

GOVERNOR McSWEENEY has taken a firm stand against prize-fighting in the State by notifying the would-be fighters to win their prizes elsewhere.

For straining at gnats and swallowing camels commend to us the editor of the Gaffney Ledger when discussing any phase of an educational question.

The last year of the last century had one decided advantage over the first year of the new so far as South Carolina is concerned. No lynching marred it.

TILLMAN in the role of a prophet is a booming success. He prophesied that in ten years the dispensary would net the State \$500,000 a year, and in eight years the profits run way above that amount.

AGENTS are wanted to sell a preparation to remove kinks from the negro's hair. Should the application prove successful, what a problem it will be to tell what race some of the fair-skinned sons of Ham belong to!

ALL candidates for public office should have a platform. There are a good large number of available platforms for candidates for municipal honors—so many that the number of candidates should be large.

CRIME is greatly on the increase. The tardiness of our courts in meting out justice to those assigned re-... with...

candidates for every position. If we don't know anything about Belton, suffice it to say that its growth in the last year or so has been remarkable and is still steady. Growing towns have issues before them that necessitate competition in elections.

COUNTY papers are too frequently grasping at straws to commend their representatives. The Greenville Mountaineer comes forward with high words of commendation for Mr. Wingo for making the opening prayer in the absence of the regular chaplain. This strikes us as making political capital of one's religion.

WHAT unspeakable relief it must have been to the Mt. Zion trustees yesterday that they were not besieged by an organized company of school girls with a petition for holiday on Lee's Birthday! It is such a good thing that holidays come on Saturday—and the next year will bring a similar blessing as the day will be on Sunday.

BRYAN has become a quill driver. The first issue of his paper is to appear Jan. the 23rd. He has shown great good sense in naming it the Commoner. He has shown far greater wisdom in choosing the county papers of the country as mediums of advertising. But his terms of advertising are like his silver—free. We are not in the business.

EVERY position of public honor has its dishonor side. Young men stand competitive examinations for scholarship and have their names published widely. The same papers convey their failures if any. West Point has just had its mid-winter shipping for deficiencies and two South Carolina boys return to their homes.

It is a dangerous thing for an editor to take any financial risks—the running of a newspaper is risky enough—but as for us we are going to risk an extension of taxes next December. True the interest on a one-dollar poll tax—editors don't pay other taxes—for one or two months is a very small item, but then money saved is money made. We feel sure that the legislators in indulging themselves will also indulge us.

EXPERT SUPERVISION OF SCHOOLS

The many details devolving upon us in assuming control of our new work and in organizing our forces have made it impossible for us to give the proper attention to some matters of public interest. The most vital of these as we now see it and as we have seen it for several years is the question of expert supervision of schools as presented in Superintendent McMahan's report. Only the advance sheets of this report have reached us, but from what we find contained therein we have no hesitancy in saying that is by far the most able paper ever yet issued from the educational department in Columbia.

Mr. McMahan's position briefly stated is simply this—the supreme need of the school is not money, but men. This need for men is pre-eminently for leaders. According to our educational system, if we have any, the county superintendents of education occupy the position of leadership, whether they fill it or not. Be the funds for public schools ever so large, the greatest good is not possible unless this money is properly expended.

The experience of large corporations—and what is a State but an immense corporation—is that the money expended for expert supervision is the most wisely expended of all. Call it materialism if you will, but the putting of the schools on the same business basis as governs corporate enterprises is the supreme educational need of the hour.

But the State's practice in its public school workings is wholly contrary to the wisdom of experience of business bodies. Instead of employing the best talent for leaders, the policy has been in most instances to fill the position with wholly incompetent officers. The educational sentiment has been low, and the salary far lower. Good successful men have been unable to make the sacrifice to accept the office at its low figures, and the men that have been attainable have belonged too often to the second class enumerated in the old woman's division of her matrimonial cardinals. "Those she wanted she couldn't get, and those she could get the devil wouldn't"

quently been the dumping ground for political and business failures. The great drawback to our educational progress has been these mere office-holders. Superintendents of successful experience in school work must fill the office. They must be chosen in a non-political way. Their pay must also be commensurate with their responsibilities. Such men would prove a leaven to the whole lump.

The time is now ripe for positive and immediate action. The members of the General Assembly have the opportunity of a life time for effecting a grand forward advance in our educational system. Superintendent McMahan has spoken manfully and wisely. His words should not fall upon stony ground. THE NEWS AND HERALD'S suggestion that the jail be removed to a more private place has met with approval by many. The publicity of the location and the depreciation of near-by property are strong enough reasons for this step to be taken. Two good additional reasons are worthy of the closest consideration. The first of these is the imperfect sanitation that must necessarily exist on account of the unsuitableness of the building for the purpose for which it is used. The cramped quarters also in which the building is located do not admit of the proper sanitation on the outside. The purposes of a prison are effected by confinement, and the subjecting of them to unnecessary punishment in the matter of health is wholly criminal on the part of the county.

The danger also that may arise in the time of fire is a good reason why the property should be located to itself. Should adjacent property catch fire the prisoners would have to suffer the torture of anxiety as to their safety, or they would have to be removed from the jail. Should the latter be necessary, they would stand a fine chance of getting loose. All in all the argument is wholly in favor of selling the jail. The whole matter is referred to the grand jury for the earliest possible action.

Winnsboro will watch with interest the outcome of the bill allowing Saluda to issue bonds for the building of a railroad.

It is no uncommon near people remark that boro is in a more prosperous condition than in years. The number of votes cast at the election April the 1st will prove the correctness of these statements.

PUBLIC sentiment has been and still is decidedly against the sheriff allowing the privileges of the jail yard and the streets to one of the accused in the Wingo case. Whatever may be the sheriff of a county, all the circumstances in connection with this case demand that the prisoners charged therewith be kept in the closest confinement.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES

The following new bills have been introduced in the House:

Mr. Brooks—To provide for a capitation dog tax of one dollar on every dog in the State, the funds so raised to go to the public schools.

Mr. Croft—To provide for the empanelling of the jurors in the Courts of Common Pleas and to prescribe the manner in which civil action and issues ordered by the Court shall be tried.

Mr. F. H. McMaster—To provide for the appointment of a State bacteriologist, upon the recommendation of the State board of health, whose duties it shall be to make such bacteriological examinations for the physicians of the State as shall aid them in the diagnosis of infectious diseases, etc.

Mr. Richards—To limit attorneys' fees in suits on instruments for the payment of money.

Mr. Sinkler—To provide for the appointment of an assistant to the State superintendent of education, at a salary of \$1,500 per annum.

Mr. Rucker—Joint resolution providing for the payment of certain teachers' pay certificates in Anderson county.

Mr. Wingo—To provide for the working of ten-year convicts on the county chain gangs, instead of only those whose terms are for five years or less, as at present.

Mr. Morgan—To provide for the election of county dispensers by the people.

Mr. Dantzier—To prevent bulls and boars from running at large.

Mr. Kainsford—To provide for the farmers' institute.

Mr. Dean—To exempt physicians from the provisions of the Act prohibiting the manufacture of spirituous liquors from grain in certain counties.

Mr. Sinkler—To abolish days of grace; regulating the fees of attorneys in the District Court.

Mr. Banks—To devolve the duties of county boards of control upon the county board of commissioners.

Mr. Beauregard—Providing for marriage licenses, such licenses to be issued by the Judge of Probate. A fee of \$1 to be charged, one-half to go to the county and one-half to the school fund.

Mr. Richards—To exempt physicians who hold diplomas from reputable medical colleges from having to stand examinations before being allowed to practice in this State.

Mr. Seigler—To provide that the town of Saluda to subscribe \$12,000 in bonds to Saluda and Johnston railroad.

Mr. Baoot—Relating the use of court labor.

Mr. Sanders—To fix the amount to be recovered on notes which have been altered.

Mr. McLanahan—To amend the law as to recording chattel mortgages.

Mr. Logan—To amend the code of civil procedure as to the claims of partners.

Mr. We—Providing that railroad side roads shall be returned for taxation.

Mr. F. McMaster—To regulate contracts between employers and employees; a bill to provide for schools in fact towns.

Mr. Rant—To provide punishment for the manufacture and sale of certain fire-arms.

Mr. P. Thomas, Jr.—To provide an income tax.

Mr. Rant—To regulate the hiring of... To appropriate \$8,862

steward's hall at the South... Me. Ga... classes of employ... to extend to all... of labor contract... for vio... The following new bill... By Mr. Sheppard—Allowing a man dower only in the real property of which her husband died seized in fee.

By Mr. Marshall—Authorizing and directing the comptroller general and State treasurer to ascertain and report the amount of money loaned by the State during the year 177, and whether the sum so loaned has ever been repaid to said Fanning, his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns.

By Mr. Barnwell, by request—To amend the act providing for the increase and decrease of the capital stock of corporations in this State except railroad companies, etc.

LYNCHING IN BARNWELL COUNTY

Williston, January 14.—Barnwell county had today another painful example of the vicious animalism of a certain class of negroes. The wife of a well-known farmer living within one and a half miles of Elko was assaulted with criminal intent by Chas. Lang, a negro well known in the community. After accomplishing his purpose he attempted robbery and fled. A large posse is in pursuit, and if he is caught his crime will be followed by a lynching.

NEW CENTURY LYNCHING.

Blackville, Jan. 14.—About 10.30 o'clock this morning news was received of an outrage of the usual kind about six miles from this place near Elko. The negro entered the house and attempted to ravish the wife of Mr. Melvin Hair.

The negro, Charles Lang, was caught this evening about three miles from Blackville and carried back to the scene of his crime. Upon being confronted by his victim he confessed to having committed the deed.

The party of men which had him in charge immediately carried him a short way from the house and, after swinging him up to a tree, riddled his body with bullets.

This is as much as can be learned at this writing. The affair is deeply regretted. Mr. Hair is one of our most highly respected and influential citizens.

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FLINT HILL SCHOOL CONTROVERSY.

Mr. Editor: Two communications in your paper concerning the Flint Hill school over signature of... Of course the... is aimed at one...

trustees, I deem it... something in regard to the matter. To begin with, Mrs. Boulware, Mr. B. J. B.'s mother, favored the removal of said school house. In regard to the election of teachers by patrons, the law makes no provision for patrons to call teachers, but makes it the duty of the trustees to select and hire the teachers; and those patrons of Flint Hill school who reside in a different school district are not entitled to any voice in the selection of teacher, nor can they send, only by permission, of the patrons of said school.

Now, Mr. Boulware has tried many things in his short career to make a living; but after a few months' effort, he invariably returns to his mother for his bread and butter, and at last he tries to show his learning and knowledge and superiority over his neighbors by assuming dictatorial powers over their actions.

If he thinks he has at last found his calling, after so many failures at other things, some of us will resign and give him the job of running the neighborhood which he so much desires.

James G. Hollis.

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