

Greenville Grand Jury Reports Irregularities.

Member of County Board Overdrew Their Pay—Other County Officers Due Small Amounts.

Special to The State.

Greenville, Sept. 9.—Six former members of the county board of control who have overdrawn their salaries in amounts varying from \$30 to \$622, four having paid the money back to the county treasurer and two refusing to pay; one beer dispenser due nearly \$1,000 on August 1, which he has since paid; another beer dispenser the grand jury thinks is due about \$50 and the case is referred to the solicitor; former register of mesne conveyance short about \$470, which he has since paid; one magistrate due county \$42, which has since been paid; recommendation that special committee investigate books of former registers of mesne conveyance; only two or three magistrates making monthly reports and returns to auditor and treasurer as required by law.

The above are some of the items that go to make up one of the most sensational grand jury reports that has been handed in for a long while.

By way of introduction to the report of the grand jury it should be said that most of the shortages referred to above are sums of money that for one reason or another, in several instances were due to misunderstanding on the parts of the officials involved, and were promptly paid by the ones interested when the matter was brought to their attention.

Killed by State Senator E. S. Blease.

Charleston, S. C., Sept. 8.—A special from Saluda, S. C., says that Joe Ben Coleman, a well-known citizen of that town, was shot, and it is believed fatally injured, by State Senator E. S. Blease. The encounter was on the main street and Coleman received four wounds. Blease surrendered to the sheriff. No further particulars are known here.

(Mr. Blease was brother-in-law to dead man. He is a brother to Senator Cole L. Cleese, who figures so prominently in the dispensary investigation. One is Senator of Newberry and the other Senator from Saluda, adjoining counties.)

Saluda, Sept. 9.—“The death of Mr. Joe Ben Coleman on yesterday was caused on account of the discovery by me of intimate relations existing between Mr. Coleman and Mrs. Blease,” said Mr. E. S. Blease to a newspaper correspondent today.

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Will Raise Funds.

The Cotton Growers Adopt a plan to Provide Means for Maintaining the Association.

Asheville, September 8.—At the morning session of the Southern Cotton Association the report of the financial committee was heard and adopted. The committee recommended that a general field agent and organizer for the nation, as well as for the State, organizations, be appointed, whose chief duty it shall be to collect funds for the carrying out of the Association's aims and objects.

It is intended to raise \$100,000 for the National Association and \$100,000 each for the State and county associations. To secure these funds a tax of three cents on each bale of cotton raised by members of the Association will be levied. The report named E. D. Smith, of Columbia, S. C., as the field agent. It was not adopted, however, without vigorous discussion. It was advocated by Clark of Mississippi; Brown, of North Carolina; Hyatt, of South Carolina; and Moody, of Alabama, and opposed by Brook, of Alabama.

Census Report on Cotton.

Washington, Sept. 8.—The census office to day issued a report of the cotton ginned of the growth of 1905 to September 1, 1905, as follows: Counting round bales as half bales, 469,500 bales, as against 374,821 for 1904.

The report by States and Territories is given as follows: Alabama, 1905, 50,593 bales; 1904, 25,678. Arkansas, 1905, 56; 1904, 76. Florida, 1905, 2,380; 1905, 1,956. Georgia, 1905, 107,679; 1904, 61,706. Indian Territory, 1905, 92; 1904, 1,055. Louisiana, 1905, 4,649; 1904, 5,453. Mississippi, 1905, 4,480; 1904, 2,652. North Carolina, 1905, 3,024; 1904, 134. Oklahoma, 1905, 11; 1904, 43. South Carolina, 1905, 37,732; 1904, 4,215. Tennessee, 1905, 2; 1904, 1. Texas, 1905, 258,801; 1904, 271,871.

To be Resentenced.

Special to News and Courier.

Columbia, Sept. 8.—Deputy Sheriff Ballinger, of Greenville, came here to-day and returned to Greenville with Byrd and Creswell, the two negro men who are under sentence for the killing of Magistrate Cox, of Greenville County. Their appeal has been dismissed by the Supreme Court and the prisoners are being returned to be resentenced. A. K.

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.

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Senator Tillman's Speech Last Friday.

Lancaster special of the 8th instant to The News and Courier: In response to a numerous signed petition United States Senator B. R. Tillman addressed a Lancaster audience today on the dispensary. He spoke on Court House square and was attentively listened to by 500 or more persons. A number of ladies were in the audience and Mayor Wylie introduced the speaker.

The Senator stated in his opening remarks that it had been about eleven years since he had spoken here, but he had addressed Lancaster people often enough to feel at home among them. He expressed his appreciation of the frequent evidences in the past by the citizens of Lancaster of their good will and confidence in him, which he would continue to strive to deserve. He wished that he could be let alone, but would always respond to the call of the people, that he used to have somewhat of a reputation as a fighter, though he never had had but one or two personal difficulties in his life, the last being in Washington in the Senate.

NOT TO MEDDLE.

He did not come here to meddle in local affairs, but came because between three hundred and four hundred citizens of Lancaster petitioned him to come and talk dispensary. “You are competent,” he said, “to decide issues yourselves. You have always had the good sense to vote for me.”

Taking up the dispensary the Senator gave a complete history of the system from its inception down to the present. He explained why from his standpoint the original dispensary bill was substituted in the Senate for the prohibition bill that had passed the House. He reviewed the troubles he as Governor encountered in enforcing the dispensary law, going into details about the Darlington riot and giving the history of the dispensary in the courts, both State and national.

He declared the statement that he had tried to foist on the people what they did not want bore falsehood upon its face. Realizing that men love whiskey and will have it, he had in the dispensary simply endeavored to give the people a law that would minimize the evils of liquor selling and liquor drinking and divert the profits from the pockets of individuals to the State, counties and municipalities. Prohibition, he said, would produce hypocrites and liars. Edgfield tried prohibition once and the drug stores proved to be worse than saloons. The only way to stop the making of liquor is for the people to stop drinking it, which they will never do. The dispensary was designed to reduce the evil as much as possible. It was working all right until the Legislature began changing the law, first taking its control out of the hands of the Governor and turning it over to a board of directors.

The Senator did not mince words in referring to the members of the State board. He said they had ignored the pur-

poses of the law, that there is no law for beer dispensaries, that they had done enough lawlessness either of omission or commission to be removed, that Governor Heyward should call for their resignations and, failing to get them, he should chop off the directors' heads.

ACRES OF LABELS.

He alluded to a trip a director is alleged to have made to Cincinnati, taking bids for labels along in his pockets, and, while in that city, making a contract for the printing of about “30 acres of labels,” enough to last ten years probably. The Senator characterized the directors as cheap \$400 a year fellows, managing a three and a half million dollar business. He said he would give his salary for a year as Senator to be Governor three months in order to “clean out the infernal machine.”

Instead of voting out the dispensary and thereby losing the revenue and having the country overrun with blind tigers, Senator Tillman advised the people to send men to the Legislature who will purify the system. “Don't destroy the law,” he declared, “because a lot of fellows in Columbia have debauched it.”

If you have not sense enough to make a good law you must suffer like all fools for lack of gray matter in your heads.”

WANTS AN EXTRA SESSION.

Referring again to the State board the Senator said that if the Governor does not see proper to remove its members, since they had proved their unfitness to fill the position, he should call an extra session of the Legislature. Senator Tillman emphasized the loss that the schools will sustain if the dispensary is killed. “You country people,” he said, “for the first time in the history of liquor selling and liquor drinking, are now getting some returns from the sales of whiskey. You have had your school terms increased, which will be reduced if you vote out the dispensary.”

Toward the close of the Senator's speech he engaged in a good natured colloquy with the Hon. Mat Hough, of Chester County, which began by the latter asking Tillman if he did not think drinking had increased in the last five years.

The Senator replied that such was probably the case, but the increase was due to the dispensary authorities ignoring those provisions of the law intended to curtail sales, such as the request feature, etc.

Mr. Hough said something about seeing wine on the Senator's table, which the latter did not deny.

Senator Tillman's speech made a good impression, evidently strengthening the dispensary's cause in this county. C. T. C.

Indicted for Casting Ballots at Two Precincts.

Special to News and Courier.

Columbia, Sept. 8.—Solicitor Timmerman will at the next term of Court draw up another bill against J. D. Drawdy, charging him with perjury, in that he voted twice at the August election of 1904. The bill would have been drawn up at this term, as requested by the grand jury, but that body has been discharged for this term and a bill could not be presented.

Rand Powder Mills Entirely Wiped Out.

Nineteen of the Employees Are Known to be Dead—Were Seven Explosions in All.

Connellsville, Pa., Sept. 9.—The Rand Powder mills at Fairchance, six miles south of Uniontown, were entirely wiped out by an explosion at 9.05 o'clock today. Of the 32 men who went to work in the mill this morning, 19 are known to be dead. Of these 13 have been identified. Nine men, including C. M. Rand, manager of the plant, were seriously injured.

Scores of people in the town of Fairchance, within half a mile of the powder mills, were more or less painfully injured.

The shock of the explosion was distinctly felt in Connellsville, 20 miles away, buildings being rocked on their foundation. At Uniontown hundreds of panes of glasses were broken. In the town of Fairchance there is scarcely a house that did not suffer damage. The sides were battered as though axes had been used. Hay stacks were toppled over in the fields and live stock were stunned. The rails of the Baltimore and Ohio railway and the West Pennsylvania Traction company were rooted from the road bed and traffic was delayed from four to six hours.

When the bodies were recovered the work of identification was very difficult. Small pieces of bodies were picked up all over the place. These were not collected together and many sections of bodies were thrown back into the debris where they were found. Almost a half mile mountainward from the plant an office ever sleeve wet with blood was picked up.

The hole where the magazine exploded is about 15 feet deep and 50 yard-square. The earth, black and soggy, is thrown up in huge chunks, some of them weighing a hundred pounds. Under the high banks of earth thrown up at this place workmen are working with picks trying to get trace of more bodies.

Asking for New Trial.

Thomasville, Sept. 8.—The motion for a new trial in the cases of J. G. Rawlings and his sons, Milton, Jesse and Leonard, will be argued at the Thomasville Court House before Superior Court Judge Robert G. Mitchell tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Attorney John N. Cooper arrived this afternoon from Macon and Solicitor Thomas will be here at midnight.

Cooper will put up a hard fight and has a long list of reasons why the new trial should be granted. He seems hopeful of such a result, but the general opinion is that the matter will be carried to the Supreme Court, Judge Mitchell denying the motion.

The Rawlingses were sentenced to be hanged September 17 for the murder of two children of the Rev. W. A. Carter, at Ashira.

USED FOR PNEUMONIA.

Dr. C. J. Bishop of Agnew, Mich., says, “I have used Foleys Honey and Tar in three very severe cases of pneumonia with good results in every case. Refuse substitutes. Sold by Funderburk Pharmacy C. O. Floyd Kershaw, S. C.

Earthquake Kills Many.

The Fatalities Are Placed at 370 and the Extent of the Property Loss Cannot be Estimated.

Rome, September 8.—All Italy is suffering from terrible depression because of the news from the south, where one of the worst earthquakes ever experienced occurred today. Although the earthquake was felt all over Calabria and to a certain extent in Sicily, the worst news came from Pizzo and Monteleone and from 18 villages which are said to have been completely destroyed. According to the latest news received 390 persons have been killed and a great number injured. It is as yet impossible to even estimate the property losses.

The shock was felt at 2.55 o'clock this morning. It lasted for 18 seconds at Catanzaro and soon thereafter was felt at Messina, Reggio, Monteleone, Martirano, Stefani, Piscopio, Tribarni, Zammuro, Cossanti, Naida, Olivadi and other points.

Scenes of indescribable terror ensued.

Club Members Make Affidavits Which Relieve Them of Fines.

Special to The State.

Newberry, Sept. 9.—W. A. Fant and W. C. Tyree, recently fined \$75 each for gambling, appeared before Mayor Cromer this morning and made affidavit that they were not playing for money, in consequence of which the mayor remitted their fines and dismissed the case. Mayor Cromer had said in course of a public communication “if any one of these gentlemen will appear and swear that they were not playing for money, I will remit his fine and dismiss his case.” When Messrs. Tyree and Fant appeared this morning, the evidence of Policeman Koon was read to them word for word, they were sworn, and each made affidavit “that he has seen the testimony of Butler E. Koon in this case, that in the game of cards in the Palmetto club rooms on the night of August 28, 1905, concerning which the said Butler E. Koon testified in this case, the defendants were not playing for money, and there was no money on the table.”

Policeman Koon publicly states that he will immediately take steps to prosecute Messrs. Fant and Tyree for perjury.

Want a New County.

Special to News and Courier.

Columbia, Sept. 8.—It is understood that efforts are being made to establish a new county out of parts of Spartanburg and Greenville counties. The plan is to have a new county, with Greer as the county seat. The matter is still in the formative period.

Cotton Growers Adjourn.

Asheville, Sept. 8.—The Southern Cotton Growers' Association, in session at Kenilworth Inn, adjourned tonight to meet again in November at Hot Springs, Ark. A meeting will also be held in January at Montgomery, Ala.

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