

STATUS OF THE COTTON WEIGHERS.

Their Qualifications and Duties to the Public.

The numerous complaints made in this city concerning the inefficiency of the present system of cotton weighing and its inadequacy for the purpose of properly handling the cotton brought to this market, has called forth the writing of this article, in order that the people may be properly informed of the true relation of the weighers to the public.

At present, there are three (the proper number) scales on the platform where the cotton is placed before it is weighed. These scales, on account of the railroad tracks and other obstacles, are accessible on one side only; only two of the three weighers are actively engaged in the weighing of cotton; no hands are employed for the purpose of assisting in removing the bales from the low, one-horse wagons to the elevated platform and, consequently, from all these disadvantages and drawbacks, the farmers are compelled to wait an unreasonable length of time, before they can get their cotton weighed.

The foregoing constitute the principal sources of complaint lodged against the public weighers.

By Sec. 1555, Volume I of the Code of Civil Procedure, it is provided, with special reference to the city of Sumter, as follows: "Three public weighers shall be elected for the city of Sumter by the County Board of Commissioners, one of whom shall be recommended by the City Council, and their term of office shall be one for a term of two years, one for a term of three years, one for a term of four years, to be determined by lot." "The cotton weighers shall be required to mark and number each bale of cotton indicated by tags of buyer, and keep the cotton of each buyer together in order to facilitate prompt shipment." "The platform for cotton weighers shall be furnished by the county and shall have a capacity of 5,000 bales, and the scales on the said platform shall be approachable from at least two sides." etc.

Now this section (1555) must be construed in connection with section 1554, which provides as follows:

"It shall be the duty of each weigher to provide a platform and scales with ample facilities for handling cotton with speed and at a minimum cost, at which platform or platforms all cotton sold in said market or markets shall be weighed. It shall be the duty of each weigher to weigh fairly and promptly all cotton sold in said market or markets, issuing his own ticket, showing the weight of each bale or package of cotton weighed." "Each weigher, or his deputy, shall devote his exclusive attention to the duties of the office during the cotton marketing season. Each weigher shall test his scales once a month by the standards in the office of the Clerk of Court as provided by law: Provided, that the county board of commissioners, may, for good and sufficient cause shown, remove any such public weigher from his office" etc.

Above is a recital of the duties of the public cotton weighers as prescribed by law, and from an impartial perusal of its provisions, it is very evident that the farmers of Sumter County are not getting the service that the law requires. It is an unquestionable fact that each weigher should be provided with a pair of scales, and that these scales should be accessible from at least two sides, in order to facilitate prompt and convenient handling of cotton. In addition, besides the platform and scales, each weigher shall be provided "with ample facilities for handling cotton with speed." The present arrangement is not calculated to guarantee rapidity in the handling of the cotton. It appears that it is plainly within the provision of the code, for the weighers to employ sufficient help to assist in the unloading of the wagons, and thus prevent the long delays that keep the farmers at the depot for the greater portion of the day, and retard the cotton merchant in the conduct of their business. The people have a proper remedy according to the law, so, if dissatisfaction does exist, cease grumbling and file your complaint with the County Board of Commissioners.

Annexed to the supply bill, which is incorporated in the Acts of South Carolina for the year 1903, it is provided, among other things, "that each cotton weigher for the city of Sumter shall provide separate scales and employ a clerk during the months of September, October, November, and December of each year, and they shall have not less than two platforms, each of which shall be approachable from at least two sides."

The reason for the foregoing provisions, very wisely enacted by the Legislature, are apparent. The stipulations for the separate scales and a clerk for each weigher are evidently a part of the "ample facilities for handling cotton with speed," and if the provisions of this section were carried out the total number of bales of cotton brought to this market could be weighed in less time than it now requires. The object was for each weigher to be constantly employed in the actual work of weighing, and the provision for the employment of a clerk, was for the purpose of enabling the weigher to devote his entire time to the sole object of his public duty. The requirement for platforms is self-explanatory; whether or not the weighers are complying with the enactment of the General Assembly is too well known to necessitate any discussion of the matter here.

These casual remarks are thrown out only to let the public know what they have a right to expect from the weighers, and to throw a little light on a much mooted question.

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"Allow me to give you a few words in praise of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy," says Mr. John Hamlett, of Eagle Pass, Texas. "I suffered one week with bowel trouble and took all kinds of medicine without getting any relief, when my friend, Mr. C. Johnson, a merchant here, advised me to take this remedy. After taking one dose I felt greatly relieved and when I had taken the third dose was entirely cured. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for putting this great remedy in the hands of mankind." For sale by China's drug store.

Letter to Thomas Anonymous.

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I bought one of your wooden books and read it several times and when the theories that you spring in the book began to worry me I burnt the wooden book and said I would forget about it. I could not forget and so I thought if I learnt the drab book by heart I would not let ether-rays worry me so much, so I went to Mr. Osteen's book store and bought another and have almost got the theories by heart and wish there was some way of getting them by the throat as they worry me and keep me awake at nights. If I go to the asylum you will have to pay my board there. I am all broke up. Fewer theories; wears longer. I will write you a letter every now and then to get revenge. Devoe and myself will fill up the item newspaper and the item people can make their paper bigger to accommodate us and we will fill up all the new columns they can run off for us. We are the original letter writers and won't leave any room for other people's letters. I will hit the grit for Columbia in the morning, but I will try to retain enough sense while at the asylum to write to you occasionally. I begin to see ether-rays again. Plenty of ether-rays last longer than fewer ether-rays. Good-bye.

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Train Wrecked in Illinois.
Springfield, Ills., Sept. 21.—The Diamond Special on the Illinois Central Railroad, due here at 4:30 this morning was wrecked at Barclay, fifteen miles south of here. The engineer and fireman are dead and it is reported that several passengers were killed and a number of others were injured.

Springfield, Ills., Sept. 21, 11.30.—The wreck was the result of a deliberate attempt on the part of parties unknown. The train was running at a rate of 45 miles per hour. All the cars but the rear sleeper left the track. Fireman George Konkannon, was killed an Engineer Hays fatally injured. The passengers escaped serious injury. The switch lights were out, the switch battered and broken and the switch turned in such a way as to be bound to cause a wreck.

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The Ceremony Not Marred by Any Untoward Incident—No Royal-ties Present.

Belgrade, Servia, Sept. 21.—Peter I was crowned King of Servia today. The ceremony passed off smoothly without an untoward incident. The city is crowded but no representative of royalty outside of Prince Danilo, of Montenegro and his wife were present. The city is elaborately decorated. The procession left the palace at 8 o'clock, and rode through streets lined with soldiers. King Peter rode on a black horse both to and from the Cathedral. Returning to the palace he wore the crown which weighs 30 pounds and which was made from a cannon used by Kara Georgevitch in subduing the Turks in 1804. After the arrival at the palace a great reception was given by the King.

Dance at the Club.
The usual weekly dance was given Thursday evening in the hall of The Sumter Light Infantry. There was a large attendance, and everyone seemed to have an enjoyable time. The music was furnished by Westberry's orchestra.

Those present were: Miss Isabelle Mays with Dr. Kennedy, Miss Minnie Sims with Mr. S. W. Gillespie, Miss Lucy Smith with Mr. H. A. Mood, Miss Nellie Monaghan, with Mr. Carl Mason, Miss Rosalie Moses with Mr. Geo. D. Levy, Miss Alberta Schwerin with Mr. R. S. Moise, Miss Sophie Richardson with Mr. George Dunne, Miss Sadie Levy with Mr. James Jennings, Miss Kennedy with Mr. Arthur Wilder, Miss Adele Dunne with Mr. W. E. Harris, Miss Kirkley with Mr. J. E. Gailard, Miss Aarrie Rose with Mr. Robert Keels, Miss Eunice Bradham with Mr. Hubert McKagen, Miss Katie Moses with Mr. Alfred Bryan, Miss Lonsie Moses with Mr. Leland Myers, Miss Julia Schwerin with Mr. C. F. Schwerin, Miss Daisy Pollock with Mr. J. A. Yates.

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Two Thousand Emigrants Coming, Liverpool, Sept. 21.—The White Star liner Baltic, which sailed today carried the record passenger list of three thousand. Two thousand of these are in the steerage, the last to cross at the \$10 rate.

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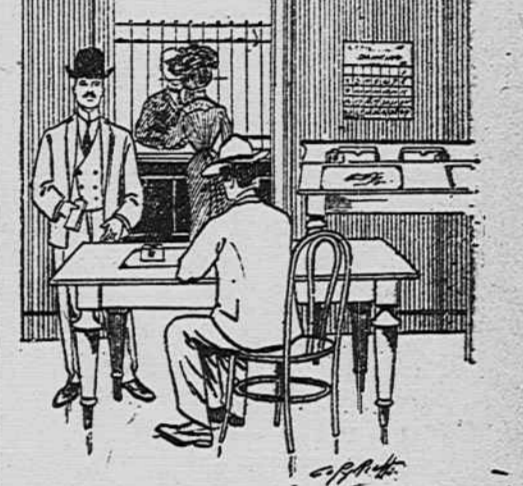
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