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When the dispensary was established it was thought that it would mean a great deal to the people from a pecuniary standpoint. It was the Utopian dream of its originators that the profits from the sale of whiskey would go overflow the coffers of the State with money that it would no longer be necessary to levy a tax on property; that the burden of taxation would be shifted from the property holder to the shoulders of the poor drunkard. This dream has not been realized. Not will it ever be. For drinking men have awoke to a realization of the fact that the special tax levied on them and collected through the dispensary for the benefit of the towns, for county purposes and for the maintenance of the schools, is the main argument of the advocates of the dispensary for its continuance, and on October 3d they will vote to close this tax collecting office in Lancaster county.

What church member would vote to retain in his church a member who had accepted the position of dispenser? Can a church member with any more consistency vote to retain an institution in his county established to make drunkenness profitable to his mother State? Is it any greater wrong to run a dispensary than to vote for a dispensary?

We never had prohibition under present conditions and we cannot tell how it would work, but there is reason for believing that it would work better than formerly. It used to be that drug stores could sell whiskey under a prescription, but they can't do this under the law we will have after the dispensary is voted out. The drug store that handles whiskey descends to the level of the ordinary blind tiger and we do not believe there is a druggist in the county that would risk that, or would stoop to that level if there were no risk involved.

In a strong editorial this week the Keowee Courier calls upon the people of Oconee county to banish the dispensary. "It has been weighed in the balance and found wanting," says the Courier. "Its path has been and is the same old trail of the serpent. It debauches manhood in high and low places alike. The curse of God rests upon it, and it must be banished from our midst." And that is the way to talk. Why submit eternally to outrages just to escape the payment of a paltry tax?—Greenville News.

[For The Ledger.  
To Celebrate His Hundredth  
Birthday.

Mr. Editor: Please favor me by stating that people of two States have decided to honor me with a birthday celebration on Oct. 17th, 1905, at my residence 7 miles South West of Monroe, N. C. I will be one hundred years old on that day. Tongue cannot express my gratitude to God for the sweetness of his gracious gifts through life, especially in old age. All are expected to bring well filled baskets and have a nice dinner. Respectfully,  
Hiram D. King.

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Speech at Marion.

Senator Tillman spoke last Saturday at Marion in behalf of the modification of the dispensary law. Among other things he said:

"The first flagrant and outrageous violation of the law to which I want to direct your attention is the matter that has been going on for several years. The legislature does not see it. I believe as far as I can see there seems to be a conspiracy in the legislature to put men in charge of this matter who will bring it into disrepute for the purpose of killing it. They have elected and reelected men whose records and reputations did not warrant their being placed in charge of so large a business. On page 36 of the dispensary law you will find provision that every dollar of the profit on the liquor business belongs to the State school fund, to be distributed among the counties, and a positive order that it shall not exceed \$400,000. What is their last report? Nine hundred thousand dollars worth of whiskey on hand held by the local dispensers and by the State board in stock at Columbia, and still buying.

## REQUEST BOOKS

"Another provision of this law is that no man shall be allowed to purchase liquor unless he gets a request book and writes his name in it and states the quantity he wants, and signs his own signature to it. Has that been done? No. No request books have been used for several years. I am told, except here and there. Here are two of the most impor-

tant provisions of the law in regard to the sale of liquor trampled under foot for years by this board of directors, and in the face of the fact that they have \$900,000 in stock they made the other day a bid for a whole lot more. When county after county is voting the dispensary out, they go piling up the stock, increasing the quantity, when probably one-third of the counties will in the next three months say, 'You shall not sell liquor from a dispensary in this county.' What will we do? Are we helpless? Is it anybody's business to make these people obey the law?

## LABELS.

"One of the directors having advertised for bids on labels for the liquor they have been getting in bulk, went to Cincinnati, according to the testimony of the clerk in the dispensary, and carried with him the bids he had received in his pocket (I have from good authority that Bryan of Columbia and one or two other printing houses said they would have been glad to get the jobs at half the prices paid) and purchased 11,000,000 labels, and the labels are in Columbia now. This is another evidence of the mismanagement and the extravagant wasteful way in which they conduct this great business.

## Scholarships Awarded.

At a meeting of the State board of education in Columbia last Friday, the recommendation for appointments to scholarships in the several State Colleges were approved. The appointments for Lancaster county were as follows:  
Citadel—C. M. McMurray and Jessie Mobley.  
Winthrop—Susie Bell.  
South Carolina College—W. M. Duncan, C. M. McMurray.

Proceedings of the Cotton Growers' Association Monday.

The County Cotton Growers' Association, pursuant to the call of President Smith, of the State association, held an enthusiastic meeting in the court house Monday. President Strait presided and Secretary Jones was at his post. A letter from President Smith was read, setting forth the necessity of members paying into the state treasury 3 cents per bale, as directed by the national association. An interview with President Smith as published in The State was also read.

On motion the action of the Asheville meeting in fixing 11 cents as the minimum price for selling cotton was unanimously endorsed.

The following resolution, offered by Mr. John T. Green, was adopted without a dissenting vote:

Resolved, that with a view of aiding the Southern Cotton Association in its efforts to secure for the cotton planter the minimum price of 11 cents for the present crop, the Lancaster Cotton Growers' Association in regular meeting assembled, do hereby earnestly call upon the merchants and bankers of this county to aid in this movement to benefit the southern farmer, by extending to those indebted to them, as much indulgence as possible, so as to enable them to hold their cotton until they can secure 11 cents for it.

Also the following resolution, offered by Mr. Geo. W. Jones:

Resolved, That all landowners make every effort in their power to aid in every reasonable way the tenants in holding their cotton; and where tenants can

not hold, then to pay them current prices and the landowners themselves hold the cotton.

On motion the following committees were appointed to organize their respective school districts and to collect the 3 cents a bale referred to:

Caston—P. W. Twitty, W. L. Criminger.

Union—E. M. Hinson, W. M. Estridge.

Dixie—H. C. Steele, T. S. Riddle, T. M. Belk.

Cedar Creek—B. A. Gainer, A. H. Carter.

Fork Hill—G. W. Ellis, J. S. Marshall.

Rich Hill—N. B. Small, J. W. Blackmon.

Tradesville—Butler Funderburk, W. J. Funderburk.

Bethlehem—E. B. Lingle, D. A. Funderburk.

The Association adjourned to meet again on Saturday, the 30th instant, when President Smith is to be invited to be present. Secretary Jones requests that all clubs that have not yet paid their dues be prepared to do so at the meeting on the 30th.

### Notice to all Persons Indebted to the Lancaster Mercantile Co.

As you well know we made some business changes the first of last year, and it is absolutely necessary that we must collect all past due notes and accounts, in order to settle with the late members of our concern, therefore we now ask our friends who we have been so liberal with to now make arrangements at once to pay us, past due notes and all accounts not settled promptly will be placed in hands of our lawyer for collection. Yours truly,  
LANCASTER MERCANTILE CO.

## NOTICE.

Pursuant to a commission issued by the Secretary of State, the books of subscription of The Lancaster Publishing Company will be open until noon of Thursday September 21st, 1905, at the office of Chas. D. Jones, Esq., in the town of Lancaster, South Carolina.

Dated September 15, 1905.

Leroy Springs,  
R. E. Wylie,  
Chas. D. Jones,  
Corporators.

### Letter to Funderburk Co. Lancaster, S. C.

DEAR SIR. A painter complained that our cans are too full; unhandy; spill

It's a way we have; 'tis handier not to be full; but we have a weakness for full-measure.—Our gallon contains eight pints; the usual "gallon" is seven.

We'll think it over again; but we like a full can. How much short would you like a barrel? Seven gallons would be the proportion.

Short-measure suggests that the shortage is probably not in the cheapest ingredient.

Guess we'll stick to four quarts to a gallon, and fifty gallons a barrel.

The name to go by is Devoe lead-and-zinc.

Yourstruly,  
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The world renowned Drew-Selby and the guaranteed solid leather Godman shoes are our standards. The ladies tell us we have the prettiest line of shoes in town. Come see for yourself and be convinced of this fact.

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Our new Milliner MISS DERAGON has arrived and will be pleased to talk with you about the newest styles in Hats and the leading shades for this season which are Prune and London Smoke.

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