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Lancaster S. C., May 31st, 1905.

For several years it has been a common remark, by those whose wish was father to the thought, that the liquor question was settled in South Carolina, that the dispensary was a permanent institution. Of course thoughtful people did not believe this. As the Greenville Mountaineer then said, "the dispensary issue would never be settled until it was settled right." No question is ever settled right when compromise is made with evil, and this is doubly true when evil gains everything and loses nothing by the compromise. But who will say now that the dispensary issue is settled?—Chester Lantern.

Adjutant General Frost has issued an order disbanding sixteen companies of the state militia and placing several of these upon the reserve list. The order is issued as a result of the requirements of the new militia law which makes it necessary to reduce the strength of the militia to some where near 2,500 men, as against 3,770, as is now the case.

Once more the courts have held that a railroad is not exempt from liability for damages to a passenger riding on a free pass, and a jury at Abbeville has returned a verdict against the Seaboard Air Line for \$3,000 damages for the killing of a woman who was alleged to be traveling on a pass. The principle upon which the awards are made in such cases is that the issue of a free pass implies a consideration and is not a matter of gratuity.

When the dispensary system was inaugurated, we favored it in preference to the barrooms, and looked upon it as the forerunner of prohibition. We believe that the dispensary has now served its purpose, and that the state is growing ripe for the abolition of the liquor traffic.—Pec Dee Advocate.

**Break up the Habit.**

Charlotte Observer.

There was no expectation anywhere that the Eutawville lynchers who were tried and acquitted at Orangeburg would be convicted, but the effect from their arrest and trial will be good. Gentry who engage in the pastime of lynching have been taught from this incident that their assumption of the duties of public executions may not be passed entirely unnoticed, but that they may be put to expense to defend themselves in the court, lose a lot of valuable time and be subjected to a world of annoyance and trouble. Such has been the experience of these Orangeburg lynchers. If all lynchers everywhere were hauled to the court and put on trial for their lives they might be acquitted, but they would be broken of the habit.

Continue to Prosecute.

Chesterfield Advertiser.

The parties indicted for the lynching of Keitt Bookard at Eutawville have been tried and acquitted mainly upon the evidence of their wives who swore that their husbands were at home the night of the lynching. Whether the State ever succeeds in convicting a mob for lynching or not, we hope that its efforts along this line will not be abated one jot. It is the duty of all good citizens to aid the State in its efforts to vindicate the law when and wherever it is violated.

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**JAPAN'S BIG VICTORY.**

Russian Fleet badly beaten.

16 War Vessels Sunk Or Captured—Over 3,000 Prisoners Taken.

Latest advices confirm the magnitude of the disaster suffered by the Russian fleet, and point to the fact that Russia's hopes, so far as this war is concerned, now lie in whatever may be accomplished by the oft-beaten army in Manchuria. An official report received from Tokio by the Japanese legation at Washington Monday evening says that the Russian losses definitely known include two battleships, a coast defense ship, five cruisers, two special ships and three destroyers sunk, and two battleships, two coast defense ships, one destroyer and one special service ship captured, while over 3,000 prisoners have been taken, including Rear Admiral Nebogotoff. The Japanese, it would seem, are still pursuing the Russians, and it may be sometime before the final result is known.

There is nothing to clearly indicate the extent of the Japanese losses, and it is suggested from one source that the Tokio government is waiting to hear from Admiral Rojestvensky by way of Vladivostok before announcing to what extent his fleet has suffered.

The news of the disaster has caused deep depression in official Russia, though it is not yet known generally among the Russian people. Rojestvensky's defeat has given rise to renewed talk of peace. It is pointed out by the Associated Press' St. Petersburg correspondent that Russia, in this crisis, will turn to France, through its Foreign Minister, M. DelCasse, while from Washington comes information that President Roosevelt, in accordance with his promise, announced a long time ago, is taking steps to do all in his power to bring about peace negotiations.

Nothing has been heard from Vice Admiral Rojestvensky. In Tokio there is one belief that he has perished, while another source says he was rescued by a torpedo boat, but that he is wounded.

**The Lost Vessels.**

Description of the Ships Known to Have Been Sunk or Captured in Saturday's Fight.

Tokio, May 20, 2:50 p. m.—In the battle fought Saturday in the Straits of Korea, the Russian battleships Borodino and Alexander III, the armored cruisers Admiral Nakhimoff, Dmitri Donski and Valdimir Monomach, the coast defense iron-clad Admiral Oushakoff, the protected cruisers Svetlana and Jemtchug, and repair ship Kamtschatka and the cruiser Irtesim were sunk.

The battleships Orel and Nicolai I and the coast defense iron-clads Admiral Seniavin and General Admiral Apraxine.

The Borodino was a first-class battleship, completed in 1904 of 13,516 tons displacement and 16,000 horse power, giving her a speed of about 18 knots. Her crew numbered 1,640 officers and men.

The Alexander III was a sister ship of the Borodino and was also completed in 1904.

The Admiral Eachimoff was an armored cruiser of 8,524 tons displacement and 9,000 indicated horse power, giving her a speed of 16 knots. She had a complement of about 567 officers and men.

The Dmitri Donski was an armored cruiser of 6,200 tons, sheathed, of 7,000 indicated horse power and having a speed of 16 knots. Her crew numbered 510 officers and men.

The Valadimir Monomach was

a sheathed cruiser of 5,593 tons and 7,000 indicated horse power. Her crew numbered 550 officers and men.

The Admiral Oushakoff, a coast defense ironclad, was estimated at 16 knots and she carried 318 officers and men.

The Svetlana was a protected cruiser of 3,862 tons displacement and 3,828 indicated horse power was completed in 1897 and had a speed of about 20 knots. She had a complement of 360 officers and men.

The protected cruiser Jemtchug was of 3,100 tons displacement and 17,000 indicated horse power giving her a speed of about 23 knots her crew numbered 340 officers and men.

The repair ship Kamtschatka was a most important unit of Admiral Rojestvenski's fleet. She is understood to have been fitted up with every scientific appliance available for the repair of warships and was described as being a floating work shop. She had transport accommodation for 32 officers and 1,000 men.

The Irtesim was probably an auxiliary cruiser, but her name is not given in any of the naval lists available.

The battleship Orel is a sister ship of the Borodino and carried the same complement of officers and men.

The battleship Nicholas I is of 9,672 tons displacement and 8,000 indicated horse power, giving her a speed of about 14 knots. She is shathed and although completed as far back as in 1892 was thoroughly overhauled in 1900. Her complement of 604 officers and men.

The coast defense ironclad Admiral Seniavin is a sister ship of Admiral Oushakoff.

**PROSPECT OF PEACE REGARDED AS BRIGHTER.**

New York, May 29.—Advices received from London and other leading continental financial centers by the local bankers were all of the opinion that Japan's decisive victory would hasten peace.

Reports that the government at Washington signified its willingness to act as mediator in the event of peace proposals were current and added to the hopeful feeling in financial circles that the end of the war might be looked for.

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**JUDGE BRAWLEY REVERSES IN TOWNSHIP BOND CASE.**

Judge Pritchard Holds Counties are Liable for Bonds Voted by Townships and Their Abolition is Void.

**Special to The State.**

Saluda, May 29.—In a decision just handed down, Judge Pritchard reverses Judge Brawley in the cases of Folsom et al, vs. Greenwood, Greenville, Laurens and Saluda counties.

It will be recalled that mandamus proceedings were instituted some 18 months ago, wherein it was sought to compel the auditors and treasurers of the above named counties to levy and collect a tax sufficient to pay judgments against certain townships, which grew out of the issuing of bonds in aid of the proposed Augusta and Western Carolina railroad.

When the matter came on for a hearing before Judge Brawley, counsel for the counties involved took the position that the counties could not be held liable on bonds voted and issued by the various townships and demurred. Judge Brawley sustained the demurrer and in a very elaborate opinion held that the counties were not liable on bonds issued by any of their townships.

Council for the relator in the mandamus proceedings, alleged that the various enactments by the legislature concerning the townships of Sullivan in Laurens county, Ninety-Six in Greenwood county, and Pine Grove in Saluda county were constitutional, which was admitted by the demurrer. Judge Pritchard's decision, reversing Judge Brawley, is in effect

that the counties as entities are liable on the bonds issued in behalf of the townships and that legislation abolishing these townships since the bonds were voted and issued is unconstitutional.

It is very probable that the matter will be carried to the supreme court of the United States, either by appeal or a writ of certiorari. Every turn in these cases is being closely watched by the taxpayers of Greenville, Laurens, Greenwood and Saluda counties.

**Solitary Robber Knocked in the Head by a Messenger.**

St Paul, Minn., May 28.—Express Messenger Laub and Engineer Wilson today received \$1,000 each for capturing a man who held up the East-bound North Coast limited train last midnight on the Northern Pacific railroad near Bearmouth, Mont. The robber had blown open the safe with charges of dynamite aggregating twenty-five pounds, when Laub, by the aid of a match, struck by Wilson, knocked the robber senseless with a piece of iron. The robber was bound and taken to Drummond. He remained unconscious all day. This is the third holdup of the same train near Bearmouth.

**His Death a Mystery.**

Special to Greenville News.

Laurens, May 2.—The final investigation by the coroner's inquest as to the death of Essec Murrill, the negro who was found in the Enoree river two weeks ago, was held at Lanford yesterday. The verdict of the jury, which was composed of ten white men and two negroes, was that the deceased came to his death at the hands of unknown parties. At the final proceedings there were present about 600 people, quite a number going from this place. Fifteen witnesses were examined, but none of the evidence was sufficiently strong to warrant an arrest. Already four negroes have been arrested and placed in jail. One of these was discharged and the other three the solicitor decided to hold for a few days longer, thinking something tangible would probably happen.

**Russia's and Japan's Purchases.**

American Cotton Manufacturer. Of a total of 15,364,600 pounds of cotton yarn exported by England during February last, Russia took 13,300 pounds against 94,400 by Japan.

For the same month British exports of cotton cloth were 512,989,500 yards, of which Japan absorbed 7,612,900 yards. Russia's takings were so inconsiderable that they are jumped in the item "other countries."

Turning over to American exports to the two countries: During the 12 months of 1904 Japan bought from us merchandise of all kinds worth \$31,656,037, while takings of Russia were \$17,907,867. Read again:

Last year we exported to Japan 7,842,365 yards, worth \$561,771 against not a bale to Russia. The population of Japan in 1898 was 43,760,754, while the inhabitants of the Russian empire (Europe and Asia) in 1897 numbered 145,000,000.

**Killed at Bethune.**

Bethune, May 28.—This morning about 12:30 o'clock as the southbound passenger train on the Seaboard was running at the rate of 50 miles an hour Tom McLaurin, a young man of this place, who was sitting on the railroad track, was struck by the engine and instantly killed. It is supposed McLaurin was under the influence of liquor and went to sleep.

**Notice of Election of Teachers**

The board of trustees of the Lancaster School District will meet June 10th to elect teachers for the white graded schools.—Applications should be filed with the undersigned.

CHAS. T. CONNORS,  
Sec. & Treas. Board Trustees,  
May 29, 1905—2t

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Miss Etta Black married Jack Smith about one year ago, both of Forge, Mississippi. They have a little Black-Smith now and he bellows to beat the band.

**Notice of Election for an Alderman.**

Whereas, John A. Miller, lately one of the Aldermen of the town of Lancaster, has departed this life leaving a vacancy in said office,

Resolved by the Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Lancaster in council assembled and by the authority of the same, that an election is hereby ordered to fill said vacancy, said election to be held on Monday the 5th day of June, 1905, the polls to be opened from 8 o'clock a. m., until 4 o'clock p. m., and that J. C. Foster, Amos McManus and J. M. Warwick be appointed managers to hold said election.

Ratified this 6th day of May, 1905.

(Signed) R. E. WYLIE,  
Attested by: Mayor.  
C. D. JONES,  
Clerk and Treas.

**Bridges to Let.**

I will let out a contract to build a new bridge over Twelve Mile creek on the Steels Creek road, near Cocola, to the lowest responsible bidder on Tuesday, the 6th day of June, 1905, at 10 o'clock a. m. Also one to build a new or repair the old one over Six Mile creek, nearby, the same day, just after I get through with the above one.

Also one over Bear Creek on the Potter road, near Mr. Rusel Bortg's on Friday the 9th following at 9 o'clock a. m. The specifications of all to be made known at time of letting, reserving the right to reject any and all bids.

M. C. Gardner,  
Co Supervisor.  
May 15, 1905.

**NOTICE!**

The Board of Control for Lancaster County will meet at Lancaster C. H., S. C., on Tuesday, June 6th, 1905, for the purpose of electing dispersers for the dispensary at Lancaster C. H., and the dispensary at Kershaw for the ensuing year beginning July 1st 1905. Applications for these positions must be filed with said board at least twenty days before said 6th of June 1905.

J. E. W. Hsile,  
Chf. Board of Co. Control L. C.  
May 5, 1905—1m.

**Notice to Debtors and Creditors of C. H. Lathan**

All persons having claims against the estate of Charles Harvey Lathan, deceased, will present them properly proven to the undersigned for payment, and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment to the same. John T. Green,  
May 12, 1905—1m. Executor.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF TREASURER.**

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Total	\$20,904 08
RECAPITULATION	
Paid from Ordinary County Tax	\$ 19,925 39
" " Fines, Costs, etc.	411 52
" " Special Co. Tax (1904)	101,161 85
" " Special Local Tax (Township Bonds)	5,121 60
Paid from County Dispensary Funds	5,121 11
Total paid from County Funds	\$11,967 27
Paid from school Funds	8,936 81
Three Mill Tax	8,664 33
Pool Tax	2,272 48
Special Tax	5,338 85
Dispensary	5,195 36
Total	\$20,904 08

Total Paid for all Purposes \$12,711 28

Hon. G. W. Gage, Presiding Judge June term of Court Lancaster County.

The above is a correct statement of all county and school claims paid by this office from May 15, 1904 to May 15, 1905.

Respectfully,  
W. C. CAUTHEN,  
Co. Treasurer.

May 20, 1905

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