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Our esteemed contemporary, The Review, is mistaken in supposing that The Ledger's editorial, "Figures and Facts," was intended to disprove its proposition that the abolishment of the dispensaries would increase taxes, or that we had The Review in mind when the said editorial was penned. The idea of comparing the tax assessments and levies for this county of 1891 and 1904 was suggested by seeing in some one of our exchanges a comparison of the tax levies in Marlboro and Greenwood counties (which have never had a dispensary) for 1901 and 1904 with the tax levies in a sister county, which had a dispensary, for the same years, the showing being very favorable to the prohibition counties which still had the same levy of 3 mills for county purposes while the dispensary county had raised its levy for county purposes a mill or one-half mill. Recalling that at its adoption a great many friends were made for the institution by the promises that the profits from it would lighten the burden of taxation, and noting that such was far from being the case in the county mentioned we thought we would compare the assessments of property and tax levies of Lancaster county for the year 1891, just prior to the establishment of the dispensaries, with the assessments of property and tax levies for 1904, after the dispensaries had been running twelve years, just to see how much taxes had been reduced. The result was given in "Figures and Facts"—showing that instead of taxes being reduced in Lancaster county its citizens were actually paying \$22,814.04 more of taxes into the treasury than was being paid by them for the year ending Nov. 1892, just prior to the establishment of dispensaries. Every man can draw his own conclusions as to what extent, if any, the dispensary is responsible for this increase. But, the fact remains that it now requires \$20,172.21 to defray the ordinary county expenses when in 1891, \$10,691.47 seemed sufficient for ordinary county purposes. Included in the above amount of \$20,172.21 is the \$6,063.50 the county received from the dispensaries—money of the "come easy, go easy" kind that is not calculated to promote economy.

Now, as to the statement made by us upon the authority of ex-Supt. of Education Rowell that all the dispensary money the schools received last year was 60 cents per scholar which The Review challenges, we will explain. The amount received per scholar from the dispensary given us by Mr. Rowell was for the school year ending June 30th of last year, while The Review's figures are for the scholastic year ending June 30th, of this year. The showing for the year just ended averages perhaps 10 cents more per scholar than the year quoted by Mr. Rowell. This is explained by some of the dispensary money for one year being received too late for the apportionment of that year and having to be carried over into the next year. In order to get the pro rata per scholar it is necessary to take several years together. Take for example, the last four years and take some of the very districts named by The Review, which, excepting the Sims school, is a fair

test for the whole county and let us see what the showing is: Taxahaw, about 45 cents per pupil per annum; Rich Hill about 30 cents; Dixie, which gets part of the deficiency fund and therefore gets above the general average, about 60 cents; Oakhurst, which has a special levy, about 44 cents.

The general average received per pupil per year during the four years including the deficiency fund has been about 56 cents. In the 33 districts which receive nothing from the deficiency fund the average has been about 45 cents per scholar per year during the four years.

As The Review says, kill the dispensary and the school terms will have to be shortened, perhaps five or six weeks, but, remember there are 33 schools that can run the full term for 60 cents more per scholar, while the other nineteen can have the full assurance that even the weakest school can run its full time for not over \$1.50 per scholar—and only three schools would require anything like this amount. Will the people be influenced by that? Will they refuse to vote out the dispensary, with its general demoralization and its corrupting influences on the body politic, rather than pay the few cents extra per scholar in order to run the schools five or six weeks longer? As expressed by the Winnsboro News and Herald: Better and longer schools are greatly to be desired, but they come too high if the public conscience has to be lowered. The small pittance of forty to sixty cents per pupil is a very small item as compared with the injuries that may be done through a system that calls for larger sales of whiskey to make it more effective and that at the same time has such a corrupting influence upon public morals. Certainly no one would voluntarily accept pay in order to have an iniquitous system thrust upon them. And yet that is exactly what is being done in keeping the dispensary in operation merely for the revenue that arises from it. This is carrying the service of mammon too far. Better far to part with a part of one's individual earnings for the support of longer schools than that they should be had in such a way as at present. It should certainly be more manly and would surely contribute to a higher standard of morals. Don't be deceived into holding on to the dispensary merely for the sake of revenue. There are other and higher things to be considered.

The county Auditor finished his abstract of taxes yesterday afternoon after the above was in type. By reference to it in another column it will be seen that \$444.77 from the 3 mill constitutional, \$969. from the dog tax and \$489 of polls—makes a total of \$1902.77, more than for last year that will be available for the general school fund. This will make up nearly half of the amount which now comes from the dispensary and it would only take about 30 cents more per scholar per annum to run the schools the same length of time as they are now run. What parent would object to paying this small amount? What child would not prefer picking cotton a day and earning the money to getting 30 cents aid per year on his or her education from the profits on the sale of whiskey?

We heard of a man saying on the streets the other day that he didn't care whether they voted out the dispensary or not, but that if it were voted out that he would save many a fifty cents that he didn't save now—and that fifty cents would buy a shirt.

Some say prohibition will not prohibit. Well, maybe not. But we might give it a trial. It has never been tried under existing conditions. We have never had as strong a prohibition law as the dispensary law is with the dispensary voted out.

Senator Tillman himself said in his speech here last Friday that the dispensary law as at present enforced had become a stench in the nostrils of all decent people. Can you afford to vote for a thing like that?

"If you vote out the dispensary," was said to a man who is interested in schools, "you won't get as much school money as you've been getting." "That's all right," he said; "we can put on a special levy and raise the money that way. And we'll be glad to do it to get rid of the dispensary."

When you sell cotton what money you don't spend put it in the bank. It is safer than caring for it yourself. And to put it in the bank keeps it in circulation and helps business—helps the country and incidentally helps you.

It is not much use to ask how most men with boys growing up are going to vote. They are going to vote "No dispensary."

Conditions are different now from what they were under former prohibition laws. We have had thirteen years education under the dispensary and are now better prepared to enforce prohibition.

Senator Tillman's speech was said to be about as strong an argument against the dispensary as for it, and we have heard of at least one man who after hearing it changed from a dispensary advocate to against it. He said he could not vote for a thing as rotten as the Senator said the dispensary was, that he had never believed the stories of rottenness until he heard Tillman himself say they were so.

The Russian Envoys are Homeward Bound.

New York, Sept. 12.—The Russian commissioners who successfully concluded a treaty of peace with the envoys of Japan at Portsmouth, N. H., started on the return to St. Petersburg today, sailing on the Kaiser Wilhelm II.

GREATLY IN DEMAND

Nothing 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.

Heavily Insured.

From Spartanburg Journal. Leroy Springs, banker and manufacturer, of Lancaster, S. C., has recently taken out life insurance policies amounting to \$225,000.

Notice to Road Overseers.

To all of the Overseers of the Public Roads in Lancaster County: By order of the Grand Jury, you will all meet me at my office on the first Monday in October next, to make a report how many days work each of you have put on your road in this year, and what condition your road is in, that require not less than four days up to that time. Also report how many county tools you have and what kind.

M. C. GARDNER, Co. Supr.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

On the Question of "Dispensary" or "No Dispensary" in Lancaster County.

State of South Carolina County, County of Lancaster.

NOTICE is hereby given that an election will be held at the several precincts established by law in Lancaster county on Tuesday, October 3rd, 1905, on the question of "Dispensary" or "No Dispensary" in said county.

Polls at each voting place will be open at 7 o'clock a. m. and close at 4 o'clock p. m.

The following named persons have been appointed managers of said election, at the various precincts, as follows, to wit:

Lancaster: R R Riddle, Geo W Williams and J E Blackmon.

Thornwell: J R Thompson, J Roy Cunningham and T F Chlp.

Van Wyck: J W Crenshaw, J M Yoder and M Griffin.

Belair: D S Wilsn, C W Harris and J A Kell.

New Cut: J Davis Flynn, H C Steele and R L L Blackmon.

Tradeville: T W McNeely, Geo W McManus and A C Rowell.

Dwight: E B Lingle, J O Porter and R L Usher.

Taxahaw: W P McManus, Wm Cook and W J Belk.

Welsh's: Robert F Long, J M Hilton and W S Faulkenberry.

Flat Creek: W T Pitman, J F Gardner and R L Blackwell.

Haile Gold Mine: W T Blackmon, A S Broom and W R Williams.

Kershaw: B A Hilton, E R Horton and R L Blackmon.

Heath Springs: L M Bell, A P Horton and Berry Mobley, Sr.

Primus: J D Hinson, B F Adams and Geo W Ellis.

Elgin: J Wylie Porter, A J Bailey and F Ferguson.

Carmel: W T Vanlandingham, S V Stover and R J McIlwain.

Montgomery: J M Williams, W T Hilliard and W L Croxton, Jr.

Lancaster Cotton Mills: J T Davis, D A Knight and C T Hardin.

Pleasant Valley: R W Doster, J Z Bailes and W E Hall.

On the day of the election the managers must organize by the election of a chairman and clerk if necessary. The chairman elected is empowered to administer oaths to the other managers and to the voters.

The managers have the power to fill any vacancy and if none of the managers attend the citizens can appoint from among the qualified voters three managers, who after being sworn can conduct the election.

At the close of the election the managers and clerk must proceed publicly to open the ballot boxes and to count the ballots therein, to continue without adjournment until the same is completed, make a statement of the result, and sign the same.

Within three days thereafter the chairman of the board, or some one designated by the board, must deliver to the undersigned the poll list, and boxes containing the ballots and a written statement of the result of the election—the boxes to be locked and sealed immediately after counting the votes.

One of the above named managers for each precinct must call upon the undersigned at the Court House on October 2nd, 1905, to receive ballot boxes, poll lists, instructions and tickets and also to qualify. Dated September 11th, 1905.

John T. Green, Ch'rm., S. D. Taylor, E. C. Seacrest, Commissioners of Election for Lancaster County.

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, Sept. 8, 1905. Co. Supr.

APPLY TO BANKERS R B MCKEY, PROPRIETOR Health Springs, N. C.

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Sample bottle free if you write Checkers Medicine Co., Winston-Salem, N. C.



A wise man gives cross women and crossed electric wires a wide berth.

—A woman may beat her husband (talking) but she makes him beat the carpets.

—It is better to have warts on your hands than freckles on your disposition.

—The trial of A. R. Sullivan, a dispenser at Laurens, charged with shortage, will come off next week at Laurens.

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.

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. I. 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



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, is 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.

BUY LAND!

Good Land, Better Land, Best Land.

Grand Opportunity to Buy Land Near the Town of Lancaster.

56 Acres. On Monroe and Lancaster road, 1 horse farm open, 30 acres in forest. All open land fresh except 8 acres. \$12.50 per acre.

100 Acres. 10 miles North of Lancaster on Monroe road, 2-horse farm open, well terraced, 35 acres in woods. Two story 7-room dwelling, crib, barn, gear room, cotton house, meat house and one tenant house. Price \$1,700.

200 Acres. 5 miles N. of Lancaster on Charlotte road, 3 horse farm open, fine woodland and bottoms. \$10. per acre.

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

65 Acres. 3 1/2 miles Northeast of town, dwelling, about one-horse farm open for \$525. cash.

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

380 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 bale 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. Rents 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: 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 woods, 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 Blackmon 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 Carmel's shops, 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 it will pay you to get me to sell for you on reasonable commission.

T. S. Carter, Agent.

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