



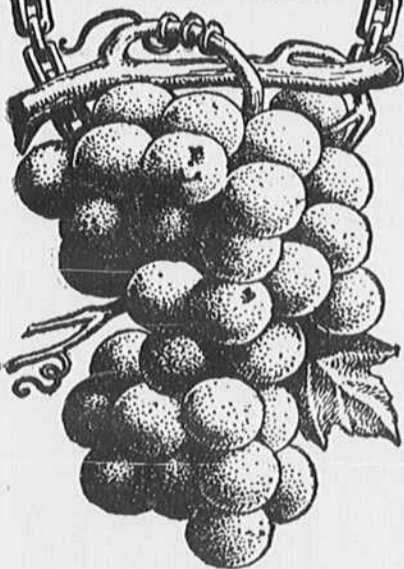
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BIG LUMBER FAILURE.

N. L. Hoover Lumber Company of Chesterfield County Thrown Into the Hands of Receiver.

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 29.—In the United States circuit court today, Judge Pritchard signed an order in the case of the Bank of Commerce and Trusts, of Richmond, Va., against the N. L. Hoover Lumber Company, incorporated, and R. C. Watts, of Chesterfield County, South Carolina, appointing John E. Dubois, of Dubois, Pa., and George C. Loomis, of this city, receivers for the lumber company.

The property of the company consists of timber leases of about 8,000 acres of timber lands in Chesterfield county, S. C., together with a large lumber plant, the latter valued at \$125,000 while the value of the whole property is estimated at \$100,000.

It is alleged in the complaint that the company is unable to meet its obligations, that taxes are unpaid, that insurance has been allowed to lapse because the company was not able to pay the premiums, and that in other ways the company is wholly insolvent.

The court ordered that the receivers take immediate possession of the property and make an inventory of its assets, a report of which must be filed before January 12, at which time R. C. Watts, one of the defendants, is cited to appear and show cause why injunctive against him should not be granted.

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A COMPROMISE ON FREIGHT RATES

Considerable Reduction in Rates to Charleston.

MINORITY REPORT BY BANKS CAUGHMAN

Although the Reduction in the Freight Rates to Charleston from the Mills will be Considerable to Mill People are Not Ready to Say that it will be Sufficient.

More knowledge of freight rate intricacies than most persons possess is required to determine the precise effect or meaning of the South Carolina railroad commission's ruling, issued Thursday night, upon the petition of 113 out of the 179 cotton mills of the State for reduced rates on cotton piece goods to Charleston from interior textile centers; but it may be fairly said that the decision is a compromise, as between the petitioners and the carriers—a compromise not unlike that made by the commission under similar circumstances in 1902.

Reduction is Considerable. Unofficially, it is said that the new circular effects a reduction of approximately 20 per cent. From Columbia the new rate is 18 cents, per hundredweight, as against 23 cents. From the Spartanburg group a rate of 24 cents is applied, in contrast to a former rate of 30 cents.

The reduction granted is not so great as that which was sought, but it is sufficient to encourage the mills to make good in their promised effort to develop Charleston as a great textile concentrating, finishing and distributing center.

What the Mills Asked. What the mills chiefly asked, in their printed petition of 30 pages, was specifically this: That the commission put into effect a "commodity rate of 20 cents on carload lots and 22 cents on all other shipments of cotton piece goods, from the South Carolina mill points, embracing the Greenville group and the Spartanburg group, to Charleston; and a commodity rate of 15 cents on carload lots and a like rate of 18 cents on all the other shipments of cotton piece goods, from the Columbia mills to Charleston, making a tariff of rates from the other mill points in the State to Charleston, on that basis."

The Compromise of 1902. The 1902 compromise, which was much like that made in this instance, was the result of a petition by the mills asking that the existing rate of 35 cents per hundredweight to Charleston be reduced to a rate of 24 cents from Spartanburg and 18 cents from Columbia as basal points, and also that greater dispatch in the carriage of shipments be required. The commission compromised as between mills and carriers by promulgating a rate of 30 cents from the Greenville group of mills and 29 cents from the Spartanburg group to Charleston. In addition a freight schedule of 24 hours from Piedmont mill points to Charleston was ordered to be established.

Charleston Terminal Charge. One plea of the petitioners in the present case the commission ignores. This was that the terminal charge of three cents per hundredweight at Charleston be eliminated. It was contended by the petitioners that the Charleston Terminal company's system ought to be considered as a part of the Atlantic Coast Line and hence should be operated under the rule governing continuous mileage.

The Minority Report. Commissioner Caughman's minority report says in substance that the board has not had time to consider properly the petition; that Commissioner Sullivan died in the midst of the hearings; that the matter ought to be considered in connection with the revision of classification and break rule already before the commission, and that the writer hopes to be able within the next ten days to give to the public his "many reasons" for unwillingness to agree to the reduction asked for.

Commissioner Caughman votes to dismiss the petition without prejudice, for the present, for the following reasons:

"The commission has before it now a general reduction on classes as well as the five-mile break in South Carolina.

"Inasmuch as these two petitions filed with the commission for reduction occurred about the same date and were taken up by the commission at the same time; in fact, the proposed general freight reduction tariff was heard by the commission on October 18 (all railroads being present) and was continued until a future date, day not named. On October 14, 1910, the hearing of petitions of various cotton mills for reduction on cotton piece goods was taken up and this hearing also was continued until No-

ember 10 for further consideration. Between these dates (on October 18, 1910.) Commissioner Sullivan was stricken in his office and was never able to return to his work. The hearing on the general reduction tariff was postponed by Commissioners Earle and Caughman without date being set and is still pending, and will be brought up in the near future for final disposition by the commission.

"Therefore, I am in no way ready to take final action on so important a matter at this time, especially as the first proposed reduction is still pending. I further advise, and do freely admit, that I have not had sufficient time to properly give this question the proper intelligence that it so much deserves and that both sides expect in a decision coming from the commission. More especially is this the case as the arguments for and against this reduction asked for were only made ten days ago and in these ten days the commission has been exceedingly busy with important work which could not have been neglected. In conclusion, I hope, within the next ten days, to be able to give to the public my many reasons for my disagreement to the reduction asked for."

Importance of Matter. The importance of the whole matter may be realized from the fact that President Lewis W. Parker of the National Cotton Manufacturers' association, President Ellison Smyth of the Cotton Manufacturers' association of South Carolina and other competent witnesses solemnly testified at the hearings on the petition that they believed the future of the textile industry in this State to depend chiefly on the securing of rates which would enable the mills to utilize fully the economic advantages which the port of Charleston offers for the concentration, finishing and distribution of their products. Testimony reinforcing these pleas as to Charleston was given by President P. H. Gadsden of the Charleston chamber of commerce, Mayor R. Goodwyn Rhett of Charleston and Manager H. R. Jackson of the Charleston bureau of transportation and statistics.

Magnitude of Industry. As to the magnitude of the textile industry in South Carolina, this State ranks second only to Massachusetts as a cotton manufacturing State. Her 179 cotton mills—half a dozen more, two of them capitalized at \$1,000,000 each have been chartered lately—have an aggregate capitalization of about \$100,000,000, operate approximately 4,000,000 spindles, consume on an average 700,000 bales of raw cotton annually and give employments to more than 50,000 persons directly—Columbia Record.

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ASSESSOR'S NOTICE

The auditor's office will be open from the first of January to the 20th of February, 1911, to make returns of all personal property for taxation and wherever changes have been made in real estate.

For the convenience of taxpayers, the auditor or his deputy will attend the following named places to receive returns for said year to wit: Clinton, January 9, from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Lydia Mills, January 9, from 5 p. m. to 8 p. m. Renno, January 10, from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Clinton Mills, January 10, from 5 p. m. to 8 p. m. Mountville, January 11, from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Cross Hill, January 12, from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Waterloo, January 13, from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Dr. W. C. Thompson's, January 16, from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Martin's Store, January 17, from 9 a. m. to 12 m. Brewerton, January 17, from 1 p. m. to 4 p. m. Sharp's Store, January 18, from 9 a. m. to 12 m. Princeton, January 18, from 1 p. m. to 4 p. m. Tumbling Shoals, January 19, from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. D. D. Harris's, January 20, from 9 a. m. to 12 m. Abner Babbs's, January 20, from 2 p. m. to 5 p. m. V. A. White, January 23, from 9 a. m. to 12 m. Stewart's Store, January 23, from 2 p. m. to 5 p. m. Cook's Store, January 24, from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Young's Store, January 25, from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Pleasant Mount, January 26, from 9 a. m. to 12 m. Landford, January 26, from 2 p. m. to 5 p. m. Ora, January 27, from 9 a. m. to 12 m. Waits Mill, January 27, from 2 p. m. to 5 p. m.

All male citizens between the ages of 21 and 60 years on the 1st of January, except those who are incapable of earning a support from being maimed or from other causes, are deemed polls, Confederate veterans excepted. All taxpayers are required to give Township and No. of School District; also state whether property is situated in town or country. Each lot, tract or parcel of land must be entered separately.

After the 20th of February, 60 per cent penalty will be attached for failure to make returns. J. ROSS DORRHO Dec. 9, 1910—1d.

NOTICE OF THE County Treasurer

The Books of the County Treasurer will be opened for the collection of State, County and Commutation Road Taxes for fiscal year, 1910, at the Treasurer's Office from October 15th, to December 31st, 1910. After December 31st, one per cent. will be added. After January 31st, two per cent. will be added, and after February 28th, seven per cent. will be added till the 15th of March, 1911, when the books will be closed.

All persons owning property in more than one Township are requested to call for receipts in each of the several Townships in which the property is located. This is important, as additional cost and penalty may be attached.

All able bodied male citizens between the ages of 21 and 60 years of age are liable to pay a poll tax of \$1.00 except old soldiers, who are exempt at 50 years of age. Commutation Road Tax \$1.00, in lieu of road duty. Road Tax to be paid by the 1st day of March, 1911. Other taxes to be paid at the time as stated above.

The tax levy is as follows: For State purposes5 1/2 mills For Constitutional School Tax 3 mills For Ordinary County purposes 3 mills For Interest on Railroad Bonds 1 mill For Roads and Bridge Bonds 3 mills For Court House Bonds1 mill Total16 1/2 mills

Special Schools—Laurens Township. Laurens No. 116 mills Trinity Ridge No. 14 mills Maddens No. 22 mills Nannie No. 32 mills Balley's No. 42 mills Mills No. 52 mills Oak Grove No. 62 mills

Special Schools—Youngs Township. Youngs No. 23 mills No. 42 mills No. 52 mills Fountain Inn No. 3B10 mills Lanford No. 102 1/2 mills Ora No. 122 mills

Special Schools—Dials Township. Green Pond No. 13 mills Dials No. 23 mills Shiloh No. 32 mills Gray Court-Owings No. 52 mills Barksdale No. 62 mills Dials Church No. 72 mills

Special Schools—Sullivan Township. Princeton No. 13 mills Poplar Springs No. 52 mills No. 44 mills No. 54 mills Tumbling Shoals No. 62 1/2 mills Brewerton No. 73 mills Sullivan Township R R Bonds 4 mills

Special Schools—Waterloo Township. Waterloo No. 143 mills Mt. Gallagher No. 13 mills Bethlehem No. 22 mills Ekorn No. 32 mills No. 42 mills No. 53 mills Mt. Pleasant No. 62 mills Mt. Olive No. 74 mills

Special Schools—Cross Hill Township. Cross Hill No. 136 mills Cross Hill No. 12 mills Cross Hill No. 22 mills Cross Hill No. 42 mills Cross Hill No. 52 mills Cross Hill No. 62 mills

Special Schools—Hunter Township. Mountville No. 164 1/2 mills Hunter No. 22 mills Hunter No. 32 mills Clinton No. 53 mills Hunter No. 83 mills

Special Schools—Jacks Township. Jacks No. 153 mills Special Schools, Scuffletown Township. Scuffletown No. 12 mills Lanford No. 102 1/2 mills Ora No. 122 mills

Prompt attention will be given those who wish to pay their taxes through the mail by check, money order, etc. Persons sending in lists of names to be taken on are requested to send them early; and give the Township of each, as the Treasurer is very busy during the month of December. J. D. MOCK, County Treasurer. Oct. 7th, 1910—1d.

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