

MUST ACT SLOWLY

Yale President Advocates Slowness In Rate Reform.

NEW YEAR'S OUTLOOK BRIGHT

President Hadley of Yale University is in Chicago on His Way to Denver—He is in Favor of Changing the Football Rules.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Slowness in rate-making reform and the granting of greater rights to existing courts rather than the creation of new bodies formed the main points in a discussion of the railroad problem by Dr. Arthur T. Hadley, president of Yale University, who arrived at Chicago yesterday, on his way to Denver, Colo.

President Hadley delivered a message of optimism for the New Year on the outlook in social and economic problems which are vexing the country. Beside touching on railroad and kindred subjects, President Hadley expressed himself positively in favor of modifying football rules with a view to eliminating the brutality of the game, and said that the greatest progress in athletics which the universities are confronted with are the curbing of the extravagance and undue attention which have grown out of the competitive games.

Rate legislation has been the subject of a recent inquiry by President Hadley.

"I believe in a sane, slow method of dealing with problems like the railroad problem," he said. "A mistake would have been made if legislation for rate-making had been forced through the last congress. Better results and better laws will come by educating the people as to the real meaning of the wave of indignation which is sweeping over the country.

"Courts that now have power to regulate and dispose should be given greater power rather than insist on

the forming of new supervising bodies and attempt to make up a new rate schedule."

A MEMORABLE TRAGEDY.

It Grew Out of the Last Great Slave Auction in This Country.

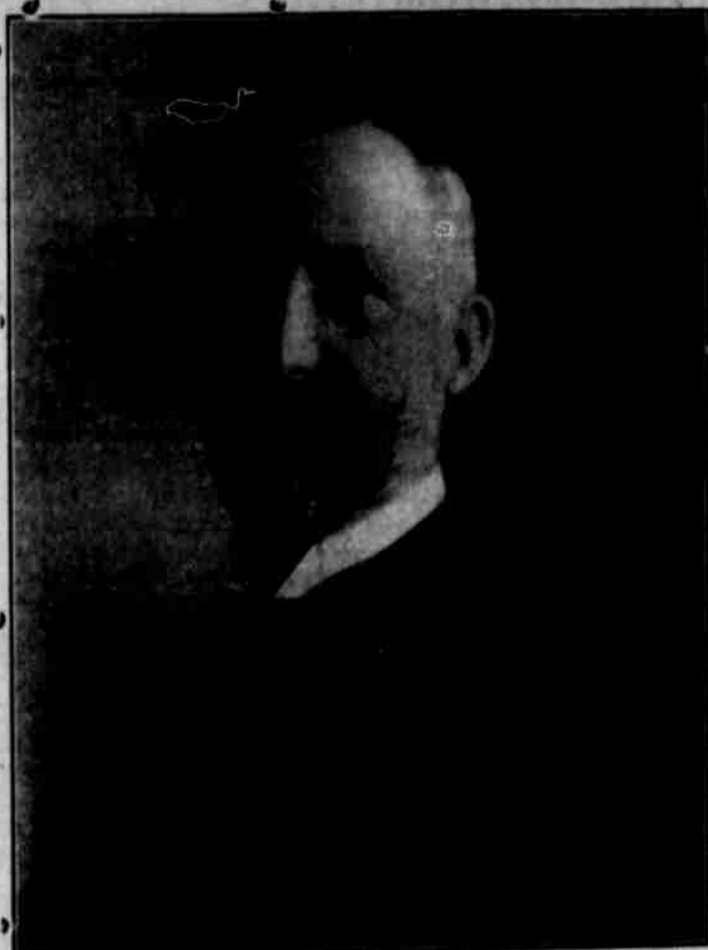
The last great slave auction held in this country occurred just a year and a half before the war—in October, 1859—at the race track in Savannah. The slaves were the property of Pierce Butler, a picturesque and prominent figure at that day in Philadelphia society, who is today only remembered as having been the husband of Fanny Kemble, the actress, reader and author. His family name was Mease, but he inherited a fortune in lands and slaves from his grandfather, Major Pierce Butler of South Carolina, on condition that he should take the latter's name.

Butler's inveterate passion for gambling got him into financial difficulties. It is said that he lost \$20,000 on a single hand—four deuces against four kings held by his opponent.

Finally, to meet his losses, Butler was forced to sell his slaves. There were 988 of them in all. The sale took two days and netted \$308,850. Butler had chosen a good time to sell. A year later his negroes would not have been worth a dollar a head. But the sale would have been more profitable had it not been announced as one of the conditions that no division of families would be permitted; hence in order to secure a good slave buyers often had to take with them infirm or aged relatives. Out of this limitation grew a memorable tragedy. Tom Pate, a well known Vicksburg trader, bought at the sale a man, his two sisters and his wife, with the guarantee that they should not be separated. Disregarding this, Pate sold the sisters, one to Pat Somers, a brother trader, and the other to a resident of St. Louis. What legal rights a negro had in the south were well protected. Somers was told of the guarantee, and he sent the girl back to Pate and demanded his money. A quarrel was the result, and Somers was shot dead. Ten days later his nephew killed Pate and died from wounds received. The feud was kept up until every male bearing the name of Pate was wiped out, and then the war liberated the sisters.—New York Herald.

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Dr. Withycombe is a man of pleasing presence, a trenchant public speaker, still a man of a plain and blunt way of stating his convictions. He has for many years been the champion of better markets for the products of the farm, better social conditions for the farmers, and better industrial and moral conditions for the masses of the people. He still owns and operates a half section of the best land in Washington county. A life-long Republican, he has been a staunch supporter of the higher principles for which the party stands. He has, however, never descended into factional strife, and will be supported at the polls if nominated by a large following of citizens who believe in the man and his character aside from his loyalty to his party. He is a man above reproach in his private life and business, and public career, and if nominated will make a strong canvass for the office before the people of the State.

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