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Legislative Dots and Paragraphs
and so Forth.

Eight or nine hundred bills
have been introduced and the end
is not yet nor is it in sight.

The House is now down to hard
work. Much time at first had to be
appropriated for the maiden efforts
of the new members at oratory.
Every member has a pet measure
with a flighty flight speech attached.

Senator Hough is quite rosy
and well. It is said of Senator
Hough that he and Governor
Sheppard are the only two men
in South Carolina "who can strut
sitting down." Senator Hough
has other decided qualities.

The bill to change the charter
of the South Carolina College to
that of a University was defeated.
I think the friends of the South
Carolina College men defeated
their own measure by antagonizing
the friends of the other State
Colleges.

By a vote of 50 to 65 the
House passed the bill to limit the
fertilizer inspection tax going to
Clemson College to not over
seventy-five thousand dollars and
any amount above this to go to
Winthrop College. This tax
amounted to over one hundred
and twenty thousand dollars the
past year. I voted for the measure.

The Immigration and Commerce
Bureau is now under fire.
Josh Ashley of Anderson introduced
a bill to repeal this bureau.
I am going to vote against the bill
to repeal this measure. The Immigration
and commerce bureau is a magnificent
opportunity to advertise our splendid
resources. The discussion on this
measure has produced much demagogic
talk.

The "yaller dog" has come up
for solution and is warily cussed
and discussed pro and con. I am
inclined to curtail the cur.

The all important issue now before
us is the bill to establish
Calhoun county. The bill covers
a slice from the counties of Edgefield,
Greenwood and Abbeville. The judiciary
committee of the House and the committee
of privileges and elections of the Senate
heard the measure presented and
reported unfavorably on the bill.

The Compulsory Education bill
passed the Senate by a vote of 21
to 17 and is now on the calendar
of the House. I am going to vote
against compulsory education for
these reasons. It interferes with
the natural rights of the parents,
the lack of proper school houses
and sufficient money to pay teachers,
the stumbling block of a
'nigger' and it would be impossible
to enforce it. Nothing would
suit the nigger better than to
force him to go to school. In
the venacular of Josh Ashley,
"I'm agin it."

The ten hour labor bill. This
measure proposes to reduce the
cotton mill labor day from eleven
hours to ten hours. I have had
no demand for this legislation and
it strikes me that it in effect reduces
the wages of the operatives
and in the absence of any complaint
from the Lancaster Cotton
Mill operatives I shall oppose the
bill.

We are having night sessions
and working day and night.

There is some confusion regard-

ing the biennial session amend-
ment to the constitution and it
now appears that it will require
other amendments to be submitted
to the people and passed in order
to carry into effect biennial session.
The matter as it stands is a misfit.

There is a bill to make two ad-
ditional circuits. Lancaster county
does not need this addition,
however, it is needed in other
counties

Senator Hay of Kershaw has
introduced a bill in the Senate to
have the line between Lancaster
and Kershaw counties resurveyed.
This line is in dispute and involves
a portion of the town of Kershaw.
I am against this resurvey. I
think the upper portion of Kershaw
county ought to be annexed
to Lancaster.

A bill has been introduced to
allow the new school district of
Kershaw composing portions of
Lancaster and Kershaw counties
to issue bonds to the amount of
\$12,000.

The Brice bill is on the calendar
of the House and will probably
come up for solution next
week.

Capt J W Hamel has been absent
for the past week on account
of sickness.

Mr W McD Brown, Dr Carl
A Foster, Mr J M Hood, Mr J L
Pong and Oscar W Clark were in
Columbia last week.

J. Harry Foster.
Columbia, Feb 1, 1905.

BETTER SCHOOL HOUSES.

Mr. Richards' Bill Passes
House With Amendment.

Columbia Record.

In the house this morning the
first matter for discussion was
Mr. Richards' bill to encourage
the erection of school buildings.

Mr. LaFitte defended the bill.
The bill sets aside 5 per cent. of
the county dispensary fund, and
the district raising \$300 is to be
given \$100 from the dispensary
money to put up a building.

Mr. Laney vigorously attacked
the bill on the ground that
there was nothing in it—a
scheme to rob Peter to pay Paul.
Not a cent was going directly to
the schools from the state treasury.
It would not help the
poor school to get buildings, for
which the county school fund
was to be robbed. On the contrary,
it would allow the rich
districts to build at the expense
of the poorer districts, which
would not be able to raise the \$300.

Mr. Verner spoke along the
same line.

Mr. Foster, of Lancaster, directed
attention to the provision
which left the matter with the
county boards. The bill was
not obligatory on any county.
He thought the county boards
could be relied upon to establish
the buildings where they are
needed and should be placed.

Mr. Hemphill, of Chester,
favored the bill, directing attention
to the provision which
says part of the fund remaining
at the end of the year shall go
back to the general fund—which
forbids large and handsome
buildings going up.

Mr. John C. Sellers spoke for
the bill, as did Mr. Lomax.

Mr. Pollock objected unless
there was an amendment that
would give those districts that
had issued bonds for buildings
an annual amount equal to one-
fourth of the interest on the
bonds. There had been a great
many districts which had so
gone down in their jeans the
past several years. Mr. Pollock
thought the bill as it stood would
work an injustice against those
districts that had already should-
ered a debt that would last

some twenty years.

Messrs Richards and Brantley
opposed the amendment, which
they looked upon as a death
thrust at the bill. Mr. Brantley
proposed to make the subscrip-
tion amount \$200 instead of
\$300.

Mr. Etheredge, of Lexington,
opposed the bill in the interest
of the poor districts.

Mr. Laney wanted to amend
by making the subscription
amount \$100 and the amount to
come from the dispensary fund
\$50.

By a ye and nay vote of 87
to 22 the house refused to strike
out the enacting words.

Mr. Banks' amendment to
make the subscription amount
\$30 and the county amount \$10
were both rejected.

By a division vote of 54 to 37
the house adopted Mr. Laney's
amendment.

Mr. Pollock's amendment was
lost.

Mr. Cloy's amendment to for-
bid any building going up under
this act within five miles of
another school building was
snuffed under and Mr. Cloy
facially considered the joke on
him.

Mr. Richards looked upon
Mr. Lyon's amendment to ex-
cept the district levying a special
tax from contributing to the
fund as an attempt in a different
form to accomplish what Mr.
Pollock failed to do. The amend-
ment was killed.

The bill was then passed as
amended so as to reduce the
amount to be raised in the dis-
trict to \$100 and that to come
from the county board \$50.

Heavy Russian Losses.

Tokio, Jan. 31.—Manchurian
headquarters telegraphing yester-
day reports that in the fighting
since Jan. 25, at Likajentain,
Chenchiepao and Heikoutai the
Russians left over 1,200 dead on
the field.

Refused Bail.

Judge Gage refused an applica-
tion for bail in the case of the
five men who are confined in the
Berkeley county jail on the charge
of lynching the negro, Kit Book-
hard, at Eataville last year, and
his action in the matter will be
approved, we are sure, by the
better sentiment of the entire
state. It has been found, by a
careful survey lately, that the
negro was killed in Orangeburg
county, instead of Berkeley county,
and the trial of those charged
with this horrible crime will be
held in Orangeburg instead of
Berkeley. This is the case in
which Governor Heyward behaved
so splendidly, and we are glad to
note the fact that the courts are
holding up his hands, and that
the law will take its proper course
with being affected by technicalities
through which many a guilty
person has escaped punishment
for his crimes.—News and Courier.

Out on Bail of \$4,000.

Special to News and Courier.

Florence, Feb. 1.—W. B.
Rowell, the State constable who
shot and killed Jonas C. Blount,
the Atlantic Coast Line detective
in this city in December last, and
who has been confined in Florence
County prison ever since, was
released last night, Judge Purdy
having granted him bail in the sum
of \$4,000. Dr. William Iderton
and J. M. Humphrey, of this
county, are his bondsmen.

H. H. H.

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tion and you will readily see we are

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