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One would imagine from the number of democratic lawyers in the state who are apparently seeking the appointment to the new Federal Judgeship likely to be created in this state that a democrat was now occupying the White House. Democratic supplants at Republican throne is a humiliating spectacle to the party.

Sheriff John P. Hunter, who was U S Marshal for the district of S C, appointed by President Cleveland during his last term of office, was asked if he would allow his name to be used for the marshalship, in case a marshal should have to be appointed for the Western district of this State. He replied no, under no circumstances would he do so, that he had never done anything for the Republican party, and therefore, the said party was in nowise under any obligations to him; although he had some good Republican friends that he thought a great deal of, and whom he would ever hold in kind remembrance. To some one of these he thinks this office will most likely be given. He revered the name of the late lamented President William McKinley, not only on account of allowing him to serve out his term as U S Marshal unmolested but because he believed him to be a good, conscientious man, who endeavored to deal fairly and justly with all matters concerning this great nation.

By a vote of 68 to 31 the house of representatives voted Tuesday to repeal the half mill tax on counties voting out the dispensary. Representative Foster spoke against the tax, and The State says put in "some telling blows on the dispensary politic and corporate." He urged that the special tax was un-Democratic and outrageous in his opinion. It was a lawless outrage to deny a people the right to do as they pleased and then be taxed. It is a political scheme hatched out by the dispensary. The question is one of right, and it was not a question of blind tigers or expediency. If the people decide an issue it ought to be final. If this tax keeps up he would organize his county to vote out the dispensary, with or without the tax. The State encourages dispensaries and then places an embargo on getting rid of them. He did not want constables sent to Lancaster to be paid \$2 and whittle boxes. He did not believe any of the constables earned their money. He did not want any school money from the dispensary.

He favored the original Brice bill. The dispensary is running away people from Lancaster to go to Rock Hill, where are no dispensaries.

Mr. Foster continued that they had a sheriff in Lancaster county who would do more to keep down violation of the law than all the dispensary constables.

Mr. Richards of Kershaw spoke against abolishing the tax and is said to have made the best speech on that side.

THREE COWS KILLED.

Jefferson, Feb. 7.—Three cows were killed and a fourth one's leg broken by a train on the Charlotte, Monroe and Columbia railroad Saturday afternoon. The cows belonged to Mr. R. J. Rorie, who lives a mill from town.

The Wreck The Wires.

Weather Very Bad for Telegraph and Telephones.

Louisville, February 8.—With rain and sleet falling over nearly every mile of the country from the Ohio River to New Orleans, the usual avenue of wire communication which have been demoralized since Sunday, to day went from bad to worse. Nearly every branch of commercial life felt the interruption and the prospects for better conditions are not promising. A storm area is moving in over the Central Gulf region. The indications are for warm rains over the entire district south of the Ohio during the next thirty six hours.

The telegraph and telephone companies are fighting against tremendous odds. Enormous quantities of new material are required in widely scattered area and difficulty is experienced in finding workmen. Business is accepted only subject to indefinite delay. It is believed that it will be a month before communication is resumed over regular routes. It is estimated also that with the present large force of men it will be ten days before the wires are restored between Chattanooga and Atlanta alone, to say nothing of repairing miles of broken wires and broken poles throughout Mississippi, Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, Florida, Georgia and Kentucky.

Rogues Run To Earth.

London, Feb. 8.—A decision favorable to the United States was rendered by the privy council in the Green and Gaynor case today. Green and Gaynor, who were implicated with Capt. O. M. Carter in connection with the Savannah harbor frauds, escaped to Canada and United States officials have been unable to arrest them. Today's decision means they can be brought back to the United States under arrest.

One Day With Whiskey.

Special to News and Courier.

Yorkville, Feb. 8.—There was more drunkenness in town last Saturday than during the entire time the local rum mill was closed—about thirty days. There were also more arrests than during the time mentioned, and on Monday the fines in the Mayor's Court amounted to about \$70.

Pleased With Prohibition.

Special to News And Courier.

Gaffney, February 6.—Gaffney has seen two months of prohibition. Conditions are now so much better than they were before the dispensary was voted out that it would be hard to muster a corporal's guard to vote it back.

The people are in better circumstances and are ready for work. Fines in the Police Court have been reduced 75 per cent and fines for disorderly conduct are almost a thing of the past. The few fines imposed are for selling whiskey and transporting against the law.

There was great talk of blind tigers before the election, but there is not the evidence of these visionless animals now there was before the election. Those who talked tigers were not counting on Mayor Gaffney and Chief Lockhart and their able assistants. A tiger need not come from under cover unless he wants to be hunted down.

Foley's Honey and Tar is best for croup and whooping cough, contains no opiates, and cures quickly. Careful mothers keep it in the house. Sold by Fanderburk Pharmacy.

REPORT OF COTTON GINNED.

Cotton Ginned From 1904 Crop to Jan. 16 Shows 12,767,000 Bales.

Washington, Feb. 8.—A report issued yesterday by the census bureau shows the quantity of cotton ginned from the growth of 1904 to Jan. 16 to be 12,767,600 counting round as half bales. These consist of 15,524,777 square bales, 289,425 round bales and 98,110 sea island. Counting the amount as running bales the total is 12,912,312. This was ginned by 30,221 ginneries, which were operated at some time this season prior to Jan. 16. The statistics of the cotton ginned to the corresponding date in 1904 show a total of 9,859,277 bales, embracing 9,038,890 square bales, 747,480 round bales and 72,907 sea island bales and 30,171 active ginneries.

In the canvass of this January 824 ginneries have refused returns or failed to report and the quantities previously returned by them have been brought forward for this report without any addition. The total quantity of cotton thus brought forward is 327,243 running bales. A maximum estimate of the quantity ginned by these establishments between Dec. 13 and Jan. 16 is 32,724 running bales. This estimate of 32,724 bales is not included in the above totals.

In this report no account has been taken of linters obtained by cotton seed. Statistics of such cotton will be shown in the final report of this season, which report will be issued about March 25. The final report will distribute the crop by counties, aggregate upland and sea island cotton and give weights of bales.

In connection with this report the director states that every specific complaint regarding the accuracy of the returns of individual ginneries which has reached the census office has been carefully investigated, and no material error has thus far been found.

Should be Exempted.

In Lancaster we notice the announcement in one of the papers, that the building and loan association of that place has decided to disband, and the stock is being liquidated on account of the heavy burden of taxation. In Camden, the building and loan association, which has been such a God-send to so many in buying homes, is groaning under the needless and unjust burden of taxation. The taxes paid by one of the associations have amounted to more than all the other expenses of the Association, including the salaries of the President, Secretary and Treasurer, and a good deal of its stock is being liquidated. If our law makers could only reflect upon what material advantages are to accrue to the State by exempting these associations, which in the past have done so much to building up the community where they have been located, and increasing the taxable values, they would accomplish some good for their constituents, certainly much more than is to be accomplished by introducing bills to prevent dog fights and the like, which was done in the legislature last week.—Camden Messenger.

There was a fire alarm at the Springstein mill Friday night about midnight in the dye room but not a great deal of damage done.—Chester Lantern.

ATTENTION

BARGAIN SEEKERS!

THE HEATH-JONES COMPANY,

Successors to HEATH BANKING & MERCANTILE CO., which has been liquidated in order to settle with the estate of JAS. M. HEATH, deceased.

We are here for business and intend getting our share of the trade if low prices and fair dealings will induce the public to stick to us. Having renovated the stores of the Heath Banking & Mercantile Co., gives us more room and makes our place more convenient for business. We have divided our stock into department, groceries first, on the corner; gent's furnishing department second; dry goods third, and millinery in the fourth room.

We would call your attention to the fact that we have many great inducements to offer

For The Next Thirty Days

as we want to make a clean sweep before purchasing our Spring Goods.

In moving our Shoes, a great many of the boxes were broken, and we have decided to place them on a bargain counter, and let them go at first cost. Now these shoes are not old goods but right new and some of the best we have, such as DREW-SELBY, GODMAN and other makes.

CLOTHING WE HAVE IN ABUNDANCE.

And if prices will move the goods, it is up to you to take advantage of this great reduction sale. You can have any suit of clothes in our establishment for actual cost for the spot cash, so do not delay but come and let us dress you up.

We would like to tell you more about what we have in the way of bargains but being so rushed prevents our doing so. All we ask is an inspection and you will readily see we are

IN SHAPE FOR BUSINESS,

and can make you prices that will give you perfect satisfaction, Wishing everyone a prosperous New Year and hoping for more of your patronage, we are,

THE HEATH-JONES COMPANY.

LANCASTER S. C.