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Marion County voted the dispensary out last Tuesday by a vote of nearly five to one. That is about as good as Lancaster will do. In 1892 Lancaster voted five to one for prohibition and we see no reason why she should not do as well or better in the approaching election, Oct. 3d.

At the meeting of committee investigating the dispensary at Sumter a letter was read from a dispenser in one county to the dispenser of another county saying that he had heard that they were going to get up a petition in that county to have an election on the dispensary question, and asked if it were true—said that if it were they could get help from the State board and kill the scheme once for all. Where does the State board get money to fight for the dispensary? And how do they get it? And whose money is it?

A member of the Legislature from Richland county announces himself a candidate as a member of the State board of control. He needn't exert himself. By the time the Legislature meets there will be no board.

When the dispensary was established it was said to be a "step toward prohibition." After thirteen year's trial is it not time to take the next step?

If prohibition proves a failure as so many fear it would we could go back to the dispensary.

Former United States Senator McLaurin three months ago delivered a strong Anti-Dispensary speech in Marion county, and last Saturday United States Senator Tillman delivered an impassioned Pro-Dispensary oration, but we do not believe that the result of Tuesday's voting in the county should be regarded as the measure of the relative political strength of the two statesmen.—News and Courier.

Notwithstanding the fact that the state has a stock of \$900,000 worth of liquor on hand, and the further fact that four counties have voted out the dispensary with elections pending in many others, which will greatly reduce the consumption of intoxicants, the liquor buying by the directors goes merrily on. Senator Tillman said at Marion on Saturday: "They keep buying and buying—for what? I can't see anything else but that they may be getting a rebate or a commission, and unless they do buy they can't get the commission."—Edgefield Advertiser.

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A Desperate Fight Ends In Dispensary Defeat.

An Overwhelming Majority Against the Dispensary In a County Heretofore in its Support.

Special to The State.

Hamer, Sept. 19.—Hamer precinct cast 78 votes, not one in favor of the dispensary. Men went back home six miles to get tax receipts in order to vote.

Mullins, Sept. 19.—After trying all conceivable tricks to defeat the antidispensary movement, the liquor people ran up on a disastrous defeat at the polls today. They began at the registration books, and first refused to grant certificates, or endeavored to postpone the same until too late to be legal; then they opened the books less than 30 days before the election and registered all the voters possible; then they sought an injunction against the appointment of managers of election; the coming of Senator Tillman followed, and the dispensary client claimed that all things were now ready for the fray. Yesterday the final death stroke was attempted, when they circulated the report that an injunction had been secured and no election would be held. It seemed no stone was left unturned. But all to no avail, they went up against a hard proposition today in the shape of the votes of the citizenship of the county, and the following is the result: For dispensary, 226; against dispensary, 1,089. Fork is the fourth box to give not even one vote for the dispensary.

A Cherokee Blind Tiger.

The People Won't Stand for the Sale of Whiskey.

Gaffney Ledger.

Ed Durham has again been arrested for selling liquor. It was only about a month ago that he was arrested and fined \$100 for this offense, but the fine was reduced to \$50 on his promise not to violate the law again. Durham is the son of a poor but respectable citizen. His father and wife are pained beyond measure at his doings. He had the sympathy of a lot of people in his former trouble, but those who were inclined to be lenient with him are incensed at his conduct. We regret to see him in this trouble on account of his father and wife, but he should be taught to respect the law and the only way to do that seems to be to punish him to the fullest extent of the law. The people of Cherokee did not vote out the dispensary to give Ed Durham or any other man the right to sell liquor. The dispensary was voted out because it was the desire of a majority of the people that no liquor should be sold by anyone. Ed Durham and all others must learn that they must respect the law. There are some others who are selling liquor around here. If they are wise they will cease it at once, or they, too, will find themselves behind the bars of the county jail. We want to say just here that the fact that Durham has been caught twice is no argument against voting out the dispensary. Whiskey drinking in this county has been reduced about 90 per cent.

In spite of Ed Durham and others of his ilk. This is a pretty good record, but we want to see the law enforced so strictly that no one will even think of trying to operate a blind tiger.

The inquest in the case of Joe Ben Coleman, who was shot and killed by Eugene Blease, at Saluda, on Saturday, the 9th instant, was held last Saturday. The testimony as to the killing was about as published. Additional facts were to the effect that Blease had known of the intimacy between his wife and Coleman for quite a long time. He had told Coleman to take Mrs. Blease and leave the country; but Coleman declined. Then he warned Coleman to stay away from Mrs. Blease. At the final meeting in the store, Blease told Coleman that he must promise to leave the country and never come back, or he, Blease, would kill him. Coleman said he was willing to go but because of his business interests he would not promise not to come back. Blease repeated his demand and Coleman continued to urge that he could not stay away. Then Blease begged Coleman to arm himself. Coleman declined, and Blease gave him a derringer. Then bystanders seized Blease, Coleman ran and Blease broke loose and commenced firing. Coleman was killed as already stated.

It is charged that one of the dispensaries in Columbia is shipping whiskey to parties in Union and Newberry Counties. This must be a violation of the dispensary law, and should be stopped.—Orangeburg Times and Democrat.

Commander Johnson Sentenced To Hang.

Conviction for Murder of Rev. Harmon D. Grainger - New Trial for the Woman.

Special to The State.

Conway, Sept. 20.—The court of general sessions held here last week adjourned Saturday. The case of the State vs. Commander Johnson and Charlotte Simmons, charged with the murder of Rev. H. D. Grainger, a prominent Baptist minister, at his home, near Sanford, on the 24th of last June, was called Thursday morning. The defendants were represented by W. B. Wait, Esq. Solicitor Johnson took care of the prosecution. About 35 witnesses were sworn by the State and the defense offered no testimony. The case was given to the jury about 8.30 o'clock Friday night and after remaining out all night, on Saturday morning the jury returned a verdict of "guilty as to Commander Johnson, guilty as to Charlotte Simmons with recommendation to the mercy of the court." A motion for a new trial was granted as to Charlotte Simmons and she was allowed bail in the sum of \$500. The motion was denied as to Commander Johnson and Judge Gary sentenced him to hang on the second Friday in December. Considerable interest was manifested in this case and the court house was crowded, almost to suffocation, during the trial.

Rev. Harmon D. Grainger was shot down between the plow han-

dles as he was plowing corn in his field. Suspicion pointed to Commander Johnson as the assassin, and at the inquest the coroner's jury charged him with the crime and Charlotte Simmons with being an accessory. At the trial the alleged motive charged by the State was that Johnson had had some trouble with Rev. Grainger about some cross-timber and as a further motive that Grainger had threatened to prosecute Johnson and the Simmons woman for living in open adultery.

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