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Attention, Grand Jurors!

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the Grand Jury of Lancaster county will be held the first Monday in September, at the court house, for the purpose of considering the road question and other matters of vital interest to the public. It is highly important that every grand juror be present.

E. B. LINGLE,
Foreman.

Experts Tell of Silt Soil Around Lancaster.

Special to Greenville News.

Washington, Aug. 16.—Department of Agriculture has just issued an interesting bulletin concerning Cecil silt loam found in Lancaster county. This Cecil silt loam is said to be the second soil of importance found in the Piedmont section and embraces an area 75,000 acres or approximately 117 square miles. The soil varies in color from a yellowish brown, and contains a high percentage of silt. This land is sometimes known as white land, on account of its color, or sometimes as black jack land because of the characteristic forest growth. The soil varies from 6 to 15 inches in depth, and is usually underlain by a stiff yellow or red clay that continues to a considerable depth.

On this silt loam land cotton is the chief crop, and on the average, yields about one-third of a bale per acre. It may reach one on newly cleared lands, but falls below one-third on those portions worked on shares by tenants. Corn is not grown extensively on the upland but stands next in importance to cotton and yields from 10 to 30 bushels per acre. Some oats, sorghum and peas are grown but do not receive the attention they should.

W. W. Price

The Dispensary in Cheraw.

Editor John T. Meehan, of the Cheraw Carolina Citizen, believes in the Dispensary, but he believes it should be administered according to law.—In the last issue of his paper he printed much interesting testimony, which goes to show that the Dispensary has been flagrantly mismanaged in Cheraw, and he not unreasonably argues that the abuses he complained of are not local, but State-wide in operation. "It (the Dispensary) is rotten right here in Cheraw," he says; and he adds that. "The conditions existing in Cheraw and in Chesterfield County with regard to the Dispensary may be taken as a fair sample of the conditions prevailing in a majority of the counties of South Carolina." Of this we do not think there can be one iota of doubt in the mind of any intelligent man in the State.

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, 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.

Large Increase in Crime.

Figures For Past 18 Years.—Facts Compiled From the Reports of South Carolina Attorney General.

Special to Charlotte Observer.

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 17.—A comparative study of the criminal statistics of the State may not prove uninteresting or unprofitable just at this time, while all this dispensary agitation is going on, as the figures may throw a side-light on the questions as to whether the dispensary has witnessed an increase or a decrease of crime. The figures your correspondent here sets forth were gathered, it may be well to explain in the outset from the annual reports of the attorney general which are compiled from the annual reports of the circuit solicitors of the State. The endlessness of giving the figures for every offence handled in the circuit courts for any appreciable number of years preceding and succeeding the period at which the dispensary law went into effect would overburden the article and defeat its object, which is to give a clear view of the situation. For this reason only seven of the principal offenses handled in the circuit courts have been chosen for the purpose of comparison. These crimes and offenses are assault and battery, murder, rape, larceny, perjury, forgery and burglary.

For further convenience I have compared three periods of six years each, the six years next preceding the operation of the law, the six years following that period and the last six years, which includes 1904. The first period includes the years 1888 to 1893, inclusive, the law having gone into effect in July, 1893, the solicitors making their report that year ending November 30, and including possibly no cases affected by the change of the law. What a comparison for other periods, or a comparison regarding other offenses will show I do not know.

Here are the figures for the three periods treated, and they open a wide field for speculation:

Period of 1888 to 1893, assault and battery, 2,506; burglary, 514; larceny, 1,409; rape, 123; perjury, 61; forgery, 128; murder, 717. Totals, 5,638. Period 1894 to 1899, assault and battery, 5,558; burglary, 865; larceny, 1,617; rape, 143; perjury, 87; forgery, 184; murder, 1,138. Totals, 7,692. Period 1899 to 1904, assault and battery, 3,377; burglary, 534; larceny, 2,093; rape, 100; perjury, 34; forgery, 157; murder, 1,214. Totals, 7,498.

This does not show that the dispensary has decreased crime, and though perhaps allowance should be made for the fact that the population of the State has steadily increased since 1888, still the increase in crime is more marked for the first period following the enactment and operation of the law than for the period ended the 31st of last December. Both periods following the enactment of the dispensary law show a decided increase in the number of murder, assault and battery, burglary, larceny and forgery cases. The first period following the enactment of the dispensary law shows an increase marked and striking in all particulars over the period preceding the enactment of the law, and strange to say it shows an increase over the last period in all items except as to murder, rape and perjury. There are almost twice as many murder cases in either of the two last periods, and the fact that there were 27 less murder cases in the six years up to 1905 than in the six years preceding is perhaps explained by the decided falling off in the number

of murder cases reported in 1904; only 175 as against 202 the preceding year; which falling off is believed to be due to better work on the part of juries throughout the State. In 1899 the ratio of verdicts of "not guilty" to "guilty" was 83 to 96; in 1900 it was 119 to 70; in 1901 it was 87 to 77; in 1902 it was 103 to 101; in 1903 it was 100 to 102, and in 1904 it was 120 to 55.

Either period shows an increase in the total offenses of over 30 percent over the period preceding the operation of the law, which is hardly an eloquent showing for the great moral institution.

In addition to these and other offenses, found enumerated on the circuit dockets, the year following the enactment of the dispensary law witnessed the inauguration of an entirely new crime, that of violating the dispensary law. In the six years immediately following the operation of the "system" there were 2,011 of those cases treated in the circuit courts, and though the next period shows a falling off, there being only 1,524 in this, many of these minor violations have for the past few years been triable in the magistrates' courts.

High-water mark in the State's murder record was reached in 1898, when they were 247 cases.

Finley Predicted It.

What the Present Congressman and Ex-State Senator Said About the Dispensary.

(From the Yorkville Enquirer.)

We reproduce elsewhere Senator Tillman's plan for purifying the administration of the dispensary law, and have no hesitation in saying that if it were not for the years of experience behind us we would feel inclined to give it our endorsement.

The plan proposed by Senator Tillman is practically the same as the original, and theoretically it seems well enough perfect, but practically it has proven a failure once, and if we are foolish enough to try the experiment it will do so again.

It was Mr. Finley, the Senator from York County, now representing the 5th Congressional district in Congress, who said during the debate on the original dispensary law that in practical operation it would corrupt any government under the sun, and how correct was his prediction is now known of all men.

We note with much interest what Senator Tillman says of the incomprehensibility of the people's choice for Governor sinking so low as to steal. It is pretty hard to conceive of such a thing maybe, but even if Senator Tillman be so honest as all that it is just as well not to forget that there is good reason to believe that others have proved weaker.

The whiskey business, from its very nature, is a terribly demoralizing one, and to separate it entirely from corruption and graft seems well nigh impossible. Even should the dispensary system be re-organized along the lines now laid down by Senator Tillman there is no guarantee that it would continue clean through more than one or two successive administrations.

The best thing the State can do is to get out of the whiskey business entirely, and then it will be in a better position to deal with those who persist in engaging in this traffic.

General Repair Shop.

I have opened opposite the Pong & Harper grocery, a blacksmith and general repair shop with Bossy McPherson 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.

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J. F. GREGORY,
C. C. C. P. L. C.

Yellow Fever Situation Controlled by Pres. Methods

New Orleans, Aug. 20.—Following is the official yellow fever report to 6 p. m., Sunday:

Number new cases, 45; total cases to date, 1,385. Deaths, 4; total deaths, 196. New foci, 11; total 306. Remaining under treatment, 381.

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.

CLERK'S SALE

State of South Carolina,
COUNTY OF LANCASTER.

In the Court of Common Pleas,
Ida S. Heath, Plaintiff,
against
James M. Heath, W. Shannon, Heath, A. Barnett Heath, John P. Heath and Henrietta S. Heath, Defendants.

PURSUANT to a decree in the above stated case made by Judge Geo. W. Gage, dated August 11, 1905, I will sell at public auction at Lancaster court house on the

FIRST MONDAY IN SEPTEMBER NEXT,

within the legal hours of sale, the following described lots of land, to wit:

All that piece, parcel, or lot of land fronting seventy-nine (79) feet on Gay Street and sixty-two and one-half (62 1/2) feet on Arch Street, lying in the town of Lancaster, in the county of Lancaster and State of South Carolina, and bounded as follows: On the North west by Gay Street, on the East for the entire length of the lot by No. 1 of the Chafee Block, now or formerly property of Leroy Springs, on the South east by Arch Street, on the West and Southwest by lot No. 3 of same block, known as the E. E. Cleveland lot, for 180 feet 10 inches of the depth of said lot No. 2, and lot No. 3 of same block, now or formerly property of Leroy Springs, 215 feet 2 inches, making the width of lot No. 2, herein described, 79 feet in width from Gay Street for 215 feet 2 inches, and the remainder of the lot for 180 feet 10 inches, terminating at Arch Street; being 62 1/2 feet in width, and containing 65-100 acres according to a plat of survey made by T. M. Belk, Surveyor, on September 11, 1902. Also one-half (1/2) interest in a 9 foot alley-way between lot No. 1 now or formerly of Leroy Springs, and lot No. 2, herein described, running through from Gay to Arch Street, same to be in, and to be kept open as an alley-way for the joint use of both properties.

Also, all that piece, parcel or lot of land in the corporate limits of the Town of Lancaster, containing three (3) acres more or less, and bounded as follows, viz: On the North by lots of Lida B. Jones (being the same which she derived under the will of her mother Mrs. Amanda Brown, deceased) and Ediza J. Wylie and R. E. Wylie; on the East by Catawba Street; on the South by what is commonly called Elm Street; and on the West by French Street.

Terms of sale cash. Purchaser to pay for papers.

J. F. GREGORY,
C. C. C. P. L. C.

Notice to Road Overseers.

To all the Overseers of the Public Highways in Lancaster county: Please warn out your bands and put each section of road in good condition during the month of August as it is an idle time with the most of the farmers. Take due notice thereof and govern yourselves accordingly.

yours Respectfully,
M. C. Gardner,
Co. Super.

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An old Bachelor says that all perfect women are deaf, dumb and blind.

Notice of Discharge

Notice is hereby given that on the 23d day of September, 1905, the undersigned as Administrator of the estate of Wm N. McMurray deceased, will make his final return and settlement, and make application to the Probate Court of Lancaster county, S. C., for a final discharge as such Administrator.

J. M. McMurray,
Administrator.

Dated August 23d, 1905.

The Lancaster Graded Schools.

The annual session of the Lancaster Graded Schools will begin Monday, Sept. 4, 1905.

All pupils already assigned to grades, and those to be examined for assignment, will assemble at the school building promptly at 8:30 a. m.

Pupils residing within the limits of this School District will be required, as heretofore, to pay a monthly incidental fee of twenty-five cents, each, the same to be paid strictly in advance, at the beginning of each school month.

Pupils entering the school from beyond the school district limits will be required to pay tuition on the following scale: Grades I, II, III, one dollar per month; Grades IV, V, VI, one dollar and fifty cents per month; Grades VII, VIII, IX, X, two dollars per month. This includes the incidental fee.

Cheap rates of board can be secured in private families by pupils coming from a distance. Pupils from the country will be permitted to take studies in different grades, provided the hours of recitation do not conflict.

Special arrangements are to be made for the preparation of pupils desiring to enter college.

The Factory school, under the supervision of Miss Grace Whisonant, will also begin its session Monday, Sept. 4th.

No child under six years of age will be admitted in either the town or factory school.

A. R. BANKS,
Superintendent.

Lancaster, S. C., Aug. 15, 1905.

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Notice of Discharge.

Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of August, 1905, the undersigned as Administrator of the estate of Jerro 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 Administrator.

Laura J. Knight,
Administratrix.
Dated July 26th, 1905.

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SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY ACADEMY.

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 Col 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) C. S. GADSDEN,
Chairman Board of Visitors.
July 10—3w