

PARKER REPLIES TO BLEASE.

DECLARES STATEMENT IN MESSAGE UNFOUNDED.

Details of Alleged Mill Merger Explained to Judiciary Committee of the General Assembly.

Columbia, Jan. 19.—At a joint meeting yesterday afternoon the senate and house committees on judiciary granted a hearing to Lewis W. Parker of Greenville, in regard to the special message from the governor about the Parker Cotton Mill company, charging that the so-called "cotton mill merger" had reduced the price of cotton, dodged taxes and made a futile effort to control the votes of its employees. Mr. Parker said that if the general assembly saw fit his company courted the investigation recommended by the governor. "If I am the kind of man which the governor says I am in his special message, then I never knew my own power," declared Mr. Parker in his talk to the two judiciary committees.

As to the charge that the merging of certain South Carolina mills into the Parker Cotton Mill company had reduced the price of cotton from 15 to 9 cents, Mr. Parker told the members of the committees that the 16 mills in the company of which he was president consumed only one two hundred and fiftieth of the cotton produced in the South, a total of about 15,000,000 bales, of which the Parker Cotton Mill company used about 60,000 bales each year.

The merger of the 16 mills in the Parker Cotton Mill company had been a business proposition, said Mr. Parker. He then told briefly how he had become a manufacturer after practicing law a few years, by being forced to take over the management of the Victor cotton mill, whose paper he had indorsed, to save himself from bankruptcy 14 years ago.

As to the mills which has subsequently come under his control, Mr. Parker stated that he had never taken charge of them except at the request of the stockholders.

In regard to the merging of the eight mills, other than the original eight which he operated, Mr. Parker said that at the solicitation of the stockholders in these mills he had exchanged the stock which they held for stock in the larger company.

"I am now working to make a change in the class of goods manufactured in these mills and to manufacture cloth which it has been necessary to go out of South Carolina to buy," said Mr. Parker. "I am trying to get away from the cheap standard grades and to diversify the product of the mills. And if this is avoiding competition, I plead guilty of the charge."

Mr. Parker said there were 500,000 spindles in the Parker Cotton Mill Company, 4,500,000 in South Carolina, 30,000,000 in the United States and 140,000,000 in the world.

"In New England," Mr. Parker said, "are a number of mill companies each of which represent larger investments than do the Parker Mills company." Several of these he named and also named a number of mills in South Carolina that consume a larger number of bales of cotton annually than do the Parker mills, naming three or four. These South Carolina mills consume more cotton because they manufacture coarser goods. Mr. Parker especially stressed that his mills were creating a South Carolina market for staple cotton.

"Any talk of the Parker Mill company controlling the price of cotton is absurd," declared Mr. Parker.

As to the intimation in the governor's special message that the mills under his control were dodging taxes, Mr. Parker said that they were paying a higher tax per spindle than any other mill company in South Carolina.

"I have never sought to control the votes of the people whom I employ, and I join with the governor in being thankful that this is true that it is impossible for any one to control them."

Mr. Parker stated that he had nothing to do with the Enoree mill, named in the governor's special message as one of the mills whose stock had been "watered." In this connection, Mr. Parker said that if it were "watered stock" to buy a mill at a bargain and sell it at a higher price, then he pleaded guilty on this count.

In conclusion, Mr. Parker declared, "If the South Carolina general assembly wishes to give dignity to the unfounded statements and insinuations in the governor's special message, then the Parker Cotton Mills company, which has nothing to hide, asks an investigation. If the time has come when a man's success is to be used against him in South Carolina, then it is time for ambitious men to go out of the State."

After Mr. Parker's speech, H. J. Haynsworth, of Greenville, spoke

briefly along the same lines.

Senator Laney interrupted to ask if it would be legitimate for all the mills in South Carolina to be taken under Mr. Parker's control.

Mr. Haynsworth replied that if such a company created a monopoly, it would be unlawful, that exactly what constituted a monopoly was hard to say, it was difficult to draw the line. Certainly ten per cent of the spindles in this State could not be a monopoly.

"If all the spindles in the State were under one control, would that constitute a monopoly?" asked Mr. Laney.

Asking to say a word, Mr. Parker remarked: "If I controlled every spindle in South Carolina, I would have a smaller number of spindles than are in the single city of Fall River, Mass."

Mr. Haynsworth also said that the Parker Cotton Mills company had paid an average of 12 to 18 cents a pound this season for 50 per cent of the cotton it used.

WANTS ALL VETERANS TO COME.

Macon Makes Big Preparations for Reunion on May 7-8-9.

Macon, Ga., Jan. 19.—Macon wants every soldier, who marched and battled for the South to be within her gates when the Confederate Veterans gather for their reunion, May 7-8-9. She asks the Daughters of the Confederacy and the Sons of Veterans to come and join hands with her citizens in making the reunion of 1912 the most notable ever held in Dixie.

As the result of the work of the Transportation Committee, headed by F. W. Armstrong, all will be enabled to visit Macon at small cost. Agreeing to co-operate with the General Reunion committee the railroads have announced radical reductions in passenger rates.

Mrs. A. R. Tabor, of Crider, Mo., had been troubled with sick headache for about five years, when she began taking Chamberlain's Tablets. She has taken two bottles of them and they have cured her. Sick headache is caused by a disordered stomach for which these tablets are especially intended. Try them, get well and stay well. Sold by all dealers.

Rocky Bluff Notes.

Rocky Bluff, Jan. 18.—We have sure been having winter for the past two weeks. Last Saturday and Sunday were the coldest days we have had in about 16 years, and the clouds look today like we will soon have more snow or some kind of bad weather.

Mrs. C. H. Pope has moved to Sumter.

Mr. Alfred Andrews has moved on Mr. Harby's farm (the one known as the Moise farm.)

Mr. M. E. Capelle of Borden has moved on one of Mr. H. L. Scarborough's farms, and almost every negro around has moved.

Mr. Tom Josey spent a few days of last week with relatives near Smithville.

Mrs. John Joye and children spent yesterday with relatives at St. Charles.

Mrs. M. E. Capelle and little daughter, Edna, are spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. J. J. Hatfield.

Mrs. Jordan is spending a few days with relatives in Sumter.

Miss Eva Hatfield went back to Sumter this morning, after several days' visit at home.

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REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Trading in Real Estate Going on During the New Year.

The following transfers of real estate have been left at the office of the county clerk during the new year:

John F. Heyward to Joseph A. Frierson, right to tract in Concord township, \$25.00.

William J. James to Robert E. Rembert, 288.8 acres in one tract and 72 acres in second tract, in county, \$10,000.

John A. Boykin to Annie E. Boykin, 95 acres in Providence township, \$5.00 and other consideration.

W. H. Swinton to Eliza C. Swinton, two lots in town of Mayesville, \$1,500.

Andrew L. Jackson to William M. Wolfe, lot on Oakland avenue, \$350. Minnie V. McDowell to Peter Curry, lot with buildings in western part of city, \$475.

Addie E. Osteen to E. W. A. Bultman, \$4 acres in Privateer township, \$1,475.00.

H. J. Barry to R. C. Humbert, 257 1/2 acres in county, \$1,500.

J. Mack Kolb to J. Dargan Jones, 5.70 acres in Privateer township, \$285.

W. A. Valentine to W. J. Andrews, lot in southwestern part of city, \$65.00.

Mary Pauline Field to John D. Lemmon, lot with buildings on Liberty street, \$510.92.

Sam Carolina and Binky Carolina to N. D. Womble, lot in town of Mayesville, \$115.

J. Mack Kolb to Aleta W. Ziegler, lots of 37 acres, 12 acres and 12.66 acres in Privateer township, \$2,314.37.

Death in Roaring Fire.

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Colonel.

John G. Anderson, a useful business man of Rock Hill, who originated the "Rock Hill plan" for reducing cotton acreage, has already gotten into serious trouble. Some of the newspapers have gone to calling him "Colonel" Anderson.—Spartanburg Journal.

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BOY SHOT BY "EMPTY PISTOL."

Robert Newman Shot Thursday Afternoon in Drayton's Repair Shop.

Thursday afternoon Robert Newman was shot in the shoulder when a pistol on which someone was working went off unexpectedly in Drayton's repair shop on Caldwell street. It is understood that there was something wrong with the pistol and one of the workmen in the shop was engaged in repairing it when it went off, the ball striking Newman, who was standing in front of the gun, in the shoulder.

It was stated at the hospital, where Newman was taken immediately after the shooting, this afternoon that the pistol ball had been extracted and Newman was getting on fine. The whole affair was accidental and it seems from what can be learned a case of a man being shot by the "unloaded" gun.

Wedding With Gun Has Fatal Results.

In the absence of Coroner Flowers, Magistrate Gillis, of Rembert, held an inquest Friday over the body of Robert White, colored, who was accidentally shot by a little negro boy, Bill Watkins. The particulars of the shooting are that Watkins and the man White were both tampering with the gun, and Watkins accidentally pulled the trigger, the load entering White's left side, with fatal results.

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Tax Returns for 1912.

Sumter, S. C., Dec. 11, 1911.—Notice is hereby given that I will attend in person or by deputy at the following places on the days indicated, respectively, for the purpose of receiving returns of personal property and poll taxes, for the fiscal year commencing January 1st, 1912.

All males between the ages of 18 and 55 years, must make returns as to whether or not they are liable for road duty for year 1912.

Tindal, Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Privateer Station, Wednesday, January 3.

Manchester, Lev's Siding, Thursday, January 4.

Wedgfield, Thomas' Store, Friday, January 5.

Claremont Station, Tuesday, Jan. 9.

Hagood, Wednesday, Jan. 10.

Remberts, Thursday, Jan. 11.

Dalzell, Friday, Jan. 12.

W. T. Brogdon's Store, Monday, Jan. 15.

Mayesville, (Barnett's Store), Tuesday, Jan. 16.

Pleasant Grove, Wednesday, Jan. 17.

Shiloh, Thursday, Jan. 18.

Norwood, Cross Roads, Friday, Jan. 19.

Osvego, Monday, Jan. 21.

All persons, whose duty it is to make returns, should be prompt to meet at these appointments. All returns must be made before Feb. 20, 1912.

R. E. WILDER, Auditor.

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