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FIGURES AND FACTS

Much ado has been made as to how much abolishing the dispensary will increase the taxes of the tax-payers of Lancaster county. Much has also been said as to the effect it would have on the terms of the public schools. The unthinking man can perhaps be duped into voting to retain an institution in our county which is taking the bread out of the mouths of helpless mothers and children, that is placing the greatest temptation before our men and boys, in short, that is the greatest agency the devil has on earth, but the calculating man will not gulp down any and every statement he hears. If he be a Christian or a professing Christian, interested in the elevation of his fellowman, in the building up of a Christian citizenship, then figures one way or the other, will have no weight with him. Dollars cannot sway such a one from the plain path of his Christian duty. Bribes or graft in the way of reduction of his taxes will weigh naught with such a man.

But, there is a calculating class—men who count the cost, and it is this class to which we submit the following comparison of figures taken from the tax duplicates of 1891, the year before the dispensary was established, and 1904, the year just ended, from which it will be seen that taxes were much lower before the advent of the dispensary than they are now. The questions for these calculating men to consider are, were not affairs more economically administered then, than now? Does revenue derived from the sale of whiskey promote economy or encourage extravagance in the administration of public affairs? Perhaps these figures will aid him in reaching conclusions:

1891.

The Abstract of Duplicate for Lancaster county for 1891 shows the total taxable property to have been \$2,320,380—or \$373,445 less than in 1904; the State levy to have been 4 1/2 mills—1/2 mill less than in 1904; the levy for ordinary county purposes 3 mills—1 1/2 mills less than in 1904; for poor house and poor 1 mill—a tax which is not levied separate now but is included in the ordinary county; the constitutional 2 mill, the poll, the special railroad tax and a 4 mill special levy for the graded school constituted all the taxes, which aggregated \$36,413.99.

Itemized, the amounts raised were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Tax Category and Amount. Includes State tax (\$10,441.71), Ordinary county (6,961.14), For poor house and poor (2,320.38), Constitutional School (4,640.76), Graded school (1,683.40), Polls (2,706.00).

Including the special tax for interest on R. R. bonds the total was \$36,413.99.

1904.

The Abstract of Duplicate for 1904 shows the total taxable property to have been \$2,693,825—\$373,445.00 more than in 1891, yet the levies have increased all along the line. The State levy last year was 5 mills, and the ordinary county 4 1-2 mills, and the constitutional school tax 3 mills. Itemized, taxes charged last year were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Tax Category and Amount. Includes State tax (\$13,469.12).

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Including special tax for interest on R. R. bonds the total taxes charged to the county was \$59,228.03—or \$22,814.04 more than for the year 1891 ending Nov. 30, 1892. So it is evident from the figures that the dispensary has not reduced taxes, but, in round numbers, we are paying \$22,000. more taxes per annum in Lancaster county now than we paid the year before the dispensary was established. In addition to this the county gets \$6,000. or more from the dispensary profits.

WHERE THE SCHOOL MONEY COMES FROM.

There is a hue and cry as to what will become of the public schools when the dispensary is voted out of Lancaster county. Inquiry of Mr. Rowell, the ex-Supt. of Education, elicits the fact that the amount received last year from the dispensary fund by the schools of this county was sixty cents per scholar. How many schools in the county will close or shorten their terms for the loss of 60 cents per scholar? Where does the money come from which supports the schools now? A glance at the figures above will show. In 1901 the total taxes for all school purposes amounted to \$6,324.16. Last year the total taxes for school purposes were \$15,001.03—nearly \$9,000. more than in 1891. It is the special levies being made in school districts throughout the county that is building up good schools all over the county and not the pitiful sum of 60 cents per annum per scholar that is doing it. The sober, intelligent, progressive citizens of our country communities are doing what they can to build up a healthy moral and religious sentiment in the minds and hearts of the young by supporting good schools and churches in their midst. It is these progressive men who by special tax levies and individual help, and not the 60 cents per scholar which comes from the dispensary that gives you full school terms.

We have said enough. All we desire is that you study the figures and facts and reach your own conclusions.

"I do not hesitate to say," says Senator Tillman, "that I can find in the bible a dozen or two dozen texts recognizing the use of liquor to where you can find one that discourages it or denounces it."

We doubt not also that Senator Tillman could find a dozen men in hell who recognized the use of liquor to one who denounced it. The proposition may be even greater. We have no definite statistics on the subject—Keowee Courier.

Contempt of Court.

Raleigh, N. C., September 6.—The Supreme Court today denied the application of Ex-Mayor McCown, of Durham, N. C., for a writ of habeas corpus, and directed that he serve the term of thirty days in jail to which he was sentenced for cursing and striking Judge George Ward, of the Superior Court, because the Judge refused to increase the sentence of a negro who had killed McCown's brother-in-law.

D. Kinloch knocked Wm. Grayer in the head with a baseball bat Sunday morning in a dispute about 2 cents in a crap game at the "Eight Mile Store" on the Southern in Charleston county, killing him instantly. Both parties are colored.

11 Cents is the Demand.

Minimum Price Fixed for the Cotton Crop—Estimated Production 8,588,133 Bales.

Asheville, Sept. 7.—The Southern Cotton Growers' Association, in convention at Kenilworth Inn, to-night established a minimum price of 11 cents for the incoming cotton crop. This action was reached after a four hours, struggle in the minimum price committee's room this afternoon, and a joint secret conference of the committee and the general committee to-night.

The summary of the cotton crop of 1905-1906 as reported by the statistical committee of the Southern Cotton Growers' Association, to-day, is as follows; Production, 9,588,133 bales; percentage of condition as compared with last year, 73.3, and as compared with the government's estimate of 72.1. The yield is regarded as exceedingly small, as from ten to ten and a half million bales were expected.

The estimated yield of States of the crop of 1905-1906, and the percentage of condition as reported by the statistical committee is as follows:

Table with 3 columns: State, Bales, and Percentage of condition. Includes Alabama (1,021,639 bales, 74%), Arkansas (619,466 bales, 70%), Florida (54,019 bales, 69%), Georgia (1,361,180 bales, 73%), Indian Ter. (365,522 bales, 78%), Louisiana (656,952 bales, 58%), North Car. (530,064 bales, 77%), Oklahoma (307,602 bales, 86%), South Car. (791,697 bales, 73%), Tennessee (242,202 bales, 75%), Texas (2,382,762 bales, 74%), Mississippi (1,204,978 bales, 70%), Miscella (50,050 bales, 65%).

The Effort to Prevent the Closing of the Union Dispensaries Continues.

Special to News and Courier.

Union, September 6.—The dispensary fight continues to agitate the public mind. Several moves in the game were made today. The dispensary's attorneys appealed to Judge Townsend for an order staying the one he issued yesterday until the case could be appealed to the Supreme Court. This was promptly refused, where upon the dispensaryites closed their doors again and have kept them closed, but opened them during today.

Meantime notice of appeal had been served on the board of control under threat of mandamus proceedings, and it had ordered the dispensaries closed. On top of this the attorneys gave notice of appeal from Judge Townsend's order.

Notice was this afternoon served on the board of control that, unless it should at once take charge and control of all liquors in the hands of the various dispensaries in this town, as it is the board's duty to do, application for mandamus to compel the performance of this would be made. This morning the dispensaries were closed, but later in the day their doors were thrown open. No sales were made, however.

Messrs Boyd Evans and Lawson Melton have been here today in the interest of their clients.

Four Deaths out of Nine Cases of Typhoid in One Family.

Cor. of the Batesburg Advocate.

Yesterday evening Mrs. J. J. Boatwright died from this same disease, typhoid fever. Two of her children have already gone before and one more, Miss Grace, died today, Thursday. Mrs. Boatwright will be buried this afternoon at Hall Cemetery at this place. Mrs. Boatwright was a devoted wife

and mother and beloved by all who knew her. She was a consistent member of the church and will be sadly missed by the church and especially by her devoted husband and little children.

Mr Boatwright has lost three children and his wife within the last two week from typhoid fever. Another child is now sick, and five, having had the disease, are now up and getting well.

Farmers In The Saddle.

From the Sumter Item.

The anxiety of the cotton mill men to help the Southern Cotton Growers' Association in fixing the price of cotton is the most significant tribute to the strength of the Association's position that the organization has yet received. Heretofore the spinners and operators arrogated to themselves full power to fix the price of cotton from day to day, and they never once permitted the cotton growers to enter into their considerations. The cotton growers had to accept the price they offered for their cotton or not sell it at all. Last year this time the cotton spinners and the speculators, of whom Mr. Theodore H. Price is a leading figure, were laughing at the farmers and their proposed Association to regulate the price of cotton. But the demonstrated power of the Association has brought about a wonderful change in their attitude in the brief space of twelve months. The farmers are in the saddle now and if they will stick together and use their power wisely they can continue to fix the price of cotton for years to come. The whole secret lies in not producing sufficient to glut the market of the world and in not marketing the entire crop within ninety days to four months from the time the harvest season opens.

Letter to J. F. Mackey

DEAR SIR: Would you like to hear of a 20 year paint? Mr. James A. O'Neil's house, Henderson, N. C., was painted 20 years ago with Devoe lead-and-zinc, and never painted again till last year; it then looked better than common paint in half that time. The reason is: Devoe is all paint and true paint; while the common paints are part true and part false. Don't pay to monkey with paint. And Devoe costs less than any of 'em; not by the gallon, of course; by the house and year. That's how to reckon it. Go by the name. Yours truly, F. W. DEVOE & Co.

64 Lancaster Mercantile Co. sells our paint. No. 7858. TREASURY DEPARTMENT. Office Comptroller of the Currency Washington, D. C., Aug. 4, 1905. WHEREAS, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "The First National Bank of Lancaster", in the Town of Lancaster, in the County of Lancaster and State of South Carolina, has complied with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of Banking; NOW THEREFORE I, Thomas P. Kane, Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "The First National Bank of Lancaster", in the Town of Lancaster, in the County of Lancaster and State of South Carolina, is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in Section Fifty one hundred and sixty nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF witness my hand and Seal of office this Fourth day of August, 1905. T. P. Kane, Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency; O-10-'05.

Will Close the Dispensary.

Newberry, Sept. 6.—Dispensary Chappel, when seen by the correspondent of The State, stated he would close the dispensary immediately upon receipt of official notice of the recent election.

Bridges to Let.

I will let a contract to build a new bridge over Lower Camp Creek on the Browns Ferry road to the lowest responsible bidder on Thursday Sept. 21st, at 10 o'clock, a. m. Also one over big Camp Creek on what is known as the Green place, on the same day at 3 o'clock, p. m. Specifications to be known at place of letting, reserving the right to reject any and all bids.

M. C. GARDNER, Co. Supr. Sept. 8, 1905.

Notice of Discharge

Notice is hereby given that on the 23rd 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 23rd, 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.

Notice to Debtors and Creditors of J. Wren Tillman.

All persons having claims against the estate of J. Wren Tillman, deceased, will present them properly proven to the undersigned for payment; and all persons indebted to the said estate will make immediate payment to the same. B Cunningham, J. M. Yoder, Administrators. Aug. 30.—3 wk.

Notice of Discharge.

Notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of September, 1905, the undersigned as Administrator of the estate of Nannie C. Vanlandingham 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. W. J. Cunningham, Admr. Dated August 30th, 1905.

Bridge to Let.

I will re-let the contract to build a new bridge to the lowest responsible bidder over Bear Creek on the Potter road, near Mr. Russel Barton's, on Friday the 15th day of Sept., 1905, reserving the right to reject any and all bids. M. C. Gardner, Co. Suprv. Aug 30th 1905.

Advertisement for Berkshire Pigs For Sale. Includes image of a pig and text: 'APPLY TO H. B. HARRIS, PROPRIETOR, Health Springs, S. C.' and 'Berkshire Pigs For Sale'.

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BUY LAND!

Good Land, Better Land, Best Land.

Grand Opportunity to Buy Land Near the Town of Lancaster.

262 Acres, George F. Ferguson place at Elgin. Well improved, six-horse farm in cultivation. All necessary buildings. \$4,000. Terms reasonable.

65 Acres, 3/4 miles Northeast of town, dwelling, about one horse farm open for \$325 cash.

180 Acres, The Miller "Caton Craven place" in suburbs of town of Lancaster. Fine timber, bottom lands, and rest in good state of cultivation. Two tenant houses.

386 Acres, The Miller "Cane Creek place" 2 1/2 miles West of town, the best plantation in the county. Land lies well and in high state of cultivation. Eight or ten horse farm open. A bldg of cotton can be made to the acre. Good farm houses.

155 Acres, The Miller "Kelly place" 2 1/2 miles South of town, is all that a purchaser could wish. Pays for 2,500 pounds of lint. A good investment at the price.

130 Acres, The Miller "Hood place" South side of Cane Creek, 7 miles North of town. Some fine bottoms on this place. \$10. per acre.

12 1/2 Acres, The Phillips place, one mile East of town will be sold at a bargain.

215 Acres, Adjacent to lands of Mobley Parks. Two horse farm in cultivation. Probably 300,000 feet of lumber could be sawed from timber. Land lies well and easy to cultivate.

Terms on any of above tracts 1/3 cash and balance in one, two and three years with approved security.

550 Acres, Geo. W. Brown plantation, 8 miles west of town, on Catawba River, 100 acres in wood, 8 horse farm open, 2 white settlements, barn and stable, 6 tenements, schools and churches convenient. Terms 1/3 cash, balance in 1 and 2 years.

190 Acres, D. A. Funderburk "Minor E. K. Mon place" on Wild Cat Creek, 5 room dwelling; 2 tenant houses, 75 acres timber, 4 horse farm open, 1 1/2 miles of Tadesville, Tabernacle and Carnes' 8th of 8 (cash, balance in 2 years.

107 Acres, The Albert Blackmon place, near Primus. Easy terms.

182 Acres, 5 miles North-east of town, 2 story dwelling, 2 good tenant houses, barn, etc., 3 horse farm in cultivation, \$2,500. Terms can be arranged.

101 Acres, 3 1/2 miles North-east of town, Dwelling, e.c., 2-horse farm open. \$1,000. Terms can be arranged.

I also have some desirable town property and other county property. It will pay you to see me before buying and if you have lands to sell, will pay you to get me to sell for you on reasonable commission.

T. S. Carter, Agent.

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