passed by the recent session of the legislature, but Saturday called off this hearing in view of the fact that he had already reached a conclusion.

The act that became law is one of the most important pieces of legislation put through by the legislature at the 1922 session. It makes null and void increases in telephone rates allowed by the railroad commission and puts these rates, charges, tolls, etc., back to the same status they were before the railroad commission allowed the increase in March of 1921. The act also reestablishes the telephone exchange radius or alleged "free toll" service that was abolished by the general assembly.

It was indicated yesterday that attorneys for the Southern Bell Telephone company will go immediately into the courts to determine the validity of the act, the company having fought the measure throughout its course in the legislature. Provision is carried in the act for the telephone company to petition the railroad commission for relief and the commission has authority to reduce or increase the rates to be charged and the rates in effect January 1, 1921. The company may go before the commission but an appeal to the courts is also being contemplated.

Statement by Governor

In signing the act, the governor gave out the following statement in regard to the act and the calling off of the hearing:

"In view of the fact that I had, on request, promised a hearing before signing this act, I think it is due the public and all parties interested that I give my reasons for dispensing with the hearing.

"The act is regular on its face. It is very clear to my mind that should a hearing be had it would consume more time than I could possibly give to it. But if I had the time or inclination to give an extended hearing, the most that the opponents of the measure could show would be that the rates fixed in the act are confiscatory. The act itself provides a remedy in case the rates are unreasonable, and I could not veto it in the face of such a provision.

"In addition to this, I would be very reluctant to veto any measure of statewide interest when the legislature would have no opportunity of passing on the veto until January of next year. I think that any person interested in any matter pending before any department of the state government is always entitled to a hearing, but where it is so clear, as it is in this case, that I could not have sufficient time to give a hearing, and where there is ample opportunity for the same questions to be submitted to another department of the state government, it seems to me that the hearing is not denied by my acting as I have, but that it is simply transferred to an appropriate tribunal."

Provisions of Act

"Section 1. Be it enacted by the general assembly of the state of South Carolina, That no corporation, company, firm, person or persons owning, controlling or operating or that hereafter may own, control or operate a line or lines of telephone or telegraph whose line or lines is or are in whole or in part in this state, shall charge or collect or suffer to be charged or collected for their services a greater price or sum of money or a greater rate than was of legal force and effect and on file with the railroad commission of South Carolina on January 1, 1921: Provided, That any corporation, company, firm, person or persons violating or attempting to violate the provisions of

RUMOR LEVER MEANS TO QUIT POLITICAL LIFE

Lewis Wood in The Columbia Record, Washington, April 1.—There is a strong impression here that Asbury F. Lever will not make the race for governor of South Carolina. Mr. Lever would not commit himself on the proposition today, saying he still had it under consideration. It was said by some of his friends that instead of entering politics he intends to go into private banking but this could not be confirmed. It is known however, that he is even now looking over some business offers. Mr. Lever's term as a member of the federal farm loan board does not expire until 1924 and he is under no necessity to make a change at this time unless he desires.

Summerland College Notes

Rev. W. H. Greever, D. D., Editor of the American Lutheran Survey has accepted an invitation to deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon May 20. Rev. W. A. Reiser, pastor of The Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga., will deliver the Annual Missionary Sermon to the Luther League. The Literary Address on the day of graduation will be delivered by Dr. E. B. Setzler, Newberry College.

On Palm Sunday night the Choral Club under the direction of Miss Vilda Divers will render The Resurrection, Easter Cantata, at the Batesburg-Leesville High School auditorium. For several years the Christmas and Easter Cantatas given by the music department of Summerland College have attracted very large audiences and have won most favorable comment. This promises to be the best given so far.

The new dormitory will be completed the fifteenth of this month. Nothing has been spared in making this a most convenient, safe and beautiful school home for young women.

This section shall be liable to a penalty of \$50 for each violation or attempted violation, to be recovered in any court of competent jurisdiction in this state, at the instance and on the behalf of the aggrieved party or parties: Provided, further, that the provisions of this act shall not apply to lines owned and operated entirely within not more than two counties and owned by citizens thereof: Provided, further, decisions of said commission may be revived by the court of common pleas upon questions both of law and fact. Within 30 days after the rendition of the decision any person aggrieved may commence an action in any court of competent jurisdiction against the commission as defendants to vacate or set aside any such order of the commission or enjoin the enforcement thereof on the ground that the authorization, consent, rate or rates, charges, fares, tolls and schedules fixed in such order are insufficient, unreasonable, unjust or unlawful in which action a copy of the complaint shall be served with the summons, and no order or determination of the commission reducing any rate, fare, charge or toll shall be enforced during the pendency of such action if the telephone company affected shall execute and file with the clerk of court a bond or undertaking in such sum as the court may prescribe, to be approved by the court, conditioned to secure the refund to customers, patrons or subscribers of any sums that may be collected in excess of the rates, fare, charges or tolls that shall be finally adjudged lawful and valid. Any party to any such action in the court of common pleas shall have the right to appeal to the supreme court in accordance with the existing law and procedure: Provided, the railroad commission is hereby required to publish, promulgate and, on request, furnish the schedule of rates existing and effective January 1, 1921. And provided, further, the railroad commission may, on application, after investigation and in the manner now provided by law, alter, modify, raise or reduce the rates in effect January 1, 1921: Provided, further, the rates in effect January 1, 1921, shall be held and construed to include the telephone exchange radius existing on said date, and the said radius is hereby restored.

"Sec. 2. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and this act shall be effective immediately upon approval by the governor."

TELEPHONE CASE TAKES NEW TURN

TEMPORARY INJUNCTION IN UNITED STATES COURT

Company Must Give Bond Pending Result of Hearing Friday, April 14.

Charleston, April 4.—United States District Judge Henry A. M. Smith this afternoon granted a temporary interlocutory injunction against the state railroad commission and the attorney general of South Carolina on the petition of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph company, which charges that the law signed by Gov. Robert A. Cooper is confiscatory.

Judge Smith requires the company to give bond in the sum of \$100,000 pending the result of the hearing on Friday, April 14, when it will also be decided whether "the matter shall be heard by three judges" as provided in the judicial code. Should the telephone company lose the case it will be required to reimburse any subscribers who overpay to maximum amounts allowed by the new South Carolina statute. The law signed yesterday in Columbia by Governor Cooper overrules the state railroad commission's order allowing the present maximum telephone rates and prescribes that the maximum rates be those which were in force after the period of government control.

THE BONUS

Abbeville Press and Banner.

Fred H. Dominick, congressman from the third district, is the only congressman from South Carolina who voted against the bonus to soldiers of the world war, and in the opinion of the Press and Banner is the only congressman from South Carolina who voted right.

Why should the soldiers in the World War receive a bonus any more than the soldiers of the Spanish-American war? Many of them, a large majority, in fact, did not see the service, nor endure the hardships, which members of Company A, of the First South Carolina regiment, and which members of Captain Perrin's company saw and endured.

And if a bonus is to be paid, why is it not limited to those who actually saw service on the field of battle? Why should officers who never saw the smoke of battle and who received far more money for their time and training than they had ever earned before receive a bonus, when this country is tax-ridden to the breaking point?

Did the soldiers who fought in the last great war fight as patriots as did the soldiers in all the other great wars in which the country has been engaged, or were they after serving in order to hereafter receive the bonus money? It seems to us that this insistent demand for money from the public treasury does at least a large percentage of the men who fought a great injustice.

The politicians say they are for a bonus because they promised their constituents they would vote for a bonus. We rather think that many of them are for a bonus because they are seeking the soldier vote. They think to get the whole soldier vote, taking chances that the people who pay the bonus will not be offended. But unless we are misinformed the taxpayers will be heard from as well as the soldiers.

Perhaps after all the taxpayers may decide that the war was fought by this country to make the world safe for democracy and not to make public money easy in a vote getting scheme by congressmen.

Death of Mrs. P. A. F. Shealy

Mrs. Polly Ann Frances Shealy, wife of Mr. W. M. Shealy, died at her home in the Oakland mill village on Wednesday morning at 1:30 o'clock and was buried at Baxter's Memorial cemetery Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock, service by Revs. W. H. Dutton and Paul Kennet. Besides her husband Mrs. Shealy is survived by two daughters and one son.

NEXT WEEK WILL BE VICTORY WEEK FOR FARMERS

Columbia, April 3. Next week will be "Victory Week" in South Carolina, and over four thousand farmers are expected to take the field and canvass for signatures to the contracts of the South Carolina Cotton Growers' Association. The week, officials of the association say, will go down in the records as a week making a complete revolution in the agricultural and commercial life of South Carolina.

"Victory Week" will be the whirlwind round-up campaign for membership in the association and hundreds of farmers will work day and night to sign up the necessary number of bales to make the contract operative. Over 100,000 bales of cotton are expected to be signed up next week.

Mariboro county is now leading the state in the number of bales signed, having passed the 30,000 bales mark last Thursday. E. Wallace Evans, the county chairman, says that 40,000 bales will be signed up in that county. Darlington is second with 21,000 bales and Calhoun is third with 19,000 while Sumter is a close fourth with 18,500 bales. These four counties promise a total sign-up of 160,000 bales by May 1.

Great headway was made in the Piedmont section of the state last week, there having been great activity in that section. Over 20,000 bales were reported in one day from Piedmont counties. During the week many of the most prominent farmers in the Piedmont section affixed their signature to the contract, including such men as Jas. R. Anderson of Anderson; H. L. Watson, G. G. Dowling, and J. G. Purkinson of Greenwood; D. F. Eford and Son of Lexington; R. L. Gray of Gray Court; W. A. Moorehead of Goldville and others. Mr. Moorehead is president of the Banna cotton mills at Goldville.

In a statement issued Saturday, Harry G. Kaminer, president of the association, said:

"It is the ambition of every man to render some service to his state during his life time. There is a chance for every farmer in South Carolina to render a distinct service next week. Every citizen who assists in the canvass for members during "Victory Week" will be rendering such service. I believe there are enough public spirited farmers in South Carolina to render some service to his state 2150 bales signed up in Newberry, you next.

Home Dem. Agent's Itinerary

O'Neill, Tuesday, April 11, 3:00 p. m. at Mrs. Long's.
Tranwood, Wednesday, April 12, 3:15 p. m. at Mrs. J. J. Sease's.
Hartford, Thursday, April 13, 3:00 p. m., at school.
Bethel-Garmany, Friday, April 14, 4:15 p. m.

All parties wishing containers for standard products to be sold through the S. C. Home Producers' association will please see the demonstration agent as soon as possible.

The barbecue hash will be good on Saturday. Don't forget to get some.

The following has been received lately by Miss Berry:

Last summer when I had a lot of vegetables I canned and pickled all I did not have immediate use for, not knowing then that we would have such a great thing as the community market. After it was started I put in a few of my pickles, they were sold in a short time and calls came for more. You know the money we make ourselves is so appreciated.

Let each of us plant a whole lot in our gardens and save everything by canning, etc., for the community market. We will find this work a pleasure as well as a profit.

Let's all try to see how great we can make the market for ourselves and others.

An Interested Club Member.

A new pugilist is named Jawson. The name would be more appropriate for a senator.

Does the world get better? The old-time man chewed tobacco and the modern youth smokes cigarettes.

TEXAN PRAISES MARKETING PLAN

LONE STAR STATE FARMER TO SPEAK IN STATE

Says He Is Delighted With Way Cooperative Association Handles His Crop

The State, 2.

J. D. Coghlan, a farmer of Ennis, Texas, arrived in Columbia last night and tomorrow will begin a speaking tour in behalf of the cooperative marketing of cotton. He has come to South Carolina, at the request of the South Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association, to tell of the operations of the Texas Cotton Cooperative Association, of which he is a member.

Mr. Coghlan begins his tour tomorrow morning at Timmonsville, where he speaks at 10:30 o'clock. Tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock he speaks at Hartsville. Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock he speaks at Mullins and Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Dillon. Wednesday he goes to Union county, speaking at Jonesville Wednesday night. Thursday he will spend in Spartanburg county and Friday and Saturday in Laurens county.

Dirt Farmer

"I am just a dirt farmer," said Mr. Coghlan last night, "and make no pretense at oratory. I am delighted, however, at the opportunity to come to South Carolina and tell the farmers of this state just what cooperative marketing of cotton has already in the mean time for Texas and what I believe it will mean for the whole cotton belt when an organization has been perfected in each state as will be the case before the 1922 crop is gathered.

"I grew 100 bales of cotton last year and it was all turned over to the Texas association. Under the cooperative plan, it has been sold at an average of three cents a pound more than cotton of the same grade and staple has brought from the buyers on the streets of my home town. I am glad to be able to say to the farmers of South Carolina that cooperative marketing of cotton is proving a great success in Texas and I know it will prove a great success in this state."

Speaking of how the new method of financing helped him, Mr. Coghlan said:

"I drew 60 per cent of the value of my cotton or about \$50 per bale when I turned my cotton over to the association. With this \$50 per bale, I liquidated at my bank; that slackened the noose around my neck and it sure felt good. In a short time I went back to the bank and asked if my remaining 40 per cent equity was sufficient collateral and the bank's answer was an emphatic 'sure.' Therefore, I can draw full value of my cotton, and at the same time my cotton is sold on the high peaks and not as distressed cotton.

"On the street in Texas the grade has always been too low, and staple is a word hardly known. This year I was astonished when I got returns from the association and found that half of my cotton was 1-1-16 inch staple. I have sold cotton for forty years in Texas, but this is the first time I ever knew I had so valuable a staple. The least average premium for my staple is 2-3-4 cents.

"More than \$2,000,000 were advanced to the Texas cotton growers through the Texas association during the past season. These loans were all made under the cooperative cotton marketing plan which is to be followed in South Carolina.

Much Activity

The coming week will be one of great activity in the campaign in South Carolina, officials of the South Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association said last night. In addition to the meetings scheduled for Mr. Coghlan over the state, Dr. Lee Davis Lodge, president of Limestone college, speaks tomorrow at 11 o'clock at Union and Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of The Progressive Farmer, makes four speeches on Friday and Saturday. Friday morning Dr. Poe speaks at Rock Hill; Friday afternoon at York; Saturday morning at Anderson and Saturday afternoon at Greenwood.

Telegraphic reports of heavy sign-ups were received at the association headquarters from almost every county in the state yesterday, it was said.

'NEWBERRY DEBATERS WIN FROM SHAWNEE'

"Newberry Debaters Win from Shawnee" was the message carried by the dailies throughout the state on April 4th. And again the fact is demonstrated to the friends of the institution that Newberry can hold her own on the forum, among the best colleges, as well as on the athletic field; and again they are forced to concede the fact that there is something else being taught on the hill over there than athletics. Those who journeyed over to Holland Hall Monday night heard one of the best debating contests ever pulled off in Newberry, with the local team having the edge on the visitors. The decision of the judges was two to one in favor of the Newberry team. The losing team representatives of Shawnee Baptist university of Oklahoma, proved to be worthy foes and mighty good losers. Prof. Courtney, who accompanied the team, said that the best team won, and then added that the Newberry team was the best debating team they had faced this season. A splendid testimony to Newberry college—our college.

Doesn't this wonderful victory make you feel like buying another athletic ticket? The boys need a new gymnasium and we are going to give it to them. We are going to show them that we are with them in deeds as well as in spirit.

The ground was broken at Furman university Wednesday for an \$80,000 gymnasium that Greenville people will build for that institution. We know that the people of Greenville are not more loyal to Furman than the Newberry people are to Newberry.

Just watch us put the gymnasium proposition across. The sale of athletic tickets received a considerable boost this week. On Tuesday committees from the senior and junior classes at the college canvassed the town, both business and residential sections, and report a generous response. Even where they were not successful in placing tickets they were received courteously and were sent on their way with kind words and well wishes. Z. F. Wright, always a liberal supporter of the college, gave them a check for \$100.

Name of additional "boosters":

Mrs. Henry Adams, 2 half tickets.
D. L. Booser.
M. M. Buford, half ticket.
D. L. Booser, half ticket.
J. N. Bederbaugh, half ticket.
J. L. Burns, half ticket.
E. S. Blease.
J. F. J. Caldwell.
George B. Caldwell.
M. B. Caldwell, half ticket.
F. B. and O. O. Copeland.
Miss Carolyn Cromer.
T. L. Cromer, half ticket.
I. C. Cunningham.
Mr. Daniels, half ticket.
L. C. Derrick, half ticket.
Mrs. Lula Derrick half ticket.
Mrs. Ben Dominick.
Miss Mazie Dominick, half ticket.
W. A. Dunn.
Leroy B. Eargie.
C. M. Etheridge.
Cornelius Evans, half ticket.
W. Y. Fair.
"Red" Franklin, half ticket.
C. A. Freed (repeater).
Miss Abbie Gaillard.
Miss Inez Green, 2 half tickets.
Albert Haltiwanger.
H. B. Hare.
E. Clyde Harris.
Miss Gladys Havird half ticket.
George C. Hipp.
W. H. Hardeman, half ticket.
Mrs. J. L. Keitt.
Miss Theresa Lightsey.
E. T. Mayer, three tickets.
Mrs. J. T. McCracken, half ticket.
J. Y. McFall, half ticket.
B. H. McGraw.
Mrs. James McIntosh.
Miss Gertrude Reeder.
P. S. Shealy.
Thos. L. Shealy.
R. C. Sligh.
C. B. Spinks.
Charles Sumner.
Horace Swittenberg.
D. J. Taylor.
C. F. Templeton, half ticket.
W. B. Timmerman.
G. P. Voigt.
Mrs. J. L. Welling.
Miss Carrie Belle West.
Mrs. J. H. White, half ticket.
H. T. Whitaker, two half tickets.

DEMOCRATIC CLUBS MEET THIS MONTH

EDMUNDS SENDS LETTER TO COUNTY CHAIRMEN

County Conventions Follow Club Meetings and State Convention in Columbia in May

The State, 4.

H. N. Edmunds, secretary of the state Democratic executive committee, yesterday addressed a letter to all the county chairmen of the Democratic party in the state calling their attention to the fact that the various Democratic clubs are to meet on the fourth Saturday of this month for reorganization and to elect delegates to the county conventions.

The county conventions are to be held on the first Monday in May throughout the state and the state convention will be held on the third Wednesday in May.

Mr. Edmunds' letter sent out to the county chairmen is as follows:

Edmunds' Letter

"I beg to call your attention to the fact that the time is approaching for the calling together of the clubs in your county as provided by Rule 5, which rule reads as follows: 'The clubs shall meet on the fourth Saturday in April of each election year for the reorganization: Provided, That the county committee may name any other day within the same week for such club meeting by giving at least two weeks' notice by advertisement in one or more county papers. In case any existing club shall fail to reorganize on the day fixed, the county committee may fix a day for such club to meet for reorganization by giving two weeks' notice, as provided in this section.'

"You will note that except as provided for by giving two weeks' notice by advertisement the clubs must meet on the fourth Saturday in April."

When the county conventions meet delegates to the state convention will be chosen.

To Choose Officers

In addition to making what rules or changing any rules that the state convention may deem advisable officers of the party in the state are to be chosen.

In regard to the county conventions the rules provide: "Every general election year county conventions shall be called by the county committees to meet on the first Monday in May at the county seat. The convention shall be composed of delegates elected from the clubs in the county, one delegate for every 25 members, and one delegate for a majority fraction thereof, based upon the number of votes polled in the first primary of the preceding election year."

As to the state convention the rules provide: "The state convention shall be called by the state committee to meet at Columbia every general election year on the third Wednesday in May. The convention shall be composed of delegates elected by the county conventions, each county to be entitled to as many delegates as double the number of its members in the general assembly."

Freshman Triangular Debate

The Triangular debate between Newberry, Wofford and P. C., which is participated in by freshmen of the three colleges, will be held on Friday, April 7. The query for discussion is: Resolved, That the United States should permanently retain the Philippines. The affirmative team from Wofford, and the negative team from P. C. will debate here. The contest will be held in Holland Hall at 8:00 P. M. The public is invited.

Newberry's affirmative will be maintained by Messrs. F. E. Dufford and C. E. Hendrix against Wofford's negative at P. C., while the negative composed of Messrs. W. J. Bodie and T. W. Smith, Jr. will meet P. C.'s affirmative at Wofford.

John H. Wicker.
H. A. Workman.
Herman Wright (repeater).
Downs Wright, half ticket.
Mrs. R. D. Wright, half ticket.
Z. F. Wright (repeater), contribution \$100.

Publicity Committee.