

**WHO OWNS STATE RAILROAD COMMISSION?**

**PERTINENT QUERY PROPOUNDED BY THE COLLETON NEWS—DAMAGING CHARGES MADE.**

The Colleton News says: In one act the question has been answered: "Who owns the State railroad commission?"

Its first duty in its official capacity is to the safety of the people; its second duty is to the protection of the farmer, who is more dependent upon the commission than any other class. Yet time after time this august body of political parlor car pleasure seekers has passed the common countryman a reminder that "you are not one of us." It remained, however, for the commission's greatest and most open slap at the "Rube" to come during the present year, when above all other opportunities, it had its best opportunity to do justice for the rural population of the State.

The showing was clearly made by Representative Dixon of Fairfield county to the House committee that fertilizer freight rates, as levied by the railroads on farmers of South Carolina, with the permission or connivance of the State railroad commission, are 29 per cent higher here than in the adjoining or surrounding States. In other words, a 20 mile haul in Georgia is 81-cents per ton, while farmers in South Carolina are made to pay \$1.10.

The agricultural committee put the matter up to the State railroad commission and these gentlemen of private-car comfort notoriety promptly "fixed a hearing" to be held at their office on April 14, at noon.

That answers the question, the date.

All over the State of South Carolina the farmers are buying their fertilizers and the railroads are hauling them. A "hearing" April 14 will come after the fertilizer season has had its run and the farmer will have paid his 29 per cent in excess of justice and equity; and then the chances are the commission is going to smear the whole thing over, whitewash the railroads, find "we have not the authority," and then go off to a few Maypole dances in some private cars. They have simply handed the hayseed the lemon.

The fact is intensely touching all over South Carolina, but more so to Colleton county than any other part of the State. Colleton uses more fertilizers than almost any other county in the State—more, probably, than any other—hence it means that Colleton is getting the largest mouthful of lemon-juice from the commission.

Roughly estimated, this gross inactivity, or more plainly, the direct negligence, of the railroad commission, has cost the farmers of this county in the neighborhood of \$30,000 this year.

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**The April American Magazine.**

True stories of plots, abductions, dynamiting and attempted murder undertaken against the San Francisco graft prosecution, form the subject of a thrilling article by Will Irwin in the *American Magazine* for April.

Jesse Lynch Williams contributes to the same number stories by Grover Cleveland and stories about him. The article is full of anecdotes showing the great statesman's dry and lively humor. Ida M Tarbell, writing a sidelight on the most lively question now before Congress, exposes the various ways of juggling with the tariff, and practically declares herself to be in agreement with President Taft, who favors the appointment of a tariff commission. Professor W I Thomas tells of the "Older and Newer Ideals of Marriage," William Allen White describes "Progress in American Cities," and Charles W Wood tells of his experiences during the last six months in "Looking for a Job."

Fiction of an unusual excellence is contributed by Stewart Edward White, Richard Washburn Child, Edward Peple and Olive Higgins Prouty. The number also contains "Letters from G G," and the serial, "Margarita's Soul" by the new novelist, Ingraham Lovell.

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