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SUMTER MEETING BEGINS.

Revelations Of Bribery.

Another Hole Jabbed in the Purrid Dispensary System—Letters Produced Reveal Wholesale and Systematic Bribery of Dispensaries

Special to The Observer.

Sumter, S. C., Sept. 5.—Messrs. Lyon and Christensen jabbed another hole in this putrid dispensary at the opening session of the Sumter meeting of the investigation commission to-day and the filth and rottenness gushed forth in great volume in the form of evidence of systematic bribery of county dispensaries in a dozen different indirect forms by a score of leading whiskey houses. The point of entrance today was through Mike Manheim, dispenser at Marion, with whom Representative Lyon canvassed the contents of 50 or more letters, found in Manheim's dispensary, from whiskey houses and whiskey drummers, one of these latter being a member of the Legislature from Williamsburg, the other G. Gourdin, who pleaded with Manheim to send in requisition for the whiskey this house sold so as to help him out.

LETTERS REVEALED BRIBERY.

These letters told of presents in the shape of silk umbrellas, gold pens, smoking sets, extra bottles and cases of whiskey and in addition to these he admitted that his pickings from the sale of empty boxes at 25 cents each and empty bottles at \$2 a barrel, to the houses sending them out, originally brought him a monthly income of \$50. He admitted that his predecessor, Stanly, received a shipment of 12 barrels of wine direct from Garrett & Company, at Weldon, in accordance with an order Stanley gave the firm's traveling man, Clark, and there was no evidence to show that Stanley did not sell this as a tiger. In any event it was in violation of the law. The commission was informed that Chairman Ingram, of the Chesterfield board, accused of raising his own salary as clerk and lowering the pay as soon as he turned the text loose, will not respond to the summons the commission sent him, but Mayor Khettt, of Charleston, who has been subpoenaed from a North Carolina resort, will be present, it is understood.

AN EFFORT TO BUY ELECTION.

A letter to Manheim from Dispenser J. L. Bass, at Dillon, also in Marion county, urged joining in a campaign to buy up the coming dispensary election in that county with assistance from the State board, and the whiskey houses, but Manheim said nothing came of the movement, and a letter from Bluthenthal & Bickert said that a member of the State board had endorsed their scheme to ship empty boxes to a blind address after the resolution of the board forbidding dispensaries to sell the boxes any longer. The whiskey people involved today as giving Christmas presents, sending extra stock to dispensaries, or buying back bottles or boxes were Cook & Bernheimer Company, Gallagher & Burton, through J. S. Farau; Bernheim

Bros., Bernheim Distilling Company and Bluthenthal & Bickert, I. Troger & Company, Millard & Company, Richland Distilling Company and others.

There were no new features of striking importance developed today. The evidence today was along lines already tapped, the object being to show that this system of bribing dispensaries exists generally throughout the State. In many cases the empty boxes were not taken out of the freight office, though likely the bottles were made use of. All members are present except Representative Spivey, who was unavoidably detained.

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Sumter, S. C., Sept. 6.—Today's two sessions of the dispensary investigating commission were productive of evidence tending to show that L. J. Williams, recently defeated for Congress, used his influence while chairman of the State board, to get county dispensaries to get their friends to the polls in the interest of the gubernatorial candidacy of ex-Congressman J. W. Talbert, now chief political gladiator against the dispensary, and threatening to run for Governor on the prohibition platform.

LAWYERS WERE TO GET PROFITS.

This was shown by a letter from him to the Sumter dispenser, T. E. Wyndham, just after the latter had declared that nothing of the kind had happened. There was also testimony, on the part of ex-Bree Dispenser W. D. Howard, of Spartanburg, and Agent W. S. Glenn, of the surety company which bonded Howard, that Howard held a position as beer dispenser under a written agreement with Lawyers Sims and Thomason to pay them all the profits, about \$50 a month, Thomason securing the job by reason of his owing \$200 to the chairman of the State board and the present Spartanburg supervisor, D. E. Miles.

GRAFT IN SUB-DISPENSARIES.

After Miles had given the bonding company a clear receipt, he claimed a shortage against Howard of \$127 and extorted payment by threatening to boycott. Afterward Howard returned to Spartanburg. Though he was indicted, the case was not pressed against him, after exposure was threatened. Otherwise, the commission spent today piling up evidence of graft in sub-dispensaries. This evidence involved Dispenser Manning, at Cheraw, Dispenser Windham, at Sumter; ex-Dispenser Wilkes, at Darlington and Dispenser Davis, at Florence.

In the case of the Sumter dispenser, whom this community is proud of for his reputation as being about the best and straightest dispenser in the State, it was shown that he could not put aside the great and varied opportunities his position offered for graft. It was shown that his picking from the sale of boxes and bottles amounted to more than his salary, which he has been trying to get raised through a whiskey drummer's efforts with the board. He, at first, refused, but the commission finally asserted its authority to compel him to testify to a transaction which occurred while he was a member of the county board, when he was approached by J. E. Gallard and George W.

Reardon, on the eve of the election of a county dispenser in the interest of J. B. Raffield, telling Windham "it would be worth something to him" if he voted for Raffield. The latter was not elected, but a report was made of the offer to bribe. A letter from Windham to the State board was read, in which Windham complained against the impurities of a brand of apricot brandy, which, he said, caused Robert Terry to suicide while drunk on it.

WOULD NOT RESPOND TO SUMMONS.

Chairman S. S. Ingram, of the Chesterfield board, who would not respond to the summons of the commission, sent in an affidavit saying that business engagements prevented his coming and rendering a version of the transactions complained of there. It is expected that the commission's work here will be wound up tomorrow, when a number of important witnesses will go on the stand. Director Boykin will not go on the stand here, as had been expected. All the members of the board want to be heard at the same meeting, and, Chairman Evans being sick, and Director Towill being out of the State, the board has passed the latter over for the present.

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.

Working for the Orphans.

A recent movement set on foot by Howard L. Crumly of the Decatur (Ga.) Orphans Home, is likely to be of very considerable service in the near future to our orphan children. The proposition is that every man in the State, every woman, every child should set apart Sept. 23 (Saturday) of this year, the proceeds of his labor on that day, or whatever he can make, if he be not in business, to the support of the orphans in the institution he loves best. In this State Presbyterians will work for the Thornwell orphanage, Clinton; the Methodists for the Epworth orphanage, Columbia; the Baptists for the Connie Maxwell, Greenwood. Send promptly on the Monday following, the sum made or raised, to the institution of your choice. The help coming in at that time will tide over these institutions till the Thanksgiving and Christmas days. Send it, be it little or much. There are about 600 orphans in these institutions, and there are others besides. The Lutheran orphanage is at Salem, Va., the Hebrew orphanage is at Atlanta, Ga. Draw your check or money order in favor of the institution you prefer and mail it to the address given above.

—Save money by buying school books from B. C. Hough.

An Anti-Dispensary Victory

Judge Townsend Refuses to Grant an Injunction and Orders the County Board of Control to Close the Dispensary.

Union, September 5.—Judge Townsend has rendered his decision in the dispensary case. He holds the Brice law constitutional and orders the dispensaries in Union county closed. After reciting the various steps taken to have the recent election declared null and void, the opinion adjudged the Act of 1904 constitutional. That it has none of the vices charged against it in this case, and the petition, upon which the election was held, contained the requisite number of qualified electors; that said election was fairly and legally conducted and that it resulted in a decided majority for "No dispensary," which result was duly declared. Judge Townsend then holds it to be the duty of the defendants, the county board of control, to close the dispensaries, refuses the application for an injunction, and orders the dispensaries in Union county closed.

As was anticipated the original defendants in the cause, in their return to the rule to show cause, joined in the prayer of the complaint, namely, "that the injunction be granted." Prior to the day set for the hearing, men opposed to the dispensaries were made parties defendant. They successfully resisted the application. Copies of the opinion will be at once served on the parties. What further steps may be necessary must depend on the action of the board of control, but it is hoped that none other will be needed.

Columbia, September 5.—Mr. W. Boyd Evans, who represents the dispensary people at Union, received a message this afternoon from Union, stating that Judge Townsend had ordered the temporary injunction vacated, thus deciding that the Union election in the county was legal.

This would mean that the dispensaries would be closed at once, but Mr. Evans said tonight that he would go before Judge Townsend tomorrow for a stay of proceedings, and appeal to the Supreme Court.

A Mystery in Asheville.

Asheville, N. C., Sept. 5.—Charged with the murder of his brother-in-law, Floyd James was arrested this afternoon and lodged in jail, pending a preliminary hearing in the Police Court tomorrow morning.

James Dougherty was found dead on Sunday morning, August 27th, in the hallway of James's house, where he boarded. Although there was no external mark of violence, an autopsy revealed the presence of two large blood clots at the base of the brain. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of murder against a person or persons unknown, stating that the deceased had been done to death with a blunt instrument. There were no eyewitnesses to the deed. The prisoner declares that he is innocent of the crime with which he is charged.

—Huyler's candy fresh from the factory. J. B. Mackorell.

Treaty of Peace Signed.

An Epoch-Making Event in the History of Civilization—But Little Ceremony at the Signing.

Portsmouth, Sept. 5.—The treaty of Portsmouth was signed shortly before 4 o'clock this afternoon in the conference room of the navy general store at the navy yard. The firing of a national salute of 19 guns was the signal which told the people of Portsmouth, Kittery and Newcastle that the peace of Portsmouth was an accomplished fact and the church bells in the three towns were soon pealing forth a joyful refrain.

For forty-seven minutes those outside the conference room anxiously awaited the signal. Suddenly an orderly dashed to the entrance of the peace building, and waved his hand to the gunner a few feet away and the opening shot of the salute rang out on the clear air of the soft September afternoon proclaiming peace between Russia and Japan.

Up to the moment of signing the treaty, no word had broken the silence of the conference room. Throwing his pen aside, Mr. Witte without a word, reached across the table and grasped Baron Komura's hand. His conferees followed and the Russian and Japanese delegates remained for a moment in silence, their right hands tightly clasped across the conference table. The war was over—Russia and Japan were once more friends.

This simple ceremony was true, and deeply impressed the attaches and secretaries of the two missions, who, with the invited witnesses, had formed a large circle around the delegates sitting at the table.

News Of The State.

An Election in Oconee on Dispensary Issue.

Walhalla, Sept. 5.—Supervisor L. H. V. Hobson has decided that there is a sufficient number of names of qualified voters to the different petitions to call an election to vote upon "dispensary" or "no dispensary." The date of the election has not yet been announced.

An old Negro Killed by a drunken Rowdy.

Spartanburg, Sept. 5.—George McMillan, a negro aged 70 years, was shot and killed in his own house at Paolet Saturday night by a negro named "Dump" Scott. It seems that Scott went to the home of McMillan in a drunken condition and while the latter was remonstrating with him on account of his unruly conduct, Scott seized a gun from a corner of the room, leveled it at the old man and fired. The shot proved fatal. Scott then escaped and has been roaming at large ever since.

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Twelve Negroes Voted.

The Newberry Observer Throws Some Light Upon a Statement of the Hon. Coleman I. Blease.

The Charleston News and Courier prints a letter from its Newberry correspondent giving an interview with Senator Cole L. Blease concerning the recent election in Newberry County, in which the dispensary was voted out by a majority of three to one.

Mr. Blease makes the surprising statement that negroes voted in the election, and that they voted solidly against the dispensary, but he does not say the negro vote would have changed the result—Anderson Mail.

The election is over now, and further controversy is unprofitable; but the statement of Senator Blease should not pass unnoticed. He is quoted as saying in that interview, "I am glad also that the negro vote went solidly for 'no dispensary,' as we did not wish to win by that."

It might appear from this that the negro vote cut considerable figure in the election. There was probably not a negro vote outside the Newberry Court House box. At the box, according to the statement of Mr. Thos. F. Tarrant, a manager, twelve negroes voted—all complying with the law in having their registration tickets and their tax receipts. Of the twelve, eight voted "no dispensary" and four voted "dispensary."

In a majority of 553 the four negro majority could well be spared without affecting the result.

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One Fever Death in Atlanta.

Atlanta, Sept. 5.—Atlanta's only yellow fever case resulted fatally shortly after noon today. The patient, J. C. Caruthers, who arrived from Pensacola last Friday and who was sent to the detention hospital several miles from the city, died after an attack of yellow fever of a pronounced type.

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It might not be a bad scheme for the investigating committee to investigate the records in the express office at Columbia. Then it will be possible to say if legislators were under the domination of the liquor gang.—Greenville News.

A NEW JERSEY EDITOR'S TESTIMONIAL.

M. T. Lynch, Editor of the Phillipsburg, N. J., Daily post writes: "I have used many kinds of medicines for coughs and colds in my family but never anything so good as Foley's Honey and Tar. I cannot say too much in praise of it." Sold by Funderburk Pharmacy, C. O. Floyd, Kershaw, S. C.

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