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## Dispensary Election.

Must be Conducted as Are General Elections.—Opinion By Attorney General Of Great Interest to All Counties in the State.

Columbia Record.

Attorney General Gunter has received several communications from individuals and county officials as to his interpretation of several phases of the Brice law. Mr. W. E. Clayton, of Florence, in a letter, amongst other things, expresses the opinion that the state cannot be held responsible for managers' pay and other expenses of election on the dispensary question under the Brice law, nor does he believe the counties can be called upon to pay them. He asks what is the law on the subject, or how the attorney general construes it.

Mr. Gunter, at the outset, says that he is not unmindful of the fact that the constitutionality of the law is before the supreme court, and if only one county were affected he would not attempt to anticipate the court, but as every other county has the right to invoke the law at once he does not deem it impertinent to give the benefit of his views to administrative officers.

Quoting the law, he says it is evident that the only way dispensaries can be voted in or voted out is through special elections, and the question is does the law provide for other special elections and how they shall be conducted. Section 205 of civil code 1902 provides for general and special elections according to rules prescribed. The provisions for special elections are found in chapter X of the same code. The elections must be held "pursuant to the constitution," hence, they must be governed by our general election law. From an examination of various authorities, text books and decisions, Mr. Gunter concludes that where the machinery for special elections is not specifically provided for recourse must be had to the general election law. Therefore, a supervisor ordering an election under the Brice law should direct the same to the commissioners of election under the Brice law should direct the same to the commissioners of election; that requirements as to size of ballots, time of opening and closing polls, eligibility of voters and all other requirements of general election law must be complied with.

It follows that expenses must be paid as in a general election. If no funds are available that is a matter for legislative consideration.

This opinion is an answer not only to Mr. Clayton, but to the supervisors of Union and Newberry counties and the Hon. J. S. Brice, of York.

### NO FALSE CLAIMS.

The proprietors of Foley's Honey and Tar do not advertise this as a "sure cure for consumption." They do not claim it will cure this dread complaint in advanced cases, but do positively assert that it will cure in the earlier stages and never fails to give comfort and relief in the worst cases. Foley's Honey and Tar is without doubt the greatest throat and lung remedy. Refuse substitutes. Sold by Funderburk Pharmacy.

## Youth Eaten By A Shark.

Sutton Davis 16 Years Old, Carried Away by a large Shark While he was wading in Water at the Davis Shore.

Special to The Observer.

Beaufort, July 30.—A most horrible and shocking occurrence took place at Davis, Shore, about ten miles east of Beaufort, yesterday afternoon, when Sutton Davis, a 16-year-old lad, while wading and playing in the water, was suddenly attacked and eaten by a very large shark.

Young Davis was in the water about waist deep when suddenly a shark approached him, threw him in the air, caught him as he struck the water, pulled him under and disappeared in the deep water with the boy. Thorough search has been made, but no particle of his body has been found. Those that were with the boy were terribly frightened, and could not help him. The occurrence has thrown a feeling of horror over our town. The citizens and the guests of the community, particularly the children, have enjoyed the fine dives and invigorating swimming matches which they daily participate in.

A large number of sharks have been noticed in the waters here for two weeks, but no one felt much anxiety on account of the presence of the terrible monsters. A large quantity of fat-backs have been caught this month and a quantity of refuse matter has been thrown back in the water from the factories, and sharks have come in to feast on it. It is the first time a person has been molested by a shark in these waters in nearly 50 years.

### A GRIM TRAGEDY

is daily enacted, in thousands of homes, as Death claims, in each one, another victim of Consumption or Pneumonia. But when Coughs and Colds are properly treated, the tragedy is averted. F. G. Huntley, of Oaklandon, Ind., writes: "My wife had the consumption, and three doctors gave her up. Finally she took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, which cured her, and to-day she is well and strong." It kills the germs of all diseases. One dose relieves. Guaranteed at 50c and \$1.00 by Crawford Bros., J. F. Mackey & Co. Funderburk Pharmacy, druggists. Trial bottle free.

Bishop Hargrove in Dying Condition.

Nashville, Tenn., July 30.—Bishop R. K. Hargrove, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is reported in a dying condition at his home here. Infirmities of old age caused the bishop to resign the presidency of Vanderbilt University Board of trustees this spring.

When it comes to making a swift touch the glad hand is very much in evidence.

Some physicians would doubtless starve to death if their patients didn't carry life insurance.

An average man would soon attain perfection if he followed the advice he hands out to his neighbors.

Sound kidneys are safeguards of life. Make the kidneys healthy with Foley's Kidney Cure. Sold by Funderburk Pharmacy.

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## A Brave Drummer Boy.

Union Officer Seeks Information Concerning a South Carolina Soldier.

Special to The State.

Chester, July 28.—Ex-Senator J. S. McDaniel of this county, who was lieutenant in the Sixth South Carolina regiment of infantry during the War Between the Sections, has been for a year or more in correspondence with Capt George C. Smith of the Eighty-first New York regiment, whose home is now in Middletown, N. Y. In a recent letter Capt Smith writes as follows: "On the 24th of June, 1864, Hagood's division charged us in front of Petersburg and they met with quite a loss. I can never forget that afternoon. Among the prisoners was a mere boy, a drummer of some South Carolina regiment. He had followed his officers through a terrible charge. I was on the front works and firing had ceased. I stood on the works and this brave little fellow ran up to me. I stooped down and raised him over the works. I said: 'You little rat, why did you come over in such a shower of bullets?' He said: 'Lieutenant, I always go where my company does,' and he ran down the traverse with his officers and yet had his drumsticks in his hand. I have often thought I would like much to know who the brave little fellow was. You know how things are in such a time and I could not ask questions. It seems to me now that his regiment was the Nineteenth or Twenty-first South Carolina."

If that brave little fellow is still alive or any of his comrades of Hagood's troops recall this incident and the name, Capt George C. Smith of Middletown, N. Y., will be pleased to have information on the subject.

### SPOILED HER BEAUTY.

Harriet Howard, of 209 W. 34th St., New York, at one time had her beauty spoiled with skin trouble. She writes: "I had Salt Rheum or Eczema for years, but nothing would cure it, until I used Bucklen's Arnica Salve." A quick and sure healer for cuts, burns and sores. 25c at Crawford Bros., J. F. Mackey & Co's, and Funderburk Pharmacy, drug store.

Mother and Child Killed by Lightning.

The State, July 30th.

When Taylor Gilliam, colored, returned from the city to his home on the Winstonsboro road at a late hour last night he found the bodies of his wife and child lying dead in the yard. A glance around showed that they had been killed by a stroke of lightning which first struck a tree near the house and passed along a wire suspended from the tree to the house and set fire to the building. It is supposed that the woman was standing in the yard near the wire with the baby in her arms and that the deadly current in its passage along the wire leaped from it and struck them down.

**CASVORIA.**  
Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Platten*

When a politician says he has nothing to say it's a safe bet that he is loaded to the muzzle with information.

## The Rights of a Preacher.

Rev. Mr. G. T. Harmon Takes Issue With Senator Latimer as to Political Rights of a Minister.

To the Editor of The State.

The report of the debate on the liquor traffic at the Greenville district conference made by the Belton correspondent of the Anderson Daily Mail and copied in your issue of July 24, was decidedly Latimerian and somewhat partisan. It must be apparent to the majority of those who were present at the debate that the report was by no means impartial, and must have been made solely for the purpose of stating and defending Mr. Latimer's position.

We claim that the discussion of the liquor traffic with all of its attendant evils, it being a great moral question, is perfectly legitimate and proper in a district conference, especially so when the discussion is precipitated by a United States senator, a member of the church and a prohibitionist, in defense of what has proven to be one of the worst forms of that traffic. Mr. Latimer claimed that he only wanted to enter a protest against being read out of the church simply because he believed the dispensary the best solution of the liquor problem. In the first place no one knew Mr. Latimer's sentiments on the question. In the second place, no one was reading Mr. Latimer nor any one else out of the church. Mr. Blackman said there were only two men in his church that favored the dispensary and they were going to move away. Some one said: "And you are glad?" Mr. Henry said only two men voted to retain the dispensary in a small town in his charge and he did not know who they were. Some one said: "And you don't want to know." I don't think either Mr. Blackman or Mr. Henry made any reply. This is what Mr. Latimer calls being read out of the church, and against which he entered such a vigorous protest.

If Mr. Latimer had entered his protest and said no more no one would have replied further than to enter a disclaimer. But, unfortunately he did not stop there. He made a spirited and passionate defense of the dispensary as being the best solution of the liquor problem. He solemnly warned the preachers against entering politics and against bringing politics into the church. He threatened them with Mr. Gonzales and his high license policy and with the opposition of Senator B. R. Tillman. One would have thought that Mr. Latimer was much more afraid that we would vote the dispensary out of South Carolina than that we would read him out of the church. And his fears are not altogether groundless.

It so happened that it fell to the lot of this scribe to reply to Mr. Latimer. The Belton correspondent said that Mr. Harmon "lambasted" the dispensary. I certainly did enter a protest against the dispensary and every other form of the liquor traffic. I endeavored to show that the Almighty God whom we serve prohibits evil of every kind and that His children must take and unalterably maintain the same attitude toward it. The liquor traffic in

all its forms, the distillery, the blind tiger, the open saloon and the dispensary, is a gigantic evil and only evil continually, a prolific source of crime and corruption and that, therefore the Christian people if they are true to their God and to their high calling must stand for prohibition first, last and all the time. This, too, is not altogether a political question; but if, even it were, the Christian people and even the preachers are citizens of the commonwealth and have the right to discuss political questions. But it is also a great moral question, and may, therefore, be legitimately discussed in the pulpit and in the councils of the church. The right of franchise carries with it a grave moral as well as political responsibility. It is, therefore, the duty of the preacher to instruct the people in the right moral duty of the ballot as it is the duty of the politician to instruct them in the right political use of it. Just here is where the preacher and the politician sometimes come into conflict with each other, and when they do Mr. Latimer wants the preacher to give way to the politician, and so he solemnly warns him to keep out of politics.

I do desire to put Mr. Latimer and every other politician in South Carolina on notice here and now that we are not going to give way, for we regard the moral aspect of the right of franchise and of every political question graver and more important than the political aspect. It is the duty of the preacher to teach the people how to be religious at the polls as well as in the home, how to be religious in the right use of the ballot as in the right use of the sacrament. One trouble with our commonwealth today is that the preacher has yielded too much to the politician and the people have heeded the politician more than they have the preacher.

The Belton correspondent said that Mr. Harmon went on to say he preferred the blind tiger to the two-eyed (open-eyed) is what he said) tiger in the shape of the dispensary. I reiterate that statement, for I would rather have the liquor traffic outlawed than to have it fostered, protected and run by the State. I am as unalterably opposed to my State going into the liquor traffic as I am opposed to going into it myself, for I regard myself a part of my State, and my State has no right to drag me into any kind of business that is morally wrong.

The reporter also said that Bishop Duncan said: "Who dragged this dispensary question in here anyhow?" The preachers took the hint and the dispensary was not mentioned again." The insinuation was that the preachers were afraid of Bishop Duncan. In the first place preachers have no reason to be afraid of Bishop Duncan; and, in the second place, as a matter of fact, they are no more afraid of a Methodist bishop than they are of a United States senator. The consensus of opinion was that enough had been said on the subject and we would let the matter drop. Upon this Mr. Latimer insisted more strongly than any one else. Nobody blamed him, for it was evident to all that he had not only been worsted in the discussion but was woefully in the minority. G. T. Harmon.

Greer, S. C., July 26, 1905.

## Shut off From World.

No One Can Leave or Enter New Orleans.—Hospitals Full of Fever Patients.

New Orleans, July 28.—Governor Blanchard has returned to Baton Rouge, the state capital, and will hold himself in readiness to perfect a state organization to combat yellow fever and mosquitoes at the suggestion of the State board of health. Beginning at 9 o'clock all of the sixteen ward organizations in the city began a consolidated organized movement with Dr. Warner superintendent. About 300 inspectors have been organized into a compact service. The yellow fever hospital is now filled with patients, and additions to it are being made to it as necessity demands. The city is now strictly quarantined from the outside world and no one can even go to a neighboring town and return.

### BRONCHITIS FOR TWENTY YEARS.

Mrs. Minerva Smith, of Danville, Ill., writes: "I had bronchitis for twenty years and never got relief until I used Foley's Honey and Tar which is a sure cure." Sold by Funderburk Pharmacy. Also C. O. Floyd, Kershaw.

### 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. July 6—4w

### 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. July 6—3w

### 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.

### State of South Carolina.

COUNTY OF LANCASTER,

BY J. E. Stewman, Esq. Probate Judge

WHEREAS, L. C. Lazenby made suit to me, Grant him letters of administration of the estate of and effects of Emma A. Miller.

THESE ARE THEREFORE to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of said Emma A. Miller deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Lancaster, S. C. on Saturday, 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. Stewman, Probate Judge

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