

Of State Tax Commission Shows How Tax Money Was Spent

Analysis of the 1921 bill, has been prepared by the Tax Commission and is published in the forthcoming body to the last legislature compiled by the commission. The figures make interesting reading to this statement of the 12 mill levy made for purposes of education, pensions, penal and public institutions and public guard a little more than leaving slightly less for all other purposes from the report is as follows:

The statement gives a breakdown of the last appropriation Act, showing appropriations were distributed of interest to note that expended for public education, Confederate war work, and State Insane, exceeds \$5,000,000.00.

State officers, salaries and their expenses \$321,800

Department of Agriculture 119,155

Benefit judges, and stenographers 120,067

Salaries of auditors and accountants 115,933

Salaries for and expenses of State offices 27,000

Salaries not included in the College: 1,501,930

Public 928,768

551,500

226,147

566,297

Infirmary	62,000
Charitable and correctional institutions, which include State Hospital for the Insane, school for feeble minded, and reformatories:	
Maintenance	1,074,035
Buildings	100,000
State Board of Health (not including salaries)	185,275
For support of national guard	26,310
Interest on State bonded debt	247,299
Elections	10,000
Law enforcement fund, expended by the governor	28,400
New heating plant for the State House	34,380
Amount for activities of State Highway Department, Commissioner of Agriculture, State Warehouse Commissioner, Insurance Commissioner, State Bank Examiner, Game Warden, and contingent fund for minor objects (This does not include salaries)	288,029
Making a total appropriation of	\$6,534,925

Of this appropriation there will be raised and paid into the State Treasury by collections from franchise and capital stock tax and charter fees, and collections made by the University and colleges and correctional and charitable institutions, and fees collected by the following departments: Insurance Commissioner, Highway Commission, Department of Agriculture, State Bank Examiner, State Warehouse Commissioner, Game Warden and others \$1,500,000.00. Making the amount paid by property (in round numbers) \$5,000,000.00.

LYCEUM ATTRACTION TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH.

Characters which never offend or portray anything falling short of dignity and refinement.

First and fundamentally, Mr. Ratto feels that the greatest art is the art of pleasing and the real artist is the one who pleases artistically. This is and always will be the foundation of all his programs.

Mr. Ratto's programs are full of life and action with not a dull moment. They consist of the types of characters one meets in the average American communities or of noted men past and present.

He presents his characters in "make-up," penciling in full view of the audience, telling an appropriate story the while. Penciling finished, he turns to the table mirror, adjusts his wig and faces about to surprise his audience with the accuracy of a character distinct in appearance, speech and action and with a personality all its own.

To the communities where Mr. Ratto has appeared and who care to consider him for a return engagement, the Bureau heartily endorses him not only as presenting an excellent program but as an unusually good drawing card in door sales.

Nearly twenty-five per cent. of Mr. Ratto's bookings are return dates. In many places he has appeared from three to six times.

The Redpath Bureau heartily endorses Mr. Ratto as one of the most consistent successes on its list.

Though the season ticket sale has closed, there are numbers of good seats left, and anyone who was not fortunate enough to secure a season ticket should nevertheless be sure to attend this attraction for it is one of the best on the entire course.

And remember!—All profits go to the School Improvement League.

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DOG TAX LAW IN FORCE

Although something like 4,000 dogs were returned for taxation in Lexington county last year, less than 300 dogs have been accounted for at the treasurer's office so far this year under the new law, which requires the payment of \$1.25 for each dog over six months old. The attorney general has written an opinion to the effect that unless the dog tax is paid by December 31st the owner of the dog is liable to criminal prosecution and subject to a fine of \$5 to \$20.

Unless there is a decided pickup in the number of dog tags applied for between now and December 31 many persons will subject themselves to a heavy fine.

As the law is a new one and there appears to be some misunderstanding about it, W. J. Smith, county treasurer, requests The Dispatch-News to again call the attention of the people to it, and urge upon them to secure their tags prior to the close of the year regardless of whether or not they intend to pay other taxes before that date.

For the information of the public the law is again printed as follows:

The Act.

"Section 1. Annual dog tax imposed: Be it enacted by the general assembly of the state of South Carolina, that from and after the passage of this act there shall be levied on all dogs, six months old or older, in the state of South Carolina, an annual tax of \$1.25 per head.

"Section 3. That every owner of a dog shall be required to collar and place the aforesaid dog tax upon the said collar, except when such dog shall be used for the purpose of hunting or when such dog shall be upon a chase or hunt.

"Section 4. Any person owning, harboring or maintaining a dog, failing or refusing to return and pay the tax aforesaid, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than \$5 or more than \$20, one-half of which shall go to the person reporting said failure to pay said tax, and one-half to the public school fund in which said delict occurs."

PARTRIDGE SEASON OPENS

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TOWN ELECTION HELD FOR TWO COUNCILMEN.

The second election to fill two places on town council was held Monday and resulted in the election of T. P. Meetze and Rufus Powell. The first election was held two weeks ago, when a mayor and four councilmen were elected, but due to a tie vote for the other two places a second election was necessary.

The newly elected town council will consist of the following gentlemen: S. J. Long, mayor; J. A. Harman, R. F. Roberts, B. R. Harman, T. P. Meetze, Rufus Powell and W. P. Roof, Jr.

The next regular meeting of council will be held on Monday night, December 12, at which time the newly elected members will be sworn in and take over the management of the town.

A special meeting of council was held Monday night last for the purpose of declaring the result of the election, no other business being transacted.

The retiring members of council are: B. H. Barre, H. N. Kaminer, J. E. Kaminer, Barney Floyd and H. A. Roberts.

BLEASE TO RUN FOR GOVERNOR

Both the Charleston News & Courier and the Charleston American, under date of November 24, 1921, carried the announcement of former Governor Coleman Livingston Blease that he would undoubtedly be a candidate for governor in the coming election, from the latter paper the following clipping is taken:

Former Governor Cole L. Blease announces his candidacy for the governorship of South Carolina and will be a candidate in the Democratic primary of next summer, according to a letter made public yesterday.

Mr. Blease's letter, which contains the definite announcement of his entry in the race, was written to Hon. A. John Boggs of Pickens. The letter contains also the outline of Mr. Blease's platform.

The race promises to be a warm affair, as there are at least a half dozen others anticipating to pitch their "hats into the ring." Francis H. Weston of Columbia, former United States district attorney, announced several days ago that unless he changed his mind he will be a candidate. State Senator George Washington Wightman of Saluda, who is also known as "Battle Axe," is said to be seriously considering taking a chance with the voters. Former Congressman Lever is regarded as a sure entry.

Probable Candidates.

Others whose names are mentioned as probable candidates are former Lieutenant Governor Bethea, former Attorney General Thomas H. Peoples, State Senators Marion of Chester and George Laney of Chesterfield, Mendel L. Smith of Camden; Col. Holmes P. Springs of Greenville and W. G. Query of the state tax commission.

If Governor Cooper is elected to the justiceship of the state supreme court in January he would be succeeded by Lieutenant Governor Wilson G. Harvey of Charleston, and whether Mr. Harvey would offer for re-election to the office is yet unknown. Mr. Harvey's name has frequently been mentioned as a candidate.

Mr. Blease's Announcement.

Mr. Blease's letter to Mr. Boggs reads as follows:

"My Dear Friend: Your letter of the 16th instant received, and I appreciate very much indeed the kind expressions contained therein from you and from those whom you speak.

"I have received similar letters and personal requests, such as yours contains, from many people, and I feel most highly complimented that those who have been my friends in the political campaigns in the past were so well pleased with my record that they are again requesting me to represent them, and I feel flattered that so many of those who hitherto have never supported me are expressing themselves personally and through letters, and like those who spoke to you through others, requesting that I become their spokesman and representative. I am now giving you, in writing, my first definite reply.

Will Be Candidate.

"I shall be a candidate (if it be the will of God to spare me both health and life) for the governorship in the campaign of 1922. Not that I have any further personal ambition along that line, but because there seems to be an earnest and sincere desire on the part of a great many of the people of this state that I do so. I would feel that I was not true if my people believe that I can serve them in any capacity, however humble it may be, and declined to do so.

"I shall repeat in my campaign the old slogan of the 1910 campaign, which was: The reduction of taxation; the abolition of all useless offices, clerkships, etc.; the enforcement of all laws to the letter, for if they be good, their enforcement will lead to the upbuilding and uplifting of our state and our people; if they be bad, our people will soon demand and cause their repeal. If a law is good, it should be enforced; if bad, the quickest way to secure its repeal is by enforcement. Give me a poor government and a rich people, in preference to a rich government and a poor people; for when you make a rich government and thereby impoverish the people, you reverse democracy and create dissatisfaction and

ATTEND WEDDING IN JOHNSTON.

Mrs. A. D. Martin and Misses May Lois Boozer and Annie Lou Taylor attended the Rheden-Oaks wedding in Johnston Tuesday.

COMMON PLEAS COURT OVER THIS WEEK.

The third week of common pleas court for Lexington county convened Monday morning with the bulk of the work of the court already finished, and with the possibility of all jury cases on the roster being finished by Wednesday night. A great number of cases were set for this term and the court has gone a long way in disposing of them.

The first case called Monday was that of the Midwest Investment Co. vs. M. C. Kirkland, in which a verdict for \$494.79 was rendered in favor of the plaintiff.

C. S. Amick was awarded a verdict of \$151.85 against L. W. Summers et al. This suit was a result of an automobile wreck.

In the case of Wilcox Ives Co. vs. G. H. Meetze, the plaintiff was awarded a verdict of \$254.23.

At the time of going to press the case of the Citizens Telephone Co. vs. White & Simpson is being tried. The telephone company is suing White & Simpson for \$3,000 damages alleged to have been done its property when White & Simpson were building the road from Columbia to Leesville. The case will probably go to the jury this afternoon.

It frequently happens that the man who thinks he is a big gun is a smooth bore.

County Corn Show Saturday Was Success In Every Way.

The annual corn show was held in the court house last Saturday, November 26. The meeting was opened by Dr. E. C. Ridgell, Dr. Ridgell has been president of the County Corn Growers' association for several years, and has given considerable thought to the success of the association. Dr. Ridgell praised the boys for the splendid work they had done in producing such splendid yields, in seed selection, and the splendid ten-ear exhibits brought and put on exhibit. He also noted the difference in the show today and those held ten years ago, and the growth of the club was beyond his expectation. The members and officers of the association would think the show incomplete without his presence and encouraging talks. He still remains president of the association.

Mr. J. E. Sharpe, county superintendent of education, was the next speaker. His subject was the need of better rural schools. Mr. Sharpe stressed the importance of building State high schools in several sections of the county, and was ready at any time to lend his aid in this work. He also stressed the importance of regular attendance, and for parents not to allow their children to waste their time in being absent from school.

Solicitor T. C. Callison also talked to the boys, urging the boys to stay on the farm, not to flock to the towns, but stay in the country, and attend school every day that it is possible for them to. Mr. Callison commented on the splendid selections of corn the boys had made and brought to the court house and put on exhibit. He said these corn shows were both encouraging and educational.

Prof. Clyde Addy, teacher of agriculture in the Lexington High school, was the last speaker, his subject being "The Need of Agriculture in Rural Schools." Mr. Addy stressed the importance of the farmer having a more scientific knowledge of farm work, saying the farmers should study the use of fertilizers, so as to be able to use them more intelligently. The people are wasting thousands of dollars today by not being able to know the plant food the soil was deficient in, and not being able to supply this in shape of a fertilizer. Seed breeding, he said, was of great importance. We should always remember what we sow is what we will reap. We should strive to make our farms more fertile and increase production in order to make our agriculture profitable.

The cron on exhibit was then judged by Prof. Addy, and Mr. Wingard, scoring the ten-ear exhibits with the points according to the rules laid down.

The first prize winner was Ernest

- Caughman; second, Willie Harmon; third, Geo. Ed. Harmon. Earnest Caughman and Geo. Ed. Harmon won the two weeks' short-course to Clemson College next summer. The two highest are awarded this scholarship, but as Willie Harmon attended last year, and the ruling is that no boy can get this scholarship but once, this gave second place to Geo. Ed. Harmon.
- We awarded the boy's prize, ranging from ten dollars to one dollar and a half, every child received a prize. Prize money was contributed by the following parties, for which the club members, the officials, and the county agent, want to extend their heartfelt thanks to the ones contributed so liberally for his worthy cause, especially is this commendable in a time like this, when money is so scarce. We hope these contributors will be awarded for making these contributions by advancing the cause of a better agriculture in Lexington county. The membership this year was one-third more than any previous year, numbering 112.
- Contributors.**
- Bank of Western Carolina, Batesburg branch\$10.00
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 - Bank of Western Carolina, Lexington branch 10.00
 - Brookland Bank, New Brookland, S. C. 10.00
 - Enterprise Hardware Co., Lexington, S. C. 10.00
 - Barre Hardware Co., Lexington 6.50
 - Caughman-Kaminer Co., Lexington 6.00
 - Lexington Dispatch-News, Lexington 7.50
 - Farmers and Merchants Bank, Leesville 5.00
 - The Home National Bank, Lexington 5.00
 - Penland Grocery Co., Lexington 5.00
 - DuPre Auto Co., Lexington... 5.00
 - Hendrix Hardware Co., New Brookland 3.00
 - A. J. Mathias, seedman, Lexington 2.00
 - Harmon Drug Co., Lexington. 2.00
 - Lexington Cotton & Fertilizer Co., Lexington 2.00
 - G. B. Wingard & Son, Lexington 1.50
 - Palace Drug Co., Lexington.. 1.50
 - J. W. Shealy, Lexington.... 5.00
- A balance on hand in bank from last year 12.50
- There was also two prizes offered for the best ten ears put in men's class. Shelton Wingard won first and A. J. Porth second in this contest.
- The yields per acre averaged from 15 to 84 bushels, which shows a marked improvement over former conditions.

ANNUAL BAZAAR OF LADIES' AID SOCIETY

The annual bazaar of the Ladies' Aid Society of St. Stephen's Lutheran church will be held on Friday and Saturday, December 2 and 3, in the rest room of the DuPre Auto Company's building. The ladies will have on display for sale fancy work of all kinds, and the public is asked to look over the offering and help out a good cause. Refreshments will be served both days.

MRS. SEAY ENTERTAINS.

On last Friday afternoon, Mrs. J. H. Seay entertained the members of her Sunday school class at her home on the Wise Ferry road. The little folks engaged in numerous games and contests. In one contest, that of pinning the turkey's head on, the prize, a box of home made candy was won by George Cook, and the booby went to Philip Roberts.

After the games, etc., the guests were ushered into the dining room which was appropriately decorated with chrysanthemums and "jack-o-lanterns, where the hostess, assisted by her sister, Miss Lula Alken, served dainty refreshments.

Those enjoying the occasion were: Philip and Elizabeth Roberts, Mildred Harman, Hoyd Weed, Leola Weed, Coke Seay, George Cook and J. P. Shull.

LIBRARY MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of the Lexington County Public Library Association will be held Thursday afternoon, December 8, at 4 o'clock, in the court house. This being a very important meeting every member is urged to be present.

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