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For President,
ALTON B. PARKER,
of New York.

For Vice-President,
HENRY G. DAVIS,
of West Virginia.

**Impeach Board,
Shouts Tillman**

Declares That the Dispensary
Law Must be Reformed

Special to Greenville News.

Gaffney Oct. 22.—Senator Tillman spoke to a large audience in the court house today on temperance, dispensary, prohibition or license. The court house was crowded to standing room only. Although the crowd was large the best of order prevailed probably due to the fact that the dispensary was closed.

The Senator's address was not what the advocates of the dispensary had hoped for. He argued that the dispensary law needs reforming. He told wherein he thought the law could be improved. He is opposed to the monthly purchase of liquors and thinks a change should be made in the control.

He also stated that he could find no law for the establishment of the beer dispensaries and thinks the board of Control should be impeached for its negligence in enforcement of the law.

Rev. F. C. Hickson was called on by Senator Tillman to join him in a debate on the subject which was rather heated, but fair. Mr. Hickson made some excellent points and pointed out the inconsistency of the Senator's argument.

**Relative Positions
Still Unchange.**

Armies Confronting Each Other
On the Shakhe River.—
Cold Causes Great
Suffering.

So far as the dispatches from the far east show, there has been no change in relative positions of the hostile armies confronting each other on the line of the Shakhe river. There is an unconfirmed report that a Russian force of 20,000 men has been concentrated at Kautu pass, 20 miles northeast of Liao Yang, which may be indicative of its likely to strike his next blow. Upwards of 20,000 of the Russian soldiers wounded in the battle of the Shakhe have reached Harbin. Cold weather is causing suffering to the armies in the field, although it has wrought an improvement in the conditions for the movement of troops. A report has reached St. Petersburg but lacks confirmation, that the Port Arthur fleet has left its anchorage in the harbor and has taken up a position in the roadstead.

Notice to the Public.

I will hold all inquests in the county. Phone to my residence at Pleasant Hill for me when needed.

J. Montgomery Caskey,
Sept. 20—14 Coroner L. C.

**JUDGE WATTS'S CHARGE
ON THE MORRISON
LYNCHING.**

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didn't get the words out of his mouth until four men nailed him and carried him off to jail, and that ended that.

"BETTER BE DEAD."

Now, a man had better be dead than afraid to do his duty, and he had better resign when he gets so that he is too cowardly to perform the duties of his office. As long as you have a sheriff like the man you have got here I will guarantee if he ever gets his hands on a prisoner there isn't going to be any lynching, and if there is there is going to be somebody hurt, and they have got to go over his dead body. Then his friends are going to have something to say about it, so you are going to have civil war right then and there, and you will inaugurate a bloody feud that will last for a hundred years.

Now, gentlemen, I have given you my views on this matter. My conscience is clear and clean on that. I cannot enforce the law. The only thing a judge can do is to tell the grand jury and petit jury what the law is. I can't tell you what the facts are. We have eight fearless solicitors in this State. They all do their duty. They will hew to the line, let the chips fall where they will, and, as a general rule, the juries in this State do their duty fairly. Now and then they make a mistake, now and then the solicitor makes a mistake; the Judge makes mistakes sometimes, but, as a rule, justice is properly administered. It has already been intimated that nothing has come out of this case; it will just die a natural death. They say, "if there ever was a case of justifiable lynching this is one." There isn't any lynching justifiable, and men who engage in a lynching are guilty of murder, and the man who had them in charge, although he may not have actively participated in it, as the men who did it.

"SAUL OF TARSUS."

According to my recollection of the Bible in the stoning of Stephen there is no evidence to show that Saul of Tarsus took any active part in, but when they cast his clothes at his feet and he, standing there, consented. There is not a case in South Carolina where a man gets in the hands of an officer of the court and a mob gets him that the officer did not connive and wink at it. He is as guilty as the people who did the work. The Governor is doing the best he can to put the lynching down. They telegraphed him for militia. He sent them and they hung the fellow before the militia got there. The sheriff can't be everywhere and the Governor couldn't get the militia there in time. The sheriff is not to blame in this matter because he did his level best, hired an engine and took an expensive ride.

The Governor's conscience is clear, he did his duty and sent a military company there. Who is responsible? "Where was Moses when the light went out?" I see by the papers they cut the light off down there. Who cut that light off? Now, gentlemen, the law of the State is this: This is the only case in which the solicitor is bound by law to inaugurate the prosecution, and the solicitor can't do anything unless the grand jury help him. They are the right arm of the court. They have as much power in this court as I have. Whenever they come into court and make a presentment I take charge. When you take the bills and go into your room you are a co-ordinate branch of the court. I have no authority over you when you get in your grand jury room. You are a law to yourselves there. Now this is the only case where the law requires the solicitor to

inaugurate the prosecution. It does not make it incumbent on him to go down there and swear out warrants though. If the people in a county where I live or where you live want to live among murderers and violators of law and not bring them to justice I am not going to wear crepe on my hat.

THE LAW.

Now here is the statute: "In the case of any prisoner lawfully in the charge, custody or control of any officer, State, county or municipal, being seized and taken from said officer through his negligence, permission or connivance, by a mob or other unlawful assemblage of persons, and at their hands suffer bodily violence or death, the said officer shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon true bill found, shall be deposed from his office, pending his trial, and upon conviction shall forfeit his office, and shall, unless pardoned by the Governor, be ineligible to hold any office of trust or profit within this State. It shall be the duty of the prosecuting attorney within whose circuit or county the offence may be committed to forthwith institute a prosecution against said officer, who shall be tried in such county in the same circuit other than the one in which the offence was committed as the Attorney General may elect. The fees and mileage of all material witnesses, both for the State and the defence, shall be paid by the State Treasurer on a certificate issued by the clerk, and signed by the presiding Judge, showing the amount of said fee due the witness."

Now gentlemen, you see under that if any prisoner is lawfully in the custody or under the control of any officer, whether he is a State officer or county officer, or municipal officer, that means, gentlemen, a town officer, and he is seized and taken away from that officer through his negligence or permission or connivance by a mob or other unlawful assemblage present, and at their hands suffer violence or death the officer shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor. Now, I charge you as matter of law, if Morrison killed Mr. Floyd then any officer there had a right to arrest him without any warrant. If he committed a known felony in the eye of the law, and if that officer was a State officer or county officer, or an officer under the town government, and he had in possession Morrison, and if by his negligence or by his permission, or by his connivance, he let a mob or unlawful assemblage take him away, he is guilty of a misdemeanor, and if you find a true bill and the petit jury convicts him then he can't hold any more offices in South Carolina unless the Governor allows him to do so by pardon. That is the only case that the solicitor is bound to prosecute in. The statute requires him to inaugurate the prosecution in this case. Where a warrant is sworn out and the grand jury present a man it is the duty of the solicitor to take charge of the case and prosecute it, but it is not his duty to go around and hunt up witnesses and have warrants sworn out. This the only statute that I know of in this State that requires him to inaugurate a prosecution. Now, gentlemen, I have not the slightest doubt but what you will do your duty fearlessly and impartially in this matter.

CASORIA.
Beware the
Signature
Chas. H. Patten

BROKE INTO HIS HOUSE.

S. Le Quinn of Cavendish, Vt., was robbed of his customary health by invasion of Chronic Constipation. When Dr. King's New Life Pills broke into his house, his trouble was arrested and now he's entirely cured. They're guaranteed to cure. 25c at Crawford Bros., J. F. Mackey & Co., and Junder-turk Pharmacy, Drug Stores.

THE NEWEST AND NOBBIEST**LINE OF****DRY GOODS**

EVER OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC.

Our Mr. Heath has just returned from the North, where he scooped in some startling values in dress goods and lots of other bargains too numerous to mention.

BROWNS AND GREENS

Being the prevailing colors, we bought heavily in those two shades in Mohair, Cravinetts, Mixed Cheviots and Whipcords. Broadcloths in all shades. Our notion department is complete and right up to the notch, and anything you may wish in that line we have it. Tailor made Skirts, Jackets and Capes. A tremendous line, and we think the prettiest and cheapest ever shown on this market. An inspection of same will be appreciated and will insure us a sale.

CLOTHING

We are still handling the celebrated high art clothing manufactured by Strouse & Bro., Baltimore. Also A. B. Kirschbaum & Co., and Snel-lenburg & Co., and other lines. Beautiful patterns in browns, grays and any color you may call for. All we ask is to give us a look, and if we do not dress you up, we will be perfectly satisfied for any of our competitors to have the sale. We are still handling the

DOUGLAS, GODMAN, and DREW SELBY

Shoes, which are three of the best and strongest lines that are manufactured. Not wishing to carry over, have decided to sacrifice the price on all our Lawns, Piques and Voils, so come at once and make a purchase for surely they will go at some price. Just received a beautiful line of Furs, which are very cheap. Be sure to watch for the Fall Millinery Opening, first Wednesday in October, 5th day. All the ladies are cordially invited. Groceries of all kinds and such that will satisfy the inner man. Thanking all for past patronage and hoping for more in the future, we are,

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-Heath Banking & Mercantile Co.-

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