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SENATOR JOHNSON'S DEFENSE

Of His Bill Abolishing the Publishing of the Report of the Supervisor.

To The News and Herald:

Again malicious and selfish spleen moves the editor of the Herald to abuse and misrepresentation, because of the effort of the writer to stop one of the loop holes of useless expenditure of public funds, in which the editor himself is beneficiary. Is any further explanation necessary? The chapter might properly end here. But I was attacked some two years ago by the same paper, (that is sometimes called a newspaper) for daring to discharge a public duty to the people of Fairfield County, and at that time knowing the author of the attack, as I did, I was disposed to treat the matter lightly, because of the extreme weakness of the attack. And after mature reflection, and feeling my obligations to the people, I made a mild and dignified reply to the malicious and altogether unwarranted attack. My forbearance on that occasion, as is customary with such people, seem to have stimulated the editor in his narrow-minded and vindictive spleen to offer again another rebuff because of my efforts to keep the potato-patch editor's hands out of the public bank. The News and Herald, when run as a newspaper some years ago by Messrs. W. D. Douglass, Jas. Q. Davis and others, and not as a personal hand-organ, as at the present time, and when it wielded some influence and was entitled to some weight, its then editor, Mr. Douglass, offered for a seat in the house of representatives, and among other things advocated dispensing with the publication of these same official disbursements upon the ground that it was a useless expenditure of public funds. In this I fully concurred, and he said at the same time too, it would decrease the revenue of his printing office. This simply shows the difference between the former liberal and broad and the present narrow and selfish policy of the concern—one willing to save to the oppressed taxpayers at his own personal sacrifice the useless expenditure of these official disbursements, because people seldom read such reports, and if they did so read, would know absolutely nothing as to the merits or demerits of the claim; the other making an exhibition of himself, because the fleeing little act was put out of business. That is the duty of the grand jury, and they most invariably make most searching investigations of these matters and often with the aid of an expert accountant. If anything wrong is found or any misapplication of public funds, the matter will be easily uncovered through this channel, and promptly reported to the court and the people fully protected. Again it will be remembered an investigating committee, created by act of the legislature, empowered to employ an expert accountant, is now investigating the finances of the county at a considerable cost. And with all these safeguards thrown around the disbursements, can it still be claimed by some people that the simple publication, "that the county had bought a few dollars worth of goods from a Winnsboro merchant, for the poor-house or other purposes," is still necessary. At the same time no one in the county except the parties to the transaction would know whether the money was properly or improperly expended. These matters are all properly regulated by law and the officials are not unmindful of the laws and their duties. I take the full responsibility for the amendment that fortunately saved sixty dollars a year for the people, and unfortunately for you keeps that amount of their money out of your pocket. So far as drafting a new bill is concerned, where is the necessity of such a course, when the original law itself is being amended? This course simplifies the matter materially for the code commissioner, but it is useless for me to argue the matter materially with you, as your lamentable ignorance of legislation is so manifest to any intelligent person as to render that entirely superfluous.

I will, however, give a little history of these efforts to extort money from the public treasury for these publications. Acts were first gotten through the legislature to publish the disbursements of school commissioners. I advocated the repeal of this law on the stump in 1892, because it was "feathering the nest" of some men without any return,

and the law was repealed so far as Fairfield was concerned. Then another bill was slipped through, requiring the county treasurers to publish their reports. We exempted Fairfield from the provisions of the law, along with sixteen other counties and thereby nipped another of the schemes to extort money from the taxpayers. Then comes another innocent little bill that you termed "The Wise Law", requiring the county supervisors to publish their expenditures. At the time of its passage, however, twenty three counties out of thirty eight were exempted from its provisions, for the sole reason that the representatives from these counties were unwilling that the public funds should be squandered and thrown away in such a reckless manner. So twenty three counties reject your exalted idea of the wisdom and necessity of such a law. I do not think it any part of your business, whether I consult the members of the house or they consult me, that is a matter for the members of the delegation themselves. The members of the house, of course were in favor of the amendment, or it could never have passed that body. At least some of them expressed approval in person after the amendment reached the house.

I will further say, that the delegation worked in the utmost harmony throughout the entire session. Your charge that this act was inspired by prejudice and a desire to strike you, and that the same was covertly passed, is infamously false, and you either knew it to be so when you penned it or else your vision is totally blinded by a stupid and inexcusable ignorance. To be candid, I was absorbed in matters of much more importance and did not have you in the back part of my head, and the probabilities are that you never would have been thought of had you not stalked into the senate one day for the purpose of asking a favor, which was granted, and that was not the only one you have had the brazen audacity to ask, either.

I can also understand your motive, now, in attacking me because of my independent fight to reduce taxation. You wanted a full treasury, no matter how much it might oppress the people because you paid practically none of it, and you seem now to want a free and untrammelled hand in dishing it out at the rate of sixty dollars for three columns of printed matter. That is bordering pretty closely on the halcyon days of Josephus Woodruff and good stealing, don't you think? I am perfectly willing to leave the constitutionality of the amendment to the courts who are possibly more able to pass upon matters of that kind than a small-sized editor of the turnip-patch variety.

I will say, however, that it is my opinion that the amendment strictly conforms to the constitution as Fairfield was probably incorporated in the title of the original act and fully covered the amendment. But, if it is unconstitutional, what are you whining about? If your construction is correct, why you can simply go on with your usual potato graving.

I suppose it is only necessary for you to declare it unconstitutional to make it so, or I presume that is your idea of the proper disposition of such matters. Now since you have assumed the role as an authority on constitutional law, no matter what others may think of the assumption or the absurdity, suppose you give us an opinion of the constitutionality of that "Wise Law", under which you have been the beneficiary all these years at the expense of the taxpayers for publishing these reports. As above noted twenty-three counties were exempted from its provisions, and this, in my opinion, renders the act unconstitutional, null and void. And this provision is fully sustained by a decision of the supreme court. But really would a legal opinion from such a tribunal as the supreme court have any legal or binding effect upon you, against an opinion on the same subject from the sorghum juice and pumpkin seed department of The News and Herald. If the supreme court should be correct in its interpretation of constitutional law, are you not morally bound to return every dollar that you have gotten from the taxpayers of the county for these worthless publications?

In conclusion, I wish to say that this is the second time you have applied the word demagogue and personal abuse in your spite and spleen, all of which is for-

eign to decent journalism and common propriety; and twice I have considered the source, but the limit has now been reached.

W. J. Johnson.

Ridgeway, S. C.

Human Blood Marks.

A tale of horror was told by marks of human blood in the home of J. W. Williams, a well known merchant of Bac, Ky. He writes: "Twenty years ago I had severe hemorrhages of the lungs, and was near death when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery. It completely cured me and I have remained well ever since." It cures Hemorrhages, Chronic Coughs, Settled Colds and Bronchitis, and is the only known cure for Weak Lungs. Every bottle guaranteed by McMaster & Co. and Jno. H. McMaster & Co., druggists. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

Tillman in 1893 and in 1906.

In December, 1893, six months after the dispensary system had gone into operation, Governor Tillman, in his message to the General Assembly presented a table of statistics of crimes and misdemeanors compiled from the records of Municipal Courts of towns in which dispensaries had been established. The tables were designed to prove that infactions of the law of the character usually traceable to whiskey had decreased under the dispensary system.

Mark the contrast of method of Senator Tillman when in his manifesto of 1906 he deals with the 14 counties in which prohibition has been instituted. There is no citation from the records of any court, but a table is presented to indicate their loss of profits. We have no evidence that the Senator has made any inquiry whatever in any community with the view of discovering whether or not the voting out of dispensaries has had a salutary effect in the promotion of law and order.

Prohibitionists will perhaps argue from the Senator's omission that he has unconsciously betrayed that he has been dazzled by the revenue earning features of the dispensary rather than by its reforming tendencies.

At any rate, the contrast between Senator Tillman's arguments in 1893 and in 1906 may be interesting to investigators of cerebral phenomena.—News and Courier.

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Sweet Potatoes.

One of the most profitable and indispensable crops of the South is the sweet potato. When planted on light land and properly fertilized enormous yields can be made at very low cost. The average farmer thinks he is doing well to raise 40 to 50 bushels of good potatoes to the acre. This, however, is one-fourth what can be made by proper methods. In the first place to make good sweet potatoes you must plant on very light soil. A sandy ridge with clay sub-soil, 8 to 12 inches down, is ideal ground for potatoes.

The proper fertilizer for one acre is:
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We hope our subscribers will use this formula for we are satisfied it will produce them excellent result.

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A Grand Jury on Education.

The presentment of the grand jury of Marlboro at the recent court of general session contained the following appropriate thoughts upon educational matters.

"The grand jury wishes to place upon record its sense of appreciation and obligation to the presiding judge for his instructive and appropriate utterances upon the subject of education. It appears that this State is now expending approximately the sum of one million dollars for educational purposes, and yet the appalling statement is made that no less than one hundred and forty thousand children are not attending the schools. This grand jury realizes the truth that popular education is the bulwark of democracy. Education of the masses is necessary to the maintenance of a free government. Manhood suffrage has freed the people from the chains of despotism forged by the ancient forms of government, but if education and intelligence be not diffused among the people, it will be nothing more than the exchange of one form of tyranny for another. We shall throw off the yoke of the oligarchy and autocrat to take up that of the ignorant and capricious multitude. Universal suffrage is the sheet anchor of the race; for it to endure it must be exercised in careful deliberation by an intelligent electorate. Democracy has placed the ballot in the hands of the people; it has extended to them the blessings of education, and it is fitting that democracy should require the future citizenship of the land to prepare itself for the intelligent exercise of that ballot. These considerations move us to declare that we favor such reasonable laws as will require all children, except for good reason to the contrary, to attend the public schools."

Devil's Island Torture

is no worse than the terrible case of Piles that afflicted me 10 years. Then I was advised to apply Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and less than a box permanently cured me, writes L. S. Napier, of Rugles, Ky. Heals all wounds, Burns and Sores like magic. 25c at McMaster Co.'s and Jno. H. McMaster & Co., druggists.

LOW RATES TO NEW ORLEANS AND RETURN.

Account Until Confederate Veterans Reunion April 25th-27th 1906.

The Southern railroad will sell tickets to New Orleans La., at extremely low rates from prominent points, as follows: Columbia \$14.70; Chester \$14.70; Rock Hill \$15.10; Yorkville \$14.55.

Equally low rates from other points.

Tickets will be on sale April 22, 23 and 24 limited good to return April 30. By depositing tickets with special Agent in New Orleans and upon payment of the sum of fifty cents, an extension of limit to May 21 will be granted.

For the accommodation of the delegation from South Carolina, the Southern Railway will operate through cars from Columbia, S. C. leaving April 23 at 7:00 a. m. and arrive at New Orleans next morning at 7:15 a. m.

For full information apply to any Southern Railway Ticket Agent or W. E. McGee, T. P. A. Augusta Ga. R. W. Hunt D.P. A. Charleston S. C. Brooks Morgan Asst. G. P. A., Atlanta, Ga.

Grip Quickly Knocked Out.

"Some weeks ago during the severe winter weather both my wife and myself contracted severe colds which speedily developed into the worst kind of a gripe with all its miserable symptoms," says Mr. J. S. Eggleston of Maple Langing, Iowa. "Knees and joints aching, muscles sore, head stopped up, eyes and nose running, with alternate spells of chills and fever. We began using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, adding the same with a double dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, and by its liberal use soon completely knocked out the grip." Sold by Osborn Drug Co. and all medicine dealers.

More Corn, Fewer Bears.

Every farmer cannot grow corn crops to equal those of J. M. Woodley of this county or McIver Williamson of Darlington, but they can at least plant enough and make enough to feed themselves and their stock if they go at it right. No one should expect to make corn if they plant all their best land in cotton, put all the fertilizer they can buy under their cotton and work their corn only when they have nothing else to do. As long as we try to make enough cotton in the south to pay for

all the corn and other food we need, there will be hard times and a struggle to make ends meet. If Mr. Harvie Jordan would talk more about corn and less about bulls and bears better results would follow his campaign for the independence of the southern farmer.—Sumter Item.

If you ever bought a box of Witch Hazel Salve that failed to give satisfaction the chances are it did not have the name "E. C. DeWitt & Co." printed on the wrapper and pressed in the box. The original DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve never fails to give satisfaction for burns, sores, boils, tetter, cracked hands etc. For blind, bleeding, itching and protruding Piles it affords almost immediate relief. It stops the pain. Sold by all druggists.

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Municipal Notice.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Town Council will be held on Monday, the 23rd day of April, 1906, at 5 o'clock, P. M.
Applications in writing for the office of Clerk of Council and also for positions on the police force will be received up to 12 o'clock M of that day, the election to take place at said meeting.
By order of the Mayor:
JNO. J. NEIL,
Clerk of Council.

Notice to Creditors.

All persons having claims against the estate of George Mobley, deceased, will present the same to the undersigned, and all persons indebted to said estate will make payment to him.
JORDAN McCULLOUGH,
Qualified Executor,
3-28-4t Woodward, S. C.

J. D. McMEEKIN,
Dentist,
WINNSBORO, S. C.
Office over M. W. Doty's store.

Horse Notice.

BULOW'S COMET will make the season, beginning March 1, at Cedar Tree plantation on private terms.
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