

MAKES CHARGE OF UNFAIRNESS

**Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart
Says Newspaper Attack
Printed While She Was Out
of State.**

**NOT A PENNY OF \$1,400
WAS SPENT UNLAWFULLY**

FRANKFORT, KY., Jan. 13.—Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart, president of the Kentucky Illiteracy Commission, last night made public a statement denying with indignant emphasis that there is anything blameworthy in the record either of the commission or of herself.

The issuance of the statement followed a prolonged executive session of the commission. She admits that the commission has spent the sum of \$1,485 with the consent of the Sinking Fund Commission, but declares that the Attorney General's office has not a "single vestige of proof" for the various charges made against her.

Mrs. Stewart explains that former Attorney General Garnett held that the expenses incurred by the commission were all right. She denies that any penny of the amount was improperly used, and gives a detailed explanation of the disbursements making up the sum.

Mrs. Stewart's statement of her side of the case follows:

"The attack made upon the Illiteracy Commission and upon me, personally, thru an article in last Friday's issue of the Courier-Journal was unfortunately made when it was a well-known fact that I was absent from the State and could not make an immediate defense.

Opinion From Garnett.

"The statement that the Illiteracy Commission had been aided by the Sinking Fund Commission to the amount of \$1,485.82 during its existence is true. Attorney General James Garnett, during his administration, construed the law which provided office supplies for all State Departments to include the Illiteracy Commission and upon his ruling the Sinking Fund Commission furnished telephone and telegraph of which was for local telephone service—also stationery, printing and during a portion of the time, stamps. Last spring a stenographer was temporarily granted. No part of these funds passed thru the hands of the Illiteracy Commission, but was paid by the State direct to telephone company, printer, postmaster and stenographer. It requires no mathematician to figure that \$1,485.82 covering a period of eighteen months, would not go far in providing stenographer, stamps, stationery, printing and telephone to conduct a gigantic campaign such as the Illiteracy Commission is waging. In providing this sum the State did not even materially 'pay for the war on illiteracy.' Had it been ten times the amount, it would have been far inadequate to meet the needs of the Illiteracy Commission and the demands made upon it; and there have been periods when with all the assistance that this commission could command, hundreds of letters to volunteer teachers were held up for lack of postage; and also times when this commission has been without telephone service for weeks save such as was paid for personally by me.

Grateful For Crumbs.

"One official rules that the Illiteracy Commission is entitled to certain small aid from the State. We accept the decision with gratitude and pick up the crumbs which thus fall from the table of the State. When another is inducted into office, as he construes the law we are not entitled to anything. The Illiteracy Commission can but accept its fate. All of the other charges I deny as being absolutely false and unfounded.

"I deny that any letters were ever mailed by me from any point or from the office of the Illiteracy Commission, in the interest of E. B. McGlone, Representative from the Powell-Estill District, and, more, it can be proven that not so much as a letter head, stamp or envelope of this commission was ever devoted to that purpose.

"I deny that I ever upon any occasion called the office of the Illiteracy Commission over the long distance telephone for any purpose from any point outside of the State. This statement was fabricated upon the fact that upon November 18, 1915, I wired the office of the commission from Syracuse, Kan., to telegraph Congressman Shorley some information requested by him. I personally paid for the telegram and have on record the statement of the Western Union agent that the message was received at the Frankfort office prepaid and was not charged to the Illiteracy Commission.

"I brand as absurd that there was ever one item of \$96 for telephone service, but affirm that such bill covered many messages, both telephone and telegraph, sent during the speaking campaign when a hundred speakers were hurrying over the State and when our telephone and telegraph service was necessarily a heavy item of expenditure. The State did not pay this bill, but it was paid from funds provided by Senator Camden and others to apply on the expenses of this particular campaign.

Denounces Story As False.

"I denounce as false the story that I ever used to promote 'moonlight schools' in other States any funds contributed to this commission. Quite to the contrary, when I have spoken in other States on educational questions, such States have paid my expenses and further compensation, and I have devoted the proceeds of same principally to the cause of reducing illiteracy in Kentucky. We have of course, answered inquiries from other States so far as possible in regard to this commission's work, and we, in turn, have had like courtesies extended by them to us.

"Had this attack been made upon a

WHITMAN'S SECRETARY MAY GET RILEY'S JOB.



WILLIAM A. ORR.

William A. Orr, secretary to Governor Whitman, of New York, may be named temporarily to succeed Superintendent of Prisons John B. Riley, whose resignation the Governor has demanded because of Mr. Riley's order transferring sixty-six prisoners, many of them active in the Mutual Welfare League, from Sing Sing to Clinton prison. Governor Whitman regards Mr. Riley's order as an attempt to influence witnesses in the trial of Thomas Mott Osborne, former Warden of Sing Sing.

Charles H. Strong and Warden Kirchwey, of Sing Sing, are talked of for the superintendency later on, but Mr. Orr will probably fill the post for the time being.

commission or department which handled immense sums of money for the State, and which had in its service high-salaried officials and had then been made without a thoro investigation to substantiate the charges before giving them out for publication. It would have been regarded by all fair-minded citizens as unfair and unjust; but to attack a struggling commission which has existed mainly on public charity, which has handled the smallest amount of money of any commission ever created by the State, a commission in which no official receives one dollar for service, a commission which has striven to promote the commonwealth, a commission whose history has been one of great struggles and fearful sacrifice; to make such an attack upon it in its crucial hour without even looking for a single vestige of proof would be a laughable farce, were it not so serious and so manifestly unjust.

"The State Inspector and Examiner has been invited by me to investigate this commission upon those charges. The friends of the commission are asked to wait with all confidence and calmness his findings."

SATURDAY CANDY SPECIAL.

Home-made candy, 25c pound Saturday at McGurk Bros. 13-2.

M. W. INSTALLATION LATER.

Owing to the violent rain storm Wednesday night, only a small number attended the meeting of the Modern Woodman. The installation was postponed to Jan. 26, because of the severe illness of one of the chief officers-elect.

FOOD SOURING IN STOMACH CAUSES GAS, INDIGESTION

"Pape's Diapepsin" Neutralizes Acids in Stomach and Starts Digestion.

Five Minutes! No Sourness, Gas, Heartburn, Acidity or Dyspepsia.

If what you just ate is souring on your stomach or lies like a lump of lead, refusing to digest, or you belch gas and eructate sour, undigested food, or have a feeling of dizziness, heartburn, fullness, nausea, bad taste in mouth and stomach headache, you can surely get relief in five minutes.

Ask your pharmacist to show you the formula, plainly printed on these fifty-cent cases of Pape's Diapepsin, then you will understand why dyspeptic trouble of all kinds must go, and why it relieves sour, out-of-order stomachs or indigestion in five minutes. "Pape's Diapepsin" is harmless, tastes like candy, though each dose will digest and prepare for assimilation into the blood all the food you eat; besides, it makes you go to the table with a healthy appetite, but what will please you most, is that you will feel that your stomach and intestines are clean and fresh, and you will not need to resort to laxatives or liver pills for biliousness or constipation.

This city will have many "Pape's Diapepsin" cranks, as some people will call them, but you will be enthusiastic about this splendid stomach preparation, too, if you ever take it for indigestion, gases, heartburn, sourness, dyspepsia, or any stomach misery. Get some now, this minute, and rid yourself of stomach misery and indigestion in five minutes.—Adv.