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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 warmly 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 amendment 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 additional 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 Hanel 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 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 shouldered 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 subscription 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 yea 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 forbid any building going up under this act within five miles of another school building was snooded under and Mr. Cloy facetiously considered the joke on him.

Mr. Richards looked upon Mr. Lyon's amendment to exempt 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 amendment was killed.

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

Heavy Russian Losses.

Tokio, Jan. 31.—Manchurian headquarters telegraphing yesterday 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 application 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 Bookhard, at Estawville 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 Ilderton and J. M. Humphrey, of this county, are his bondsmen.

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