

Lancaster S. C. July 26, 1905.

Bonquets for the Dispensary.

Some men will drink and get drunk in spite of Prohibition. Yes, and some men will go to hell in spite of churches. And some men who say there will be as much drunkenness under prohibition as much wickedness with churches as without, or as many homicides with a law against murder as without one, is either deceived or else is trying to deceive others.

With more than two-thirds of the south without dispensaries or liquor saloons, prohibition is by no means the farce the dispensaryites would have the public think.

If the dispensaries have saved up all those extra bottles of "Poplar Log" and other popular brands sent them with the compliments of the distillers, some of them will be prepared to go into the blind-tiger business when the dispensaries are voted out.

The voter who needs a "campaign" to decide how to vote is going to vote for the dispensary, campaign or no campaign.—Newberry Observer.

Kidnapping Charged.

Special to News and Courier.

Lancaster, July 21.—A warrant has been placed in the hands of Sheriff Hunter for the arrest of the Lancaster Cotton Mills band, charged with kidnapping the daughter of Wesley Williams, of Lancaster. Hughes and the girl have disappeared and their whereabouts is unknown. Hughes is a married man.

The petition asking for an election on the dispensary question now aggregates more than 1,200 names. Just how many names are required to call the election cannot be definitely stated; but there is no question of the fact that 1,000 are easily sufficient.—Yorkville Enquirer.

1,000,000 Barrels of Oil Burn.

Lightning Strikes a Tank at Humble, Texas, Causing Heavy Loss.

Humble, Texas, July 23.—Fire started this afternoon in a tank belonging to the Texas Oil Company, caused by lightning striking the oil. The fire was held under control all the afternoon but began to spread to night and 12 tanks belonging to the company are certainly doomed. Eleven of them contained 200,000 barrels. The fire started across the prairie toward other rigs, but its progress is held in check somewhat by a heavy rain. It may spread. The loss up to 11 o'clock to-night is estimated at fully 1,000,000 barrels of oil or \$250,000, with the fire still raging. Some of the oil was pumped away, but the fire spread so rapidly the men were forced to abandon their work.

The estimate now is that at least forty mules have perished the drivers abandoning them where they were at work digging new tanks. There are rumors, but no confirmation, of loss of life.

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County Physician 1 Extra Salary, and Failed to Re-member Facts About Jail Work.

Greenville News, 23-4

For two hours yesterday Dr. W. J. Bramlett, who was county physician during the administration of Supervisor Speegle, was put through a searching examination by Chairman Avery Patton, of the special investigating committee, and about the only thing he could or would admit was that he had lost his books extending over a period of five years and his memory as well. Time and time again Chairman Patton fired direct questions at him, but he failed to get any satisfaction or information because the witness did not seem to be able to throw any light on matters which are dark and strange. His salary was only \$50 a year. Chairman Patton showed by the claims on file that Dr. Bramlett had received pay for fourteen months' work during last year, the extra perquisites amounting to about \$8. It was brought out, however, that he had received between \$600 and \$700 in 1904 for performing surgical operations upon prisoners in the county jail. There were twenty operations, or at least there were claims for twenty, although Dr. Bramlett could only remember two. He could not remember the names of the prisoners, he did not know or remember the nature of the operations, nor could he tell who had assisted him and who was present. He declared that he had lost his books for the five years and Chairman Patton added that he seemed to have completely lost his memory. Dr. Bramlett claimed that he was due an extra salary for performing surgical operations. He claims to have performed them, and the files show that he was paid the amount stated above, but he did not recollect times, names or other things connected with the work.

"Does it not seem strange," said Mr. Patton, "that you should have performed twenty surgical operations in the jail last year when not a single operation has been performed there this year?"

"I don't know," said the witness.

With the shrewdness of a trained criminal lawyer Chairman Patton led the witness through his long term as county physician, hoping to get some direct evidence bearing on the claims, but he did not succeed.

Dr. Bramlett was the only witness before the committee yesterday. Others will be examined tomorrow and in a day or two the committee will be prepared to submit a bulk of damaging proof of guilt on the part of a number of persons to the grand jury. The investigation is growing hotter, as events tomorrow may show.

New Trial for Murderer.

Special to the Daily Item.

Columbia S. C., July 22.—In an opinion handed down today the Supreme Court grants a new trial to Earle Rochester, the Oconee county farmer, sentenced by special Judge McCullough to hang for the murder of Walter Mills, a neighboring farmer with whom Rochester quarreled because of the killing of the latter's hogs which had gotten into Mills' wheat field. The verdict is reversed because of an error in the judge's charge in defining murder.

Foley's Honey and Tar
For children, safe, sure, no opiate.

Sage Said
"Damn the Law."

County Treasurer Southern Remonstrated in Vain. What Became of Mule Money?

Special to The State.

Greenville, July 24.—"Damn the law," said the then Supervisor Speegle one day last fall to Henry J. Southern, county treasurer, when he was remonstrated with for the violation of the law in a certain transaction.

Such was the startling testimony of Treasurer Southern this morning before the commission now investigating the affairs of the office of the county supervisor and this statement was followed by a succession of others no less sensational in character.

Treasurer Southern produced the records which showed that the amount of money received by the county for changing a road for the Paris Mountain Water company in 1902 has never been turned over to him. If \$1,250 had been received for this job of work, the treasurer swore it had never been turned over to him. If \$1,250 had been received for this job of work, the treasurer swore it had never been turned over to him through the regular channel to him.

It has been proved that an amount of money was refunded the county on a contract job on the piers of the Fork Shoals bridge, and this amount, also sworn Treasurer Southern, had never been turned in.

The treasurer testified further that during the year 1903 Speegle turned in only \$330.99. Up till December 1, 1904, witness continued, there was turned in only \$150. During December there was \$2,030.64 paid in, which amount was supposed to have been received for certain county property sold during that month.

Treasurer Southern was asked if he had or had not on any occasion talked with Speegle about the manner in which he (Speegle) was conducting the affairs of his office, to which he replied that he had on several occasions remonstrated with him, but was never able to get any satisfaction about the matter he replied, "Damn the law." After this the treasurer said no more to him about the law governing the conduct of his office.

What became of all the mules owned by the county is a request still unsolved by the commission, although the sale of at least 30 has been discovered. It is thought that little of the proceeds of such sales was turned in, and the commission is endeavoring to find the exact amount thus obtained. It is alleged that Speegle pocketed the funds not turned in.

John D. Harris testified today that he purchased a pair of mules from the county and no record of this particular sale has been found. J. H. Brown also testified this morning to having purchased a mule from the county, paying \$40 for same, and no record of this sale can be found either. Various other sales have been proved, of which there are no records to explain. This is considered to be one of the most serious charges yet made by the commission.

Killed Negro Burglar.

David Gruber, colored, was shot and killed at the corner of Aiken and Cooper streets about 5 o'clock yesterday morning by W. B. Herron, white, whose house the negro had but a short time before entered and robbed. After the shooting Mr. Herron telephoned to the Police Station and surrendered to a police officer as soon as he arrived.—News and Courier, 24th inst.

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Attention, Members Cotton
Association, and the Public
Generally.

We are anxious to call the attention of all the members of our Cotton Association, and to all the people of the county, for this work touches every man's interest, no matter what that interest may be, to the necessity of more thorough organization. Remember, we are now and have been hard at work raising another crop of cotton, and the time has come when it is as much important to look after the marketing of the crop as it is of making it; and to effect any good in that line we must be in touch with all the great forces that are now at work along that line. We can do nothing without organization; therefore, we should by all means get all our people in line and get there now, so that we may be in position to meet our enemy and by so doing protect our interests. We want a Cotton Association organized in every community in the county. Whatever help you may need, let us hear from you, and if it is in our power we will give you all the help we can. Now, we must get up all dues, which, as laid down in our constitution, are very small; yet some money is absolutely necessary to meet expenses. And do not allow so small amount as we are called upon to pay stand in our way. We have accomplished a good work already, and it is nothing to what we can, by united effort, accomplish in the future. Get up your dues and forward them to me, and I will return receipt to you. We are called upon by the State Association for all dues, and we are anxious to get them up as soon as possible. The payment of these dues is evidence of organization, and also of interest and determination upon the part of the people to stand for their rights. The County Association will be called to meet during the month of August, and we would be glad to have our county well organized during the next month, and thus be ready to do for ourselves all we can, for the growing crop will require as much attention as the last year crop, and it is ours, and unless we look after our interest no one will look after it for us, only to rob us of our just rewards. So farmers, do not set down idle and lose what you have gained, but stand pat; and push the work of organization. Let us hear from all the Associations that are in working order now, and as many as may organize during the month.

Geo W. Jones
Sec.

Russians Rushing Troops.

Pouring Troops into Manchuria Despite Peace Conference

Harbin, July 24.—Very quietly but very steadily Russia continues to pour reinforcements into Manchuria. The dispatch of the troops has been much accelerated even during the supposed negotiations leading up to a proposed peace and despite the rainy season. In a single week 42,000 men passed hurried to the front. As a general thing the soldiers travel in horse cars, thirty-five men in each car with a composite wagon for the officers.

TWO BOTTLES CURED HIM

"I was troubled with kidney complaint for about two years," writes A. H. Davis, of Mt. Sterling, Ia., "but two bottles of Foley's Kidney Cure effected a permanent cure." Sold by Funderburk Pharmacy.

Sixteen Murder Cases
on Laurens Docket.

Four of These Indictments Are Against White Men, Three of Whom Killed Negroes.

Special to The State.

Laurens, July 24.—Court of general sessions convened here this morning with Judge J. C. Klugh of Abbeville presiding. Solicitor R. A. Cooper and Stenographer Jno. K. Aull are at their posts of duty. Mr. O. W. Babb, deputy clerk of court, is discharging the duties of Clerk of Court John F. Bolt, who is unable to be out, by reason of an accident suffered last week.

A very heavy docket is to be gone through with. In point of murder charges it is probably the biggest court in years, there being 16 charges of this character. Four of these indictments are against white men, the rest being negroes.

The white defendants are P. H. Baldwin, charged with killing Abe McDaniel, colored, last spring; Clyde Mahaffay, charged with killing a negro; John Cole, same; J. H. Atkinson, a mill operative, killing his father at Goldville last winter.

The victims of the negroes under indictments were all colored.

A case that will attract widespread interest will be the trial of John Miller, a negro, charged with attempting to poison the Ferguson family near Clinton a few days ago by placing in the well a bag containing a diabolical mixture of reptiles, lizards, etc. There is said to be strong evidence against Miller. He is in jail. His supposed pal, Wash Carville, is still at large.

In addition to the above stated cases there are various and sundry charges against a score of other offenders of the law.

FOR COTTON WEIGHER.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for reelection to the office of public cotton weigher at Lancaster, S. C.

J F Nisbet.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Public Cotton weigher at Lancaster C H

A J Bailly.

FOR COTTON WEIGHER AT
HEATH SPRINGS.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Public Cotton Weigher at Heath Springs, S. C.

A L Mobley.

Notice to Debtors and Creditors
of B. F. Miller, Deceased.

All persons having claims against the estate of B. F. Miller, deceased, will present them properly proven to the undersigned for payment; and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment of the same to

L. C. Lazenby,

Administrator.

Notice to Debtors and Creditors
of J. A. Miller, Dec'd.

All persons having claims against the estate of John A. Miller, deceased, will present them properly proven to the undersigned for payment; and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment of the same to

L. C. Lazenby,

Administrator.

State of South Carolina.

COUNTY OF LANCASTER,

BY J. E. Stewart, Esq., Probate Judge.

WHEREAS, L. C. Lazenby has made application to me, to grant him letters of administration of the estate of and of the estate of John A. Miller,

THESE ARE THEREFORE to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of said John A. Miller deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Lancaster, S. C. on Wednesday, July 28th next after publication thereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why said administration should not be granted.

Given under my Hand this 15th day of July Anno Domini, 1905.

J E Stewart,

Probate Judge.

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Yellow Fever in New Orleans.

New Orleans, July 21.—Dr. Goldthwaite and Moore, of the Mobile board of health, came here today on the invitation of the Louisiana board of health to investigate two cases presenting symptoms of yellow fever, with the result that the Mobile board of health immediately put on a quarantine against passengers and household goods. There will be no quarantine against merchandise, as the shipments of that will be under regulations of the Conference of Southern Health Boards.

General Repair Shop.

I have opened opposite the Poag & Harper glumery, a blacksmith and general repair shop with Bossy McPerson to do the blacksmithing and iron work. All work done at reasonable prices. A share of your patronage is earnestly solicited. Give me a trial.

J. Q. ADAMS

July 24, 1905 - 1m.

Notice of Discharge.

Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of August, 1905, the undersigned as Administratrix of the estate of Jerre M. Knight deceased, will make her final return and settlement, and make application to the Probate Court of Lancaster county, S. C., for a final discharge as such Administratrix.

Laura J. Knight,

Administratrix.

Dated July 26th, 1905.

JOHN E. WELSH,
DENTIST.

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July 1, 1905.

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OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF VISITORS.

CHARLESTON, S. C., JULY 6, 1905.

One vacancy in a State Beneficiary scholarship to be filled by competitive examination exists in Lancaster County.

Application Blanks may be obtained at the office of A. C. S. GADSDEN, Chairman, Charleston, S. C., or from the County Superintendent of Education. These applications, fully filled out, must be in the hands of the Chairman on July 31, in order to receive consideration.

(Signed) A. C. S. GADSDEN,
Chairman Board of Visitors
July 10 - 3w

Notice of Election.

Pursuant to an act of the Legislature an election will be held at the following places, viz: Lancaster C. H., Heath Springs and Kershaw on the second Tuesday in August, 1905, for the purpose of electing a cotton weigher for each of the above named places. Polls open at 8 o'clock a. m. and close at 4 o'clock p. m. All qualified voters are entitled to vote. The following managers are appointed;

Lancaster, O. H.—J. B. Cousar, R. J. Harper, W. B. Caution.

Heath Springs—D. W. Hendrix, M. I. Beckham, J. H. Creighton.

Kershaw—B. F. Hiltou, W. T. Blackmon, Henry Horton.

By order of Board of County Commissioners.

M. C. GARDNER,
Co. Supervisor.

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