

The Dillon Herald

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The Chester News is reading the "riot act" to its merchants for sending their printed matter to northern and western states. The News says it is "spending more money in the city of Chester than is paid it by the people of Chester" and for that reason alone is entitled to a chance at the commercial printing of its town. Every word The News says is true. But The News is not the only newspaper in the state that suffers from the ingratitude or indifference or whatever you may call it of its merchants and business men. Fifty per cent of the printed matter used in the state comes from the north and west. It is printed on the same presses, from the same material and by the same class of workmen as one will find in this state and is every whit just as good in point of price, quality and appearance. Personally we have no complaint to make along this line, but we have often wondered how long and loud a western or northern merchant would laugh if a southern man should solicit his printing.

SLIM CHANCE FOR REDUCTION IN PHONE RATES.

The recent decision of Judge Henry A. M. Smith in the case of Miller against the Telephone Company shows conclusively that the fight against the increase in telephone rates must be made before the railroad commission and not in the courts.

Time and again the United States Supreme Court has held that the fixing of rates by a public service corporation is a governmental function, and the power of a municipality to contract in connection therewith will not be presumed, but must be given in express language. It has also repeatedly held that where the rights of an individual or set of individuals come into conflict with the public welfare, those rights, even though fixed by contract, must give way. Dillon and Hartsville have the same contracts with the telephone company, and even though the con-

tract may be binding on the subscribers, it is not binding on the telephone company, if it can be shown to the satisfaction of the railroad commission that the provisions of the contract are against the public welfare. The right of regulation in the case of Hartsville (the case on appeal) being expressly reserved to the commission, Judge Smith's decision, while disappointing, can hardly be surprising to anyone who has taken the trouble to inform himself. This may not be good law, but anyway it is law, and Judge Smith's decision could not have been otherwise.

In the last half a century the U. S. Supreme Court has handed down numerous decisions on this question, but the clearest one probably is that of the Union Dry Goods Company of Macon against the Georgia Public Service Corporation.

This was a case in which the Georgia Public Service Corporation and the Union Dry Goods Company were both corporations organized under the laws of the state of Georgia and doing business in Macon. They contracted together in writing for a term of five years, the former to supply electric light and power to the latter, which agreed to pay stipulated rates for the service.

The contract was performed for almost two years when the Dry Goods Company refused to pay a bill for services rendered, in which a higher rate than that of the contract was charged. The service corporation claimed that this rate was authorized and required by an order of the Railroad Commission of Georgia after investigation and hearing. Soon thereafter the dry goods company commenced a suit to compel specific performance of its contract, which had three years to run; to enjoin the service corporation from charging the higher rate, and from executing a threat to cut it off from a supply of electricity because of failure to pay the increased rate.

The trial court and the supreme court of Georgia both held against plaintiff and the case was taken to the Federal Court. One of the two claims considered by the court was that the order of the commission violated the obligation of the contract.

The court held that the law giving the commission the right to regulate was in force when the contract was entered into and the presumption was in favor of the validity of the order, there being nothing to show that it

was not reasonable. Said the court:

"That private contract rights must yield to the public welfare, where the latter is appropriately declared and defined, and the two conflict, has been often decided by this court. One whose rights, such as they are, and subject to state restrictions, cannot remove them from the power of the state by making a contract about them. Contracts must be understood as made in reference to the possible exercise of the rightful authority of the government, and no obligation of a contract can extend to the defeat of legitimate government authority."

The language of the preceding paragraph makes it very clear that any further effort to reestablish rates by appealing to the court would be a useless waste of time and money. The fight must be carried before the railroad commission in whom is vested absolute authority to regulate rates in a dispute between a public service corporation and a municipality, an individual or a corporation composed of individuals.

If it can be shown that the rates are excessive or that the telephone company is extravagant in the management of its properties or is earning either in salaries or dividends more than a fair return on its money, the railroad commission will restore the former rates. If this cannot be shown the rates will stand—and there is no appeal except to the Interstate Railroad Commission—and this would be a hopeless undertaking.

Mrs. Nancy Edwards.

Fork, S. C., Aug. 5—Mrs. Nancy Edwards, well known and highly esteemed woman, died at her home near Fork Wednesday morning at 7:00 o'clock. She had been in failing health for several years, but did her house work up until one week ago, when she took her bed. Funeral services were conducted at the home of the deceased Thursday morning at 11:00 o'clock, by the Rev. Mr. White and the interment was made in the family burying ground near here.

Mrs. Edwards would have been 73 years of age had she lived to see Saturday, August 6, her birthday. She has been a resident of this place all her life; was a consecrated member of the HopeWell Methodist church, and a sincere christian.

Mr. Edwards before her marriage was Miss Nancy Owens. She was married 56 years ago to W. J. Edwards, he preceding her to the grave 7 years.

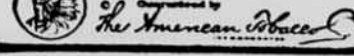
She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Anegline Lane, two sons, Robert and Zack Edwards, three daughters, Mrs. M. C. McQueen, Mrs. D. W. Tarte and Miss Ella Edwards, 14 grandchildren and 2 great grand children.

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