

**WAREHOUSE PLAN ENACTED.**

**REPORT OF FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE WAS ADOPTED.**

Test to be Made of Constitutionality of Act Before Appropriation is Available.

Columbia, Feb. 16.—Both the house and senate adopted the report of the committee of free conference on a bill to create and operate a State warehouse system for storing cotton and other commodities yesterday morning, and the measure was ordered enrolled for ratification.

An important amendment added by the free conference committee provides that the attorney general shall institute proceedings against the cotton warehouse commission created by the bill to determine the constitutionality of the act before any of the funds are appropriated to put the warehouse system in operation.

The committee of free conference, whose report was adopted, was composed of W. J. Montgomery, Alan Johnstone and J. H. Clifton from the senate and D. McQueen, R. B. Belser and H. H. Arnolds from the house.

The bill in the final form in which it has been ordered enrolled follows in full:

Section 1. That there shall be elected forthwith by the general assembly three commissioners, who shall constitute a board, to be hereafter known as the State warehouse commission. The term of office shall be for two, four and six years, the members of the board deciding by lot the respective terms of each. In case of a vacancy by death or otherwise on the board of commissioners the governor shall appoint a person to fill such vacancy until the next regular session of the general assembly, when an election shall be held as provided for in this section.

Sec. 2. The chairman of the board thus created shall be designated by the general assembly at the time of the election provided for in section 1 of this act, whose duty it shall be to preside at all meetings of the commission and have general supervision of the management of the business of the commission, subject, however, to the approval of the majority of the members of said commission; and it shall be his further duty to enforce and carry out all such rules and regulations as may be adopted by said commission for the control and management of the business provided for in this act.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the State warehouse commission to provide by purchase, lease or otherwise, a system of warehouses at the most eligible sites in this State capable of storing not less than 250,000 bales of cotton, and the commission is hereby given power and authority to employ clerks, architects and other agents and employes as in their judgment they deem necessary, and adopt rules and regulations not contrary to the provisions herein set forth, which in their judgment, are necessary to carry out the intent and purposes of this act; and the said commission shall have the power to enter into contracts with relation to the matters contained herein and may sue and be sued in any of the courts of this State: Provided: That only the property held by the said warehouse commission for the purpose herein mentioned shall be answerable in any suit or action against them.

Sec. 4. The manager of the State warehouse shall be appointed, and his duties prescribed by the board of commissioners, who shall fix the compensation of such manager, and the said manager shall be subject to removal by the board of commissioners whenever, in their judgment, the public interest demands it.

Sec. 5. The board of commissioners shall appoint expert cotton graders, whose compensation shall be fixed by the board, and the said cotton graders shall be subject to removal by the board of commissioners whenever, in their judgment, the public interest demands it.

Sec. 6. The State warehouse commission is empowered to acquire such property as they may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of this act, such property to be acquired by lease or purchase, and said commission is empowered to establish a compress in connection with said warehouse system at any point or points in this State where, in the judgment of said commission, it is necessary or practicable to carry out the purpose of this act.

Sec. 7. All lint cotton properly baled and such other commodities as the commission deem proper shall be received for storage at said State warehouse, and the charges for same shall be fixed by the State warehouse commission. Each bale of cotton shall be weighed, graded and numbered so as to be identified at all times, the grades to be according to the standard grades adopted by the United States government. The person depositing the cotton or other commodities shall be given a receipt from

the State warehouse commission, signed by the manager of the warehouse in which the cotton or other commodity is stored, which receipt shall give the weight, grade and number of each bale of cotton, or description of other commodity. The said receipts to be transferred only by written assignment, and the cotton or other commodities which it represents deliverable only upon the production of the original receipt, which is to be marked "cancelled" when the cotton or other commodity is taken from the warehouse. All cotton or other commodities on storage shall be fully insured.

Sec. 8. The State warehouse commission is hereby and herein authorized and empowered to issue coupon bonds in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 in denominations not less than \$500 each, and running for a term of thirty (30) years from the date of issue, bearing interest at a rate not to exceed six (6) per cent. per annum, the interest on said bonds to be payable semi-annually, and to execute as security for said bonds a mortgage or deed of trust on any real estate said commission may then own, with the right to said commission to retire by purchase any or all of said bonds, at the end of twenty (20) years from the date of issue, the proceeds of said bonds to be used only for carrying out the objects and purposes of this act. In the meantime and until said commission shall find itself able to issue and negotiate the sale of said bonds as herein provided, it shall have power and authority to borrow money upon the notes of said commission not exceeding the sum of \$250,000, said notes to run for not exceeding five (5) years, and to bear interest at a rate not exceeding six (6) per cent. per annum, said notes being subject to renewal from time to time in the discretion of said commission, and the proceeds of said notes to be used in carrying out the objects and purposes of this act, and that as security for the money so borrowed on said notes said commission shall have the right to pledge by way of mortgage or deed of trust any property, real, personal or mixed, which it may then own: Provided, That said notes shall be taken up and retired when the bonds herein provided for have been issued, negotiated and sold: Provided, further, That the bonds and the notes herein provided to be issued are not to be a debt or obligation of the State of South Carolina: Provided, further, That nothing contained in this section is intended to prohibit said commission from borrowing, temporarily, from time to time, on its notes, such amounts of money, not exceeding \$20,000, as it may find necessary for the proper conduct of the business of said commission.

Sec. 9. In fixing the charge for handling and storing cotton, the commission shall, in addition to providing a sinking fund to retire the bonds provided for in section 8, also provide a sinking fund for the retirement of the amount advanced by the State in 50 years.

Sec. 10. The charges on cotton shall, after the system herein provided for has been put in operation, cover all current operating expenses, it being the intention of this act to make this system self-sustaining, and at the same time give storage at actual cost, as nearly as practicable.

Sec. 11. The warehouse commission shall have the power to acquire by lease, any standard built cotton warehouse in the several towns of the State and operate them in all respects, under the provisions of this act, as applied to the State warehouse. That each commissioner, when elected or appointed under this act, before entering upon the duties herein imposed, shall execute to the State his official bond in the sum of \$25,000 each for the faithful performance of their duties.

Sec. 12. And the managers, graders or other officers at any warehouse operated by the State, shall execute such bonds for the faithful performance of their duties, as may be required by the State warehouse commission. The premiums on all bonds required of officers and employes under the terms of this act shall be paid out of the funds.

Sec. 13. Any person offering cotton for sale in the open market can have his cotton weighed and graded at any warehouse operated by the State, and shall receive his certificate setting forth the number, weight and grade of each bale. The fee for such service not to exceed the sum of 25 cents for each bale so weighed and graded.

Sec. 14. The compensation of the chairman shall be \$2,100 per annum, and the compensation of the other members of the board shall be \$6 per day of each day's attendance and 2 1-2 cents per mile for each mile actually traveled, and other necessary expenses actually incurred in the discharge of their duties hereunder.

Sec. 15. The State board shall make an annual report of the operations of the warehouse system to the general assembly.

Sec. 16. The sum of \$5,000 is hereby appropriated for the contingent

expenses of said board, and \$250,000 divided into two equal annual installments of \$125,000 in 1912 and \$125,000 in 1913 to carry out the purposes of this act is hereby appropriated. Provided, That the attorney general of the State immediately after the approval of this act shall institute in the supreme court a proceeding against the said commission for the purpose of determining the constitutionality of this act, and that no part of the moneys herein and hereby appropriated shall become available until the termination of said proceedings.

Sec. 17. This act shall go into effect immediately upon its approval by the governor.

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**SMITH NOT COMMITTED.**  
South Carolina Senator Denies That He is Trying to Get Delegation for Underwood.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Senator E. D. Smith objects to being called a supporter of Congressman Underwood for president.

"There appeared in today's issue of the Washington Post," Senator Smith said, "a statement to the effect that I, with other senators, was endeavoring to have my State delegation instructed for Representative Oscar W. Underwood of Alabama for the Democratic nomination for president.

"This statement was published without my knowledge or consent. I have not committed my support to any candidate for president."

This is the season of the year when mothers feel very much concerned over the frequent colds contracted by their children, and have abundant reason for it as every cold weakens the lungs, lowers the vitality and paves the way for the more serious diseases that so often follow. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cures, and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers.

**High School Teachers Convention.**  
The high school teachers of this and adjoining counties will convene in this city on next Friday for a session lasting one night and a day. The people of the city are requested to entertain in their homes these teachers and any persons willing to have teachers with them will please notify Prof. S. H. Edmunds at their earliest convenience.

**Almost Lost His Life.**  
S. A. Stid, of Mason, Mich., will never forget his terrible exposure to a merciless storm. "It gave me a dreadful cold," he writes, "that caused severe pains in my chest, so it was hard for me to breathe. A neighbor gave me several doses of Dr. King's New Discovery which brought great relief. The doctor said I was on the verge of pneumonia, but to continue with the Discovery. I did so and two bottles completely cured me." Use only this quick, safe, reliable medicine for coughs, colds, or a dry throat or lung trouble. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by Sibert's Drug Store.

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The Greenville News of Friday prints a long and interesting account of the opening of the W. G. Stubbs Shoe Store in Greenville on Thursday, of which Mr. W. G. Stubbs is manager. Mr. Stubbs is a former resident of Sumter and the people here will be glad that he is meeting with success in Greenville.

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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, Jan. 3.  
Manchester, Levi's Siding, Thursday, January 4.  
Wedgfield, Thomas' Store, Friday, January 5.  
Claremont Station, Tuesday, Jan. 9.  
Hagood, Wednesday, Jan. 10.  
Remberts, Thursday, Jan. 11.  
Daizell, 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.  
Clewego, Monday, Jan. 21.  
All persons, whose duty it is to make returns, should be prompt to meet at those appointments. All returns must be made before Feb. 20, 1912.  
R. E. WILDER,  
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