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Mixon Gives Up Letters.

Is Arrested But Balks at Jail—More Names of Prominent Men Mixed up With Dispensary Grafting.

Special to Charlotte Observer.

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 24.—The dispensary investigating commission appeared to be using a steam shovel at this morning's session, so rapidly did the sensational revelations come involving prominent persons and officials.

Ex-Commissioner Mixson again stood out this morning against giving up his letters from Kelly & Co., but weakened as the order was passed turning him over to the marshal to be placed in jail until he purged himself of contempt. He turned the letters over to the chairman. They are to be canvassed by Messrs. Spivey and Gaston before coming out in the evidence. It is thought they involve only one member of the board, referring to conference with him at points in other States, but affording no definitely incriminating facts.

This business being over, Messrs. Lyon and Christensen's subcommittee held a session, which was full of interest from the jump.

THE MACHINE AT SPARTANBURG.

Ex-Chief Constable J. R. Fant gave evidence portraying the existence of a machine in Spartanburg "run on the Mark Hanna plan," with lawyer William McGowan in charge, in Spartanburg, and U. X. Gunter, then assistant attorney general, in charge at the Columbia end of the line. Witness said lawyer C. P. Sims, of Spartanburg, told him McGowan tried to get Sims to go in with him on the deal to get constables appointed who would be willing to give up \$20 of their \$60 a month salary. Witness said he could give names of responsible witnesses to show that at one time McGowan had such applicants on the string from whom he was receiving from \$25 to \$50 promises of positions as privates and \$250 to \$300 for jobs as chiefs. He says that he wrote Governor McSweeney advising him of the existence of his machine and giving him the details as to how it worked, and that while this letter was not answered he supposed McGowan got a warning, as the machine suddenly ceased to operate. He says that after this purchasing of jobs began the number of divisions with chief was run up from seven to two. Witness said he knew nothing of Mr. Gunter's connection with the machine except from what Rudisill, of Spartanburg, said. While witness was talking to Rudisill, Marion Goss came up and complained that McGowan had charged him \$75 for his influence for a place as constable, when Rudisill remarked that this was cheap, as Gunter had charged him \$225 for a place on the Spartanburg board. Witness said he would later hand to the commission the names of others who would testify as to telling him of Mr. Gunter's connection with the matter.

HOW MACHINE WAS DISCOVERED.

Witness said he came upon the machine through the efforts put forth by Constable S. T. Howie to buy witness's place for \$275, through W. W. Harris, then chief dispensary clerk in Governor McSweeney's office. Bob Floyd had

told witness that he had loaned Howie \$175 toward this project. He sent McGowan an offer of \$300 to hold up in his favor, and this was done, but the machine was broken before it became necessary to pay. He arranged with Mr. McGowan through B. L. Toland McGowan is Gunter's Spartanburg law partner.

Witness said he had turned the matter over to Representative George E. Prince, Spartanburg, but that Prince backed out of having the rottenness aired in the Legislature. Then he says he reported fully to Senator Tillman, who answered that the thing should be probed to the limit and to that end he had turned his letter over to his nephew, Lieut. J. M. Tillman. When he saw Jim Tillman a little later in Spartanburg Tillman said he got the papers, but did nothing. Witness said he also reported to Governor McSweeney.

Witness next related how W. R. Dillingham, of Spartanburg, came to him and assessed him \$50 for an alleged campaign fund in the interest of Governor Heyward, who was then completing his first race. Dillingham said that \$1,080 had to be raised and that Fant's share was \$50. Dillingham also assessed private constables, among them Joe Seay and Ew Banks. Witness exonerated Governor Heyward from any knowledge of being connected with the Spartanburg machine saying Heyward, on learning of Dillingham's conduct, broke with him telling Fant he had never authorized Dillingham to incur any expense or make any assessments for him. He said Governor Heyward told him that any expense incurred by him in Spartanburg was to be paid by Mr. W. A. Law of the Central Bank there.

Mr. Dillingham was sworn and said that he had made no assessments against Mr. Fant or anyone else, and had said nothing to him about any \$1,080. He admitted getting \$40 from Joe Seay, \$50 from Fant and about the same from Constable Drake. He said that Governor Heyward, while in Spartanburg, arranged through Mr. Law at the Central Bank, for witness to take charge of his campaign in Spartanburg, Mr. Law being authorized to meet the expense, which he did to the extent of \$600 to \$700, for all of which he had checks to show.

W. T. Castles, administrator of J. T. Morrison, a white man who was lynched in Kershaw, S. C., a little over a year ago for shooting down William Floyd, a good citizen, because Floyd refused to loan Morrison ten cents, has brought suit against the county of Lancaster for fifty thousand dollars damages. Morrison was not worth fifty cents, no not if he had lived until Methuselah was a youngster compared with him. Morrison killed three or four people. His administrator may claim fifty thousand dollars as the price of Morrison's worthless life, but while he was living that murderer did not deem the life of a good and industrious young man worth ten cents. While the manner of putting Morrison out of the way is not to be commended, it a good thing for the community, and a good thing for his own family that there is three feet of good American soil between the body of that murderer and daylight. The county of Lancaster should not have to pay one cent for the life of Morrison. But there will be found somewhere a lot of work on-shore lawyers who will take the case for what there is in it.—Monroe Equiquer.

CASORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Signature of Chas. H. Little.

Mr. McLaurin Replies To Landrum Citizens.

Former Senator Declares "He Would Prefer Not to Make The Fight Personal."

Special to The State.

Bennettsville, Aug. 23.—The following reply was made by ex-Senator J. L. McLaurin yesterday to gentlemen in Landrum, S. C. who recently nominated him for governor of South Carolina:

Bennettsville, S. C., Aug. 22 1905.

Mr. T. M. Belue, Mr. Alex Prewette, Mr. G. W. Plumley, Mr. L. R. Fisher, Landrum, S. C.

Gentlemen: I thank you heartily for the compliment which you pay in your card published in Saturday's State and trust no act of mine will ever lessen the confidence which you express in my integrity and patriotism. The platform which you declare is the only one upon which I would care to stand were I a candidate for governor, and I hope that the right man will come forward and carry the principles which you lay down to success. Personally I do not wish to become a candidate for the office but if I felt that I were needed I would not hesitate to respond to the call. I am sure, however, that the present situation is such that my candidacy for office would give the opportunity to confuse by making the contest personal and I wish to see this campaign made without regard to the personal or political fortunes of any individual looking solely to the public good. With kindest personal regards, I am ever,

Yours sincerely, John Lowndes McLaurin.

The card referred to follows: Landrum, S. C., 8-18-05.

Editor State, Columbia, S. C.

Dear Sir: We the undersigned believe that he time has come for a "new deal" in State affairs. The widespread corruption and charges of corruption, inseparable from the attempt of a sovereign State to engage in any business for profit is multiplied when that business is liquor traffic. If there is corruption it should be known and the guilty parties punished.

It is perhaps impossible to enforce prohibition in every county in South Carolina but in many of them it is possible and should be done, we believe.

First pass a general prohibition law for the State.

Second, Recognize the fact that the question is one of local consideration, and can only be a success when it is backed by public sentiment; therefore, if a county desires to be exempt from the prohibition law, let the qualified voters say so at ballot box, and then the legislature can provide the mode of selling under the constitutional restrictions. This is the idea as we understand, of exsenator McLaurin, and he sounded the keynote in his recent speech at Greenville.

We want the issue made as he put it: Take the State out of "a partnership with the devil in a liquor traffic that is sending souls of men to hell, tainting the very foundation of good government."

We nominate Hon John Lowndes McLaurin of Marlboro for governor on a platform with tight words in it, "Take South Carolina out of the business."

T. M. Belue, Alex. Prewette, G. W. Plumley, L. R. Fisher.

Pay your subscription.

BANNER SALVE the most healing salve in the world

Cotton Oil Failure Has Another Victim.

William C Hardison of Wadesboro Commits Suicide.—Owned Large Block of Stock.

Special to The State.

Charlotte, N. C., Aug. 23.—Mr. Mr. William C. Hardison of Wadesboro, N. C., committed suicide at 10 o'clock tonight immediately on his return from a trip to Blowing Rock, where he had been in search of health. He arrived home from Charlotte, went to his room and immediately shot himself, the bullet passing through his head. Death resulted almost instantly.

The deceased was about 46 years of age and is survived by his wife and six children.

Mr. Hardison was manager of the Wadesboro branch of Independent Cotton Oil company and was owner of a very large amount of stock in the defunct concern. His health for the past several months has been very poor and these financial troubles have weighed very seriously on his mind for the past several weeks. He has been subject to spells of depression and it is thought that the act of tonight was the result of one of these melancholy fits.

It is worthy of note that an attempt was made but a few weeks before the Independent Cotton oil company failed to make Mr. Hardison president of the corporation but this position was refused. The events preceding and subsequent to the tragic ending of the life of Robert Keith Dargan in Darlington several weeks ago are still fresh in the public mind and the suicide of W. C. Hardison adds another to the many unfortunate events that have gone before.

It is understood that the deceased was involved in the Independent Cotton Oil company to the extent of \$65000.

The Brookland Fraud Case.

Lexington, Aug 23. On the conviction of Geo. B. McCombs, M. L. Fox and T. D. Mitchell last week for participation in the election frauds of New Brookland notice of appeal bond was granted in the sum of \$200 each.

McCombs since then has decided he does not want any new trial and has paid his fine of \$75.

Fox has given bond and has returned to Brookland. Mitchell is still in jail because of failure to pay his fine or to give bond.

The people of Lancaster county will by the end of the present year, be very well supplied with mail facilities. Some sections of the county have apparently been neglected in the distribution of the R. F. D. service, but this, we think, will soon be remedied.

In conversation with Congressman Finley last Wednesday he informed us that he has been at work in the effort to improve these conditions and, as a result, by the end of the year there will be seven or eight new routes put in operation.

The people of the Flat Creek section will doubtless be glad to learn that they will be included in these who are to have increased mail facilities, as a new route is to go through that section, to begin at Haule Gold Mine. The exact route has not yet been laid out but will be very soon by an agent of the post office department.—Kershaw Era.

Letters advertised as unclaimed for and remaining in the post-office for week ending August 26, 1905. Willie Welsh, A. N. Fisher, Rebecca Paul Margoy, Mesdames Rebecca Weston, P. H. McComb, R. C. Belk, Miss Maggie Crockett. Parties calling for advertised letters will please say if advertised. J. F. Hunter, P. M.

GREATLY IN DEMAND

Noting is more in demand than a medicine which meets modern requirements for a blood and system cleanser, such as Dr. King's New Life Pills. They are just what you need to cure stomach and liver troubles. Try them. At Crawford Bros., J. F. Mackey & Co's and Funderburk Pharmacy, drug store, 25c guaranteed.

Notice.

All parties who sell cotton at Heath Springs, S. C. are earnestly requested to meet there Saturday, Sept 2, 1905 at 3 o'clock p. m. the purpose of securing a place to have our cotton weighed. Let all interested be present. Respectfully, H. H. Horton, Chairman of Committee.

CLERK'S SALE

State of South Carolina, COUNTY OF LANCASTER. In the Court of Common Pleas, Ida S. Heath, Plaintiff, vs. James M. Heath, W. Shannon Heath, A. Burne Heath, John P. Heath and Henrietta S. Heath, Defendants.

PURSUANT to a decree in the above stated case made by Judge Geo. W. Gares, 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. 4 of the Chafee Block, now or formerly property of Leroy Springs, on the southeast by Arch Street, on the West and Southwest by lot No. 5 of same block, known as the E. E. Cloud 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. Beak, Surveyor, on September 11th, 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 maintained 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 Eliza J. Wylie and B. 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 hands 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.

- SHOES -

We will sell any slipper in our house at first cost in order to make room for our Fall Shoes. We have a few pair Canvas low cuts left in small numbers going at a low price.

CHERRY & CO.

Checkers For Nervousness General Debility. Embraces a new medical principle—acts on every vital organ—\$1.00 at your drugstore, or sample bottle free. Checkers Medicine Co. Winston-Salem, N. C.

There is talk in Spartanburg to the effect that the grand jury will probably indict some of the people who have been mixed up in the shady dispensary transactions.

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 final 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.

Notice of Discharge.

Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of Sept. 1905, the undersigned as Guardian of Essie I. Stover now Mrs. Essie Morley, 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 Guardian. W. F. Stover, Guardian. Dated Aug 26th, 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.

PROFESSIONAL CARD. DR M P CRAWFORD DR R C BROWN CRAWFORD & BROWN. Physicians and Surgeons. Lancaster, S. C.

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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 G. C. S. GADSDEN Chairman, Charleston, S. C. or from the County Superintendent of Education. These applications, fully filled must be in the hands of the Chairman on July 31, in order to receive consideration. (Signed) G. C. S. GADSDEN, Chairman Board of Visitors. July 19—34