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TEN CENTS A WEEK

## THE R. R. COMMISSION GETTING QUITE BUSY

### Succeeds in Securing Reduction in Rates By Express Companies---Other Work Cut Out.

TALLAHASSEE, July 5.—In March of this year, the Railroad Commissioners took up the matter of vegetable rates by express between Florida producing points and south of the Ohio and Potomac rivers with the traffic officials of the Southern Express Company with a view of securing reductions in these interstate rates. As a result of the several conferences had, the Southern Express Company issued a new tariff on vegetable rates between the points mentioned, which made reductions in the rates from two to six cents per crate, and these lower rates became effective June 25th.

While this concession in rates will be of some value to the vegetable producers of Florida, yet it is not as great as it is believed the shippers are entitled to, and the Florida Commission has prepared a tariff of proposed rates on fruits and vegetables which they have today sent to the traffic officials of the Southern Express Company for their approval. The preparation of these rates, covering as it does rates between every station in Florida and every town of a thousand or more inhabitants in all the States south of the Ohio and Potomac rivers, has required considerable time and careful work on the part of the Commission.

The Southern Express Company has

been given until the 16th of July to consider the proposed rates and to approve or disapprove them. If the rates are disapproved, the Florida Commission will immediately take the case before the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington, D. C., and urge that Commission to prescribe the proposed rates in lieu of the ones now in effect.

Hon. L. C. Massey, Special Counsel for the Railroad Commission, is in Pensacola, where he went to make a motion before the United States court, asking for the appointment of a master for the taking of testimony, which will be presented by the Railroad Commission in the L. & N. passenger rate case.

Commissioners Burr, Blitch and Dunn will leave this morning to make a personal investigation as to the necessity for agencies or depots at Glen St. Mary, Bostwick, Florahome, Wade, Citronelle, Taylorville and Ocoee. Petitions have been received from each of these points asking for the construction of a depot or the establishment of an agency. It will require a week or ten days for the Commissioners to complete this investigation.

Keep your eye on the want ads. There may be something advertised which is of interest to you.

visors will select enumerators, and it is desired by Southern Congressmen that they shall be instructed not to employ negroes except for sections where none but negroes reside.

As passed by the House the census bill provided that the enumerators should be appointed by the President. The usual requirement that the appointment should be contingent upon the advice and consent of the Senate was absent. An amendment was adopted in the Senate supplying this deficiency. When the bill was considered in conference the President is said to have told some of the members that if the Senate provisions were eliminated he would see to it himself that a satisfactory class of supervisors and enumerators would be employed. Senator Tallafiero then called at the White House and he says he understood the President as giving him the same assurance. The Florida Senator then voted in conference to strike out the provision requiring that the appointments should be confirmed by the Senate, but in spite of the fact that a majority of the conferees of the Senate, which originated the amendment, voted to strike out the provision, the House conferees and a minority of the Senate conferees decline to abandon it.

Democratic Senators assert that it was their understanding that census enumerators in the Southern States should be apportioned between the Republican and Democratic parties. They said that it is not the loss of this patronage that disturbs them, but fear that the Republican referees will "pay political debts" through the appointment of negroes. Thus far in the administration of President Taft all of the Republican patronage referees in the Southern States have been white, but that condition has not always existed. It is asserted also that some of these referees are largely under obligations to negro leaders for the permanent positions they held in Republican councils.

All of these conditions tend to occasion concern in the South. The fact that admission to the home cannot be denied to enumerators, white or black, who hold Government commissions to gather statistics, serves to aggravate the situation. It is for this reason that the minority in Congress has decided to appeal to the President.

### CLEANING THE GUTTERS.

Commissioner Dell Doing Good Work About the Square.

Street Commissioner Dell is doing good work about the square in the cleaning of the gutters which have become clogged owing to the heavy washing rains.

The trash and sand thus obtained is taken to other low places in the streets and answers for a two-fold purpose—while cleaning he is at the same time refilling some bad holes about the city.

The improvement is very noticeable and is commented upon freely by the citizens.

### Property Changes for Week.

Realty has not been so lively for the past week, due largely to this being the dull season and a large number of citizens leaving to spend the summer abroad. Following is the list as recorded in the clerk's office:

Nelson Williams to H. C. Williams; L. R. McKinstry to Theora Fleming; W. O. Morris to D. B. Morris; D. B. Morris to F. G. Morris; P. K. Richardson to J. L. Wolfenden; F. E. Williams to Camp Phosphate Company; J. R. Pardue et al to Mrs. E. A. Pardue; A. D. Simmons to C. S. Rumph; W. J. Martin to L. J. Brown; W. R. Thomas to J. N. Newsome; W. P. Perkins to Winnie Ross; G. W. Peacock to T. J. Peacock; J. F. Mansfield to T. J. Peacock.

The want ads. do more real estate business than all other brokers combined—in fact, they "start" most of the business that the brokers and agents finish.

## HEAVIEST RAIN FALL WITNESSED IN YEARS

### Tampa, St. Petersburg, Fort Myers and Other Places in South Florida Are Flooded.

The Tampa Tribune of Sunday, July 4, contains the following concerning the great precipitation of rain fall experienced in that section:

"Florida and especially this section, is still in the grasp of the heavy rain storm which began Tuesday afternoon and as yet shows no signs of abatement. The precipitation has been tremendous, it being asserted that not for twenty years has there been a continuous rain such as has taken place the past week, and other places in South Florida have suffered worse than Tampa. The rainfall as shown by the local weather bureau has been 11.17 since Tuesday noon, which is nearly a foot.

"The storm center has been moving northward very slowly, having only reached Jacksonville Friday and Charleston yesterday. Everywhere in its wake, rains have been experienced, but the precipitation in the northern part of the State has not been anything like that experienced in this section, only light showers having been experienced in Jacksonville. Key West has not been visited by heavy rainfall since the first deluge recorded, which nearly came up to Tampa's record for twenty-four hours. Mobile has been visited by heavy precipitation in the last twenty-four hours.

### Work of Storm.

"Everywhere low spots have been flooded and serious damage has been done to crops in some sections, while water is standing in some of the low

streets of this city. Many Tampons have found that they are living in houses with leaky roofs, which were not apparent before the storm demonstrated the fact, and carpenters will be given plenty of work within the next few weeks repairing them.

"The dampness has been so great in Tampa during most of the past week that many cigar factories have been compelled to close down temporarily, as the dampness effects the tobacco so that it can be handled only with the greatest of difficulty. Some factories have taken advantage of the weather to take stock. Others have kept right on at work and have turned out unusually heavy outputs and the shipments of cigars have not fallen off to an appreciable extent."

### St. Petersburg Flooded.

The St. Petersburg Independent of Saturday, July 3rd, gives the following account of the situation in that city:

"The unprecedented rain has caused a slackening of business. Merchants in all parts of the city are telling of a dearth of customers and a curtailing of their daily sales.

"Rain has fallen in such quantities and so continuously that even though the residents would wish to leave their homes and come up town to do their accustomed shopping, they could scarcely do so.

"The men and boys on the delivery

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## Want Only White Men As Enumerators in the South

WASHINGTON, July 5.—Concerned about what they suppose to be the possibility that negroes may be sent into the homes of white residents of the South as enumerators to gather information for the thirteenth decennial Federal census, Democratic members of Congress will urge President Taft to give instructions that only white enumerators shall be employed in districts south of the Mason and Dixon line. Representatives of the Southern States in Congress say that they have little hope of preventing

the employment of negroes unless the President interferes.

Reports of the experience of the Virginia delegation in seeking a portion of the census patronage from that State have disturbed the Southern representatives. Senator Martin and Representative Hay of Virginia, it is said, were informed by Director Durand that the recommendations of the Republican referees in the Southern States would govern, wherever possible, in the designation of supervisors of the census. The super-

## X-Ray Revives Man Who Had Been Dead 40 Minutes

WORCESTER, Mass., July 5.—Forty minutes after Joseph Remillard, a baker's assistant, aged 40, had been pronounced dead at the City Hospital, the man sat up in the morgue coffin and said:

"What a nice sleep I have had." To Dr. Edgar L. Drew, the new superintendent of the City Hospital, here, belongs the credit of bringing the baker back to life.

As Remillard, who had been overcome by the heat and died, as the doctors said, was being wheeled in a pack of ice into the morgue, in the coffin used for the purpose, Dr. Drew passed in the corridor. The doctor pulled back the sheet covering the officially dead man. "This man is not dead," he said after a critical glance. "I am going to try to save him."

Remillard, under Dr. Drew's orders, was wheeled into the X-ray room.

Fifteen minutes elapsed in the X-ray room. Dr. Drew was insistent. He ignored the credulous looks of the other physicians and insisted on applying current after current and all sorts of shocks on the officially dead man. There was a tremor of the man's limbs. Then the doctors eagerly surrounded the coffin in which the man lay. The muscles quivered and contracted. The chest heaved and a sigh broke the silence of the room. Remillard's eyes opened, a faint color stole into the marble face.

"What a nice sleep I've had," he murmured, drowsily.

"More electricity," ordered Dr. Drew.

Just forty minutes after Remillard was declared dead at the hospital, he was wheeled from the X-ray room to a ward and placed in a bed, his name being taken from the list of dead and placed on the "will recover" list.

## Strange Malady Affects Horses on the East Coast

Fatalities among the horses in this section as the result of the prevailing disease, spinal meningitis, says The Fort Pierce Tribune, continue, and several more have been added to the list. In the past two weeks over a score of horses have died in the county, entailing a heavy loss.

On Friday State Veterinary Surgeon Thomas J. Mahaffy, of Jacksonville, came to this city to make an examination, after which he declared the prevailing disease to be cerebrospinal meningitis. After examining a number of samples of grain, he said

that in his opinion the malady was caused by a poor quality of feed which has been coming into this section of late. He held out no hopes of immediate relief until the coming of the new crops, as the present feed is from the bottom of the great Western elevators, where it has been lying for months, becoming musty and infected with the disease. He further stated that horses rarely responded to treatment, and that prevention was the only way to stamp it out. He recommended the free use of disinfectants around the feed boxes and water troughs.

## Blind Senator Witnesses Flight of the Aeroplane

WASHINGTON, July 5.—Through going out to Fort Myer repeatedly to "see" the Wright brothers fly in their aeroplanes, Senator Gore, from Oklahoma, is fast becoming one of the most enthusiastic aeronauts in Washington, yet the Senator is stone blind.

Senator Gore's substitute for the eyes he lost by a series of accidents during his youth is his wife and a keen sense of hearing, to both of which his mind is peculiarly attuned. From them he attains the thrill of excitement that others experience through first hand perception. He is well satisfied with second hand.

The presence of Senator and Mrs. Gore on the Fort Myer drill grounds is regarded as an excellent example

of the way in which her eyes and his mind work together. Few men in Washington are affected by the atmosphere of an event as the Senator. That helps him to comprehend the quiet words of his wife, as she explains every move of the aviators, of the success or the failure of the machine in starting, in maintaining itself in the air, and in descending. When all is concluded Senator Gore is just as anxious to applaud as any other spectator.

The Oklahoma Senator also is very fond of watching a baseball game, and he is a frequent patron of the American League games here. Senator Gore's wife knows more about baseball than many wives' husbands.