

The People

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THE DISPENSARY.

We do not think that we possess the unenviable reputation of being unduly biased, or radical in our expressions on the subject of anything that doesn't happen to meet with our approval. In this matter of the Dispensary however, we must confess to a strongly biased feeling, and have been rather radical in our expressions of disapproval of it as a system, and of the principle underlying it. We have also been unsparing in our denunciation of the general conduct of it. In a newspaper article that some years ago we contributed to one of our now contemporaries, we remarked that "It was conceived of the devil, born in hell, and reared to its present mammoth proportions through factional strife and prejudice." Warm language, that, but absolutely justified by results as at present witnessed. To give a little personal history as connected with this delectable institution. Prior to its institution, we had not drunk a quart of whiskey during our life. We drank beer when we drank anything.

Everyone who knows us knows that we were then a book-keeper for one of the largest merchantile houses in the city. When we became brain weary, we would step into a bar-room and take a glass or a bottle of beer. That was all that exhausted nature required. What was the result when this God-condemned Dispensary was instituted? We would feel worn out through stress of work. Felt keenly the need of a stimulant. Would walk into the hole occupied by this great moral institution, call for a bottle of beer. The answer in three cases out of five would be; we are out of beer. Now, our nature craving a stimulant, what could we do but buy a half pint or a pint of whiskey of more or less good quality. Since the inauguration of what we must call this infernal institution, we suppose that we have been forced to buy enough of the stuff to swim in, simply because with our nervous temperament, we were compelled to have something, and gradually acquired the taste for whiskey that would not have been acquired had we had the privilege of choosing the stimulant that nature required. Kill the Dispensary, Legislators. Give us high license with proper restrictions as to opening and closing hours, and we will feel even if we are not, that we are again a citizen of a commonwealth not composed of fools and fanatics.

ENFORCEMENT OF CITY LAWS.

While we do not care to go on record as a partisan of the population in either town or country, we want to call attention to a matter that has been called to our attention. An editor of a newspaper that has a right to the title must occasionally call public attention to matters that individually affect the public and in this instance we think public opinion will uphold us. This, merely as a prelude; it has been suggested to us that our police force, instead of endeavoring to avoid arresting citizens and visitors to the city who become under the influence of liquor, actually almost hunt them up for the purpose of securing a fine from them when brought before the Mayor. This, we are loath to believe, and no case of the character mentioned has come under our personal observation. We do say however, that our police force are not sufficiently careful in warning those under the influence of liquor of the street. This is a plain and unqualified expression of opinion that admits of no misconception. We have been somewhat of a high roller in our day, and know that in those days, when a man became somewhat under the influence of whiskey a policeman would put his arm around his shoulder, and in a pleasant way

suggest to him to either go home, or to some quiet spot where he could sleep it off. In those days, we never had the tremendous record of police court fines that we have now, and in all fairness to all concerned, there is no occasion for the record that is now being monthly made.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

The St. Louis boarding-house keeper may now take a vacation and a European trip.

If sex is not a bar, Mrs. Chadwick is certainly eligible to membership in the Napoleons of Finance Club.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue reports a decrease of 11,061,725 gallons in the production of Whiskey and miscellaneous alcoholic drinks in the past year. Wouldn't have sworn off if we had thought it was going to cause such a slump as that in the manufacturing business.

An Indiana man has made a striking success in the invention of wireless telegraphy. There is also room for the invention of wireless politics in that State.

The Japs are using dogs to locate the Russian outposts. The Japs have apparently placed a literal translation on their reading about the "dogs of war."

Spain has accepted the President's invitation to a peace conference and probably regrets it was not called prior to 1898.

The Senate is apparently almost as anxious to take up tariff revision as it has been to pass a Statehood bill for Oklahoma and New Mexico.

That employe of the Rothchilds who succeeded in embezzling \$5,000,000 will probably agree with Secretary Shaw that "money is plentiful and cheap."

"American society women are the best dressed in the world," said Mme. Rejane, and the cynical proof-reader made it "least dressed." That's where the row started.

If it is true that Mrs. Chadwick hypnotized the men from whom she secured large sums of money, many of them will be sorry that they have come out of the trance.

The Japanese continue to make extensive investments in suburban property at Port Arthur.

"The Last Touch Before the Wedding," is the title of a magazine article. Every father of a bride will appreciate the significance of it.

Will some Agricultural Department scientist please explain why a man in a cold street car becomes hot from the very absence of heat?

A subscriber wants to know the difference between a cook and a chef. The cook works for wages, while the chef draws a salary.

The Russians and Japs are not suffering so much in Manchuria as might be expected. They are living in warm caves instead of apartment houses.

The death of the "King of Drunkards" is announced. There should be no difficulty in selecting a successor from the long list of heirs presumptive.

The Holding of Two Offices.

We don't care a snap whether a single man holds one, two or a dozen offices, but we hear that there is a law in this State which debar any man from holding more than one office of honor or profit. If there is such a law, it should be enforced. Incidentally we may say, as a somehow lawyer ourselves, that any act committed, or any document executed by the officer holding two positions, each carrying a percentage of honor or profit is null and void, and can be set aside by any court of competent jurisdiction.

Death of "Uncle" Joe Carter.

Death, the great mystery. We have again had a visitation from the grim angel. This time he has claimed for his victim an old and honored land mark among our colored citizens. Old "Uncle Joe Carter is no more.

The death of this aged negro strikes us with peculiar force. The 13th day of July 1828 marked the advent into the world of two individuals, who each, in their separate walks of life exerted an influence of more or less importance on those of their own generation, and those that followed them. On that day was born Captain Joel A. Schrock and Joseph Carter, the first a slave-owner, the second, a slave. As everyone knows, Captain Schrock was our paternal ancestor, and during a brief and stirring career succeeded in impressing his personality upon the community in which he lived.

Old Uncle Joe, on the contrary lived to the green, old age of seventy-six years, impressing upon the members of his race with each day of his life the lesson that to maintain good-fellowship between the two races was at times to suffer and endure, but at all times to remember that the white man was the negro's best friend.

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W. A. SCHRÖCK, Jr., Camden, S. C.

Tax Returns.

Office of County Auditor,
Kershaw County,
Camden, S. C., Dec. 2, 1904

Notice is hereby given that the Auditor's office for receiving State and County tax returns will be open from January 1st, 1905, to February 20th, 1905. (Sundays excepted.)

The dates of the appointments at which time the Auditor or his deputy will visit the usual places in the county for receiving returns are given below:

Bethune, January 6.
Haley's Mill, January 6.
Kirkley's Store, January 7.
Kershaw, January 9.
Westville, January 10.
Liberty Hill, January 11.
Russell Place, January 12.
Hobson's X Roads, January 13.
Boney, January 17.

IMPORTANT.

It is important that tax payers in making their returns, be careful to state their school district—whether law or old—in which they reside at the time of making returns. Also to state if it is the same district as when last returns were made.

WHO SHOULD MAKE RETURNS.

The law requires that all persons owning property or in anywise having charge of such property, either as agent, husband, guardian, trustee, executor, administrator, &c., return the same under oath to the Auditor, who requests all persons to be prompt in making their returns and save the 50 per cent. penalty which will be added to the property valuation of all persons who fail to make returns within the time prescribed by law.

HOW AND WHAT TO RETURN.

All personal and real property owned on the 1st day of January, 1905, must be returned for taxation, and all changes or transfers of real estate noted.

All new buildings should be returned as "Real Property" acquired since last return.

INCOME TAX.

Under the recent Act of the Legislature all persons having a gross income of Twenty-Five Hundred Dollars or more are required to make a return of the same to the Auditor at the time of making their other returns.

THE POLL TAX.

The new Constitution which went into full operation after the 31st of December, 1895, provides for a poll tax of One Dollar upon all citizens of this State between the ages of Twenty-One and sixty years, excepting Confederate soldiers above the age of Fifty years. Parties making returns for the fiscal year 1905, will bear in mind this Constitutional provision and govern themselves accordingly.

All returns must be made on or before the 20th day of February next. I cannot take returns after that date as the other work of this office must go on. All returns made after the 20th of February are subject to the 50 per cent. penalty.

All returns sent by mail must be made out on proper blanks and sworn to before some proper officer qualified to administer and oath, otherwise they will not be accepted at this office as returns.

The County Board of Equalization will meet at the office of the County Auditor on the 14th Tuesday of March, 1905, for the purpose of equalizing property, hearing complaints and protests.
J. J. Goodale,
Auditor Kershaw Co.

Money To Loan.

On improved farm lands in Kershaw County. On loans up to \$1,000, 8 per cent. On sums over that amount 7 per cent. No commissions charged.
L. A. Wittkowsky,
Camden, S. C.
or C. L. Winkler,
45 Broadway,
New York.

Notice To Contractors.

South Carolina, Kershaw County.

Notice is hereby given that the county Commissioners of Kershaw County will let to the lowest responsible bidder a contract for the construction of a Court House for said County, at Camden, S. C. Bids will be received to Dec. 17, 1904, at 12 o'clock. All bids will be received and the right is reserved to reject any and all bids.
J. M. Sowell,
County Supervisor
Camden, S. C.

Just a word to Farmers

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