

ASKS FOR MANDAMUS.

SPECIAL SESSION OF SUPREME COURT MAY BE NECESSARY.

Builders of the Clinchfield Line Claim They Must Know Soon Whether the Road is to Receive a Charter From the State, and They Are Asking the Supreme Court to Compel the Secretary of State to Issue One for the Road.

Columbia, Sept. 16.—Application has been made by the attorneys representing the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railway for an order directed to the Secretary of State for the State of South Carolina, requiring him to show cause why a writ of mandamus should not issue against him, compelling him to issue a charter to the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railway, George L. Carter, Archer A. Phlegar and William H. Lyles, permitting the road to carry on business and exercise corporate franchises within this State. The Justices of the Supreme Court have under consideration the question whether the matter is of sufficient public importance to justify them in calling a special session of the Supreme Court.

The application for a charter was made to the Secretary of State several weeks ago, and he referred the matter to the Attorney General, who thereupon advised him that in his opinion the Act of the legislature passed in February of this year, under which the application for a charter was made, was in his opinion unconstitutional.

It is practically necessary, according to a statement of the road's attorneys, for the financial managers of the road to know, within the next couple of weeks, whether they will be given a charter to operate in this State under the Act of 1909, and under the position taken by the Attorney General the only way which the question can be settled before the latter part of November will be by the calling of an extra session of the Supreme Court. It is discretionary with the Justices as to whether they will do this.

"Don't waste your money buying plasters when you can get a bottle of Chamberlain's Liniment for twenty-five cents. A piece of flannel damped with this liniment is superior to any plaster for lame back, pains in the side and chest, and much cheaper. Sold by W. W. Sibert.

Lella Keober, the vaudeville actress, known on the stage as Marie Drombe, now playing a week's engagement, has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the United States court. She gives her liabilities as \$24,886, and says her only assets consist of necessary wearing apparel worth \$100. The petition is said to be the outcome of an unsuccessful theatrical venture undertaken by the actress during the past season in England.

"Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is today the best known medicine in use for the relief and cure of bowel complaints. It cures griping, diarrhoea, dysentery, and should be taken at the first unnatural looseness of the bowels. It is equally valuable for children and adults. It always cures. Sold by W. W. Sibert.

J. S. Adams, foreman of a grand jury in Union County, was arrested on the charge of selling liquor.

HEALTH AND BEAUTY AID.
"Cosmetics and lotions will not clear your complexion of pimples and blotches like Foley's Orino Laxative, for indigestion, stomach and liver trouble and habitual constipation. Cleanses the system and is pleasant to take. Sibert's Drug Store.

When the Hon. Walter Wellman arrived at Tromso, the baffled explorer faced the camera with all his old courage and determination.—New York Evening Sun.

A COMMON ERROR.
The Same Mistake Is Made by Many Sumter People.

It's a common error
To plaster the aching back,
To rub with liniments rheumatic joints.
When the trouble comes from the kidneys.
Doan's Kidney Pills cure all kidney ills.
And are endorsed by Sumter citizens.

S. C. Brown, 12 Canal St., Sumter, S. C., says: "I used Doan's Kidney Pills and they did me more good than all the other remedies I had previously tried. I suffered severely from a lame back and some days was not able to work on this account. It hurt me to stoop or lift. I could not rest well and no position I assumed was comfortable. In the morning upon arising, my back was so lame that I could hardly get about. The kidney secretions also contained a dark sediment and were too frequent in passage. I finally procured Doan's Kidney Pills at China's drug store and they cured me. I have not had a lame back since and the secretions from my kidneys do not annoy me. I am in good health at present and give Doan's Kidney Pills the credit."
For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.
Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other. No. 14.

CHURCH MEMBERS SHOULD ASSUME OBLIGATIONS.

Dr. Parkhurst Thinks Many Persons Fail to Apprehend Their Larger Duties.

"What is the Matter with the Churches?" asks Theodore Dreiser, Editor of The Delinquent and Dr. Parkhurst answers:
"Doctrinal formulas count very much less with Christians than formerly. Men who think carefully and feel deeply discriminate much more sharply than formerly between theology and religion, between the part the intellect plays and the part the heart and the will play in Christianity.

"There is, of course, an advantage in brooding over the great doctrines of the gospel; and it may be made auxiliary to the life, but the invisible spirit of the gospel will soak into the soul to a depth impossible to any formulation of the gospel's meaning. These things lie out too distinctly on the very face of Christ's teaching to excuse either those in the church or out of it for failing to act on the basis of the view herewith presented, save for the reason that a degree of prominence, due to ecclesiastical controversies, has been given to the matter of the intellectual conception of gospel truth, that has obscured the more fundamental and fruitful significance of Christianity experienced as a new life begun in the soul; a life that leans toward the law laid down by the Master; a life that has begun to learn the lesson of love taught and exemplified by Him; and a life along the pathway of service over which He has gone before.

"While, then, it is not to be denied that the Christian Church is the most powerful organization anywhere for the uplift of the race, its power would be tremendously enhanced if church members would realize that church privileges are mated with church obligations, and if they would not allow the Church to be considered so close a corporation as to exclude those who ought properly to be in it, but who are at present kept out by barriers of misapprehension and tradition."

PELLAGRA A BACILLI DISEASE.

Four Cases Discovered in Savannah—Great Deal to be Learned About The Disease.

Savannah, Ga., Sept. 16.—That four cases of pellagra exist in Savannah was made known yesterday when some new cases were reported to Health Officer W. H. Brunner. This is the first intimation that the general public has had that the disease has existed at all in Savannah. Much interest is taken in the cases by the local physicians. Three of the cases are negroes.

City Bacteriologist Victor H. Bassett is making a special study of the cases. He is one of the highest authorities upon bacteriology in America, having written several standard works. He regards the disease as one about which there is yet a great deal to learn. He is not certain yet as to whether or not it is caused by a bacillus.

"Circumstantial evidence was very strong in Europe, where the disease occurred there," he says, "that spoiled corn was the cause. Outbreaks of the disease followed upon shipments in a locality of corn that was not in good condition. But from the turn the disease has taken as it has been found in the South, I really believe that there may be grounds for its being considered a bacilli disease. There is still a great deal for the medical profession to learn about it. That, at least, is certain to my mind."

"Can be depended upon" is an expression we all like to hear, and when it is used in connection with Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy it means that it never fails to cure diarrhoea, dysentery or bowel complaints. It is pleasant to take and equally valuable for children and adults. Sold by W. W. Sibert.

The United States Government has purchased a lot in Laurens at a cost of \$10,000 on which to erect a post-office building.

A Hurry Up Call.
"Quick! Mr. Druggist—Quick!—a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve—Here's a quarter—Far the love of Moses, hurry! Baby's burned himself, terribly—Johnnie cut his foot with the axe—Mamie's scalded—Pa can't walk from piles—Billie has boils—and my corns ache. She got it and soon cured all the family. Its the greatest healer on earth. Sold by Sibert's Drug Store.

Dr. Annie Lee Hamilton, of Boston, has been chosen to take charge of the work of educating the general public in New England as to how to maintain health and ward off sickness. The campaign of public health education will be carried on largely by means of lectures before all sorts of organizations that are willing to give the subject a hearing.

WARNING.
"Do not be persuaded into taking anything but Foley's Honey and Tar for chronic coughs, bronchitis, hay fever, asthma, and lung trouble, as it stops the cough and heals the lungs. Sibert's Drug Store.

PEARY WELCOMES INQUIRY.

HE CAN EASILY DISPROVE COOK'S CLAIM, HE SAYS.

The Naval Commander Declares That He is Glad the Prospect is Bright For a Speedy Settlement of the Polar Controversy, and Claims he is Ready to Prove That Cook Never Reached the Pole.

Battle Harbor, Labrador, Sept. 16.—(Via Marconi Wireless Telegraphy to Cape Ray, N. F.—Commander Robert E. Peary declared today that Dr. Cook was expected by the world to submit to an impartial tribunal, or board of arbitration, a revised and authentic signed statement of his alleged discovery of the pole. Dr. Cook soon would reach the United States, Commander Peary said, and he was glad at the prospect of the matter being submitted for consideration at an early date. It should be done inside of a couple of weeks, and when it was done, the Commander declared, he was prepared to turn over to the board of arbitration, to the public and to the scientific bodies an array of testimony which would disprove Dr. Cook's claims for all time.

Continuing, the explorer said that he had stated in a private message to a friend that Dr. Cook had given the world a "gold brick." This message had been allowed to leak out, and while he would have preferred a more elegant expression, he was willing now to let these words stand, because they were at least emphatic. The explorer said also that he would turn over to a competent tribunal and the public certified copies of his own observations made on his trip to the pole, with all other information bearing thereon. Peary does not care to exhibit these records at the present time, for the reason that the information contained therein, if divulged in advance of the placing on file of Dr. Cook's authorized and definite statement, might be of advantage to the Cook partisans.

It is rumored here that Commander Peary's brief will contain sensational statements, and that a portion of his document was prepared as long ago as the early months of 1908, when letters were received from Dr. Cook in Greenland giving notice that he intended to make a dash for the pole.

Commander Peary dwelt particularly upon the observations taken at the apex of the world, and the movements of Harry Whitney, the sportsman of New Haven, Conn., who has been described as the bearer of records substantiating Dr. Cook's claims to have reached the pole April 21, 1908.

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The World Has Ever Seen.

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Via the Atlantic Coast Line to New York and Return for the Famous Hudson-Fulton Celebration.

This historic celebration will take place from Saturday, September 25th to Saturday October 9th. The principal events during the first eight days will occur in greater New York and in the Hudson River opposite the city. The following week the celebration will continue at the Hudson River cities and villages from New York to Troy.

This event, commemorating the 300th anniversary of the navigation of the Hudson River by Hendrik Hudson and the 102nd of the operation of the first steamboat by Robert Fulton, will present a spectacle in land and water parades and illumination such as the world never witnessed.

All the great navies of the world will be abundantly represented, which with other crafts, including replicas of the historic "Halfmoon" and "Clermont," will go to make up a water parade of a thousand of more vessels and on the land there will be gorgeous spectacles in floats, parades, reviews, exhibitions, decorations and a thousand and one object lessons in our 300 years of progress.

Every day will be a picture of a veritable fairyland and millions of electric lights of all colors and sizes will fairly turn night into day.

For this occasion the Atlantic Coast Line will sell on September 23rd to 30th inclusive, round trip tickets to New York at the low rate of \$23.95 from Sumter. The tickets will be limited returning to leave New York any time up to and including October 10th. Mr. M. F. Dukes, the ticket agent will be pleased to answer inquiries regarding schedules and make reservations and this matter should be attended to at once by those desiring to take the trip. 9-17-12.

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DON'T BE TOO FRIENDLY.

A Lesson of the Road Learned by a Salesman.

Chicago Tribune.
A salesman's desire to extend his acquaintance is laudable, but he must use judgment in the manner in which he does it.

John L. Vance (which is not his name) the best salesman of a large Chicago house, had just returned the night before from a trip through Kansas. He was seated at his desk dictating when two detectives from the Central Station presented themselves for admission.

"Are you Mr. John L. Vance?" they asked.

"I am," was the reply.

"And is this — Michigan avenue?"

"It is."

"I am sorry," said one of the detectives, showing his star, "but we will have to ask you to accompany us to the station. We have had a telegram from the sheriff at McPherson, Kas., giving us your full name and address, asking us to hold you on charge of fraud."

Mr. Vance was dumfounded. He had only been in McPherson overnight, had failed to sell his man any goods, had paid his hotel bill, and left town the following morning. At the police station he convinced the chief that there must be some mistake, and was released upon his promise to return the following morning, at which time further details were expected.

When Vance arrived at his office in the morning there was a night telegram on his desk from a clothing firm at McPherson which read as follows: "Unless you wire money, will imprison you for obtaining goods under false pretenses." The sender of the telegram Vance had never heard of. Nor did the description received from McPherson at the police station during the day fit him. The chief was satisfied of the mistake, and dismissed his suspect.

Then Vance began to think. He remembered that on the train as he was nearing McPherson, his companion in the smoker had been a dapper young man with whom he had exchanged cards, after a few minutes of conversation. It afterward developed that this man had presented the card and obtained a suit of clothes asking the dealer to send the bill around to the hotel the following evening. His expense funds were expected, was the man's excuse for not paying cash. He had missed his check in the last town.

The merchant consulted a "rating" book, and as Mr. Vance's firm was well rated the credit was granted. Needless to say, neither the dapper young man nor the suit of clothes was to be found in the hotel the following evening. The register showed that Mr. Vance had left that morning.

TESTIMONY AFTER FOUR YEARS.

*Carlisle Center, N. Y., B. Burhans. "About four years ago I wrote you that I had been entirely cured of kidney trouble by taking two bottles of Foley's Kidney Remedy, and after four years I am again pleased to state that I have never had any return of those symptoms and I am evidently cured to stay cured." Foley's Kidney Remedy will do the same for you. Sibert's Drug Store.

Elmo Creight, a white boy of Union, was shot in the face with a shotgun by Luther Creight. The boys quarreled over some spoiled corn.

"The Road to Success has many obstructions, but none so desperate as poor health. Success today demands health but Electric Bitters is the greatest health builder the world has ever known. It compels perfect action of stomach, liver, kidneys, bowels, purifies and enriches the blood and tones and invigorates the whole system. Vigorous body and keen brain follow their use. You can't afford to slight Electric Bitters if weak, run-down or sickly. Only 50c. Guaranteed by Sibert's Drug Store.

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