

**THEY BOTH GAVE BOND.**

**Col. Gaston and Mr. Scruggs Before Magistrate Smith.**

**VOLUNTARILY APPEARED**

**Bond Fixed at \$400—The Affidavits Attached to the Warrants Specify the Particular Instances—Thus Ends the Scandal for the Time at Least.**

Columbia Register, May 8th.

Warrants against Colonel Gaston and Mr. Scruggs were sworn out yesterday morning before Magistrate Smith, by Mr. L. J. Williams. Both are charged with official misconduct under the common law.

The warrants were put in the hands of Constable Martin to serve, but before he could do so Colonel Gaston appeared at Judge Smith's office and was admitted to bail in the sum of \$400. Major B. B. Evans and Gen. John Gary Watts signed the bond. There was no preliminary hearing. Colonel Gaston had gone to the office early in the morning expecting the warrant to be there, but it was not, and he waited.

About 4 o'clock in the afternoon Mr. Scruggs came in and was released on a bond of \$400, signed by James E. Payne and W. J. Scruggs of Greenville.

The warrant in the case of Mr. Scruggs charges that on or about the first day of March, 1897, one Seth W. Scruggs did commit official misconduct by taking and carrying away from the contraband room in the State Dispensary four boxes of cigars and four cans of peaches and other articles, the property of the State, while engaged in the discharge of his duties as clerk and bookkeeper of the State Board of Control in said State Dispensary, with intent to defraud the State of South Carolina, as fully set forth in the affidavit hereto attached.

The affidavit was made before Magistrate Smith by Mr. L. J. Williams, and is as follows:

Personally appeared before me L. J. Williams, who, after being duly sworn, says: That he is a member of the State Board of Control; that Seth W. Scruggs of the county and State aforesaid was duly elected clerk of the State Board of Control on the day of April, 1896, and at that time entered upon the duties of said office and continued in the discharge of the same until 7th day of May, 1897, when his successor was duly elected; that during the time he was clerk of the said board, his duties were defined and prescribed by said board, which were to act as bookkeeper of said board, to have the custody and control of the books and all papers in the control of the said board, to keep the minutes of the board and to discharge all other duties appertaining to Clerk of the board.

That he is informed by a number of persons who have made affidavits, and believes that Seth W. Scruggs, while so acting as bookkeeper and clerk of the said Board of Control, did, on or about the first day of March, A.D. 1897, procure a key to a room in

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the State Dispensary, in which all liquors and property seized and forfeited to the State are kept, and which was in the keeping and control of the State Commissioner, but under the general control of the Board, and with the said key did enter the said room, without the knowledge or consent of the State Commissioner and the State Board of Control, and take therefrom and carry away four boxes of cigars and four cans of peaches, property of the State of South Carolina, which had been forfeited to it, of the value of \$4, and did appropriate the same to his own use, with intent thereby to defraud the State and damage the public and in grave violation of his said duties as clerk and bookkeeper.

That he is informed by the persons who made affidavits as aforesaid that the said Seth W. Scruggs, while acting as such bookkeeper and clerk of the Board of Control as aforesaid, did, on divers occasions, between the day of April, 1896, and the 7th day of May, 1897, enter the said contraband room with a key then in his possession, other than the one in the possession of the State Commissioners, claiming that the said key was one provided for the use of the State Board of Control, when, in fact, so far as he knows, the Board had no such a key, and had not authorized him to provide such a key for the said Board, and that with such false key the said Seth W. Scruggs did open and enter the contraband room aforesaid and did take therefrom one box of cigars and four cans of peaches of the value of \$4, the property of the State of South Carolina, with the intent to defraud the State of South Carolina, by appropriating the said articles to his own use, in gross violation of his duties as such clerk and bookkeeper to the damage of the public and to the evil example of all others in like cases offending.

That he is informed by the persons aforesaid that Seth W. Scruggs, while acting as such clerk and bookkeeper and holding said office, between the day of April A. D. 1896, and the 8th day of May, 1897, on divers occasions procured a key and entered the said contraband room, which was under the control of the Commissioners, subject to the general control of the State Board, and did take and carry away therefrom cigars and other articles of personal property of the value of

\$200, the property of the State of South Carolina, with intent to defraud the State, by appropriating them to his own use, and to the damage and injury of the public and by such acts was guilty of gross official misconduct; that all the acts herein charged were committed in Richland county, in the State of South Carolina.

That Charles J. Lynch, M. E. Mobley, C. H. Charles, Robert E. Blakeley, S. H. E. Watts, L. J. Williams, S. H. Douthit and D. Miles are material witnesses to prove said charges.

L. J. WILLIAMS.

**THE GASTON WARRANT.**

The warrant against Colonel Gaston alleges that "on or about the first day of March, 1897, one John T. Gaston did commit official misconduct by taking and carrying away from the contraband room in the State Dispensary one pair of shoes, part box of cigars and other articles, the property of State, while acting as State Commissioner, and in charge of said room, and while in the discharge of the duties of said office, with intent to defraud the State of South Carolina, as fully set forth in the affidavit hereto attached.

This affidavit is also made by Mr. Williams before Magistrate Smith, and alleges:

That John T. Gaston was required by the State Board of Control to act as State Commissioner in the State Dispensary, between the 25th day of October, A. D. 1896, and the 15th day of April, A. D. 1897, in the place of F. M. Mixson, who had resigned.

That on information and belief he says that during the time he was acting as State Commissioner, under the authority and direction of the State Board of Control, the said John T. Gaston, who was, as such Commissioner in charge of the room in the State Dispensary in which were placed for safe keeping all the liquors and other personal property seized by the State Constables and forfeited to the State, or in process of forfeiture, did, on or about the first day of March, A. D. 1897, take and carry away from the said room one pair of shoes and part of a box of cigars, the property of the State of South Carolina, and entrusted to his care and custody, of the value of \$1.25, with the intent to defraud the State aforesaid, and to appropriate the said property to his own use, which was in gross violation of his duty as acting State Commissioner, to take care of the said articles, which had been entrusted to his keeping by law, to the great damage of the State of South Carolina.

That on information and belief he further says that the said John T. Gaston, while discharging the duties of State Commissioner, by direction of the State Board of Control, and while in charge of the said contraband room aforesaid, did, on diverse occasions, between the 25th day of October, A. D. 1896, and the 15th day of April, A. D. 1897, take from the said room shoes, cigars, coffee and other articles of personal property belonging to the State of South Carolina, of the value of \$50, with intent to defraud the State and to appropriate the said articles to his own use, which was in gross violation of his duty as acting State Commissioner, to take care of the said articles, which had been entrusted to his keeping by law, to the great damage of the State of South Carolina.

That all these acts were done in Richland County, in the State of South Carolina.

That S. W. Vance, Willie Jones, H. E. Watts, L. J. Williams and C. A. Koon are material witnesses to prove said charges.

L. J. WILLIAMS.

There has been much discussion as to what charge should be brought against the two men.

Official misconduct under the common law was finally agreed upon. The punishment in such cases rests with the discretion of the judge. It evidently was the intention to bring them, if possible, before the Court of Sessions, for should larceny have been charged, it would have amounted to only a nominal fine by a Trial Justice. It was a knotty point all around to decide what charge to make, for it sometimes happens that a crime may be committed against which there is no statutory prohibition. Mr. Scruggs, for instance, couldn't be charged with housebreaking nor with burglary. Neither one could be charged with official misconduct under the statute because that only applies to county officials. It is even doubtful whether in the higher court the charge will stand, but then it's no use to cross a bridge until you come to it, and the court will have to decide the question.

For the Enterprise.

**Dry Creek Items.**

Corn is coming up nicely.

Mr. J. J. King is running around cotton which he planted on April 15th.

The peach crop will be very good in this section, the apple crop will be light though.

The recent rains added a great deal to the oat crop, which is beginning to head.

The contract for furnishing new seats for New Hope Baptist church has been let. They will be finished as early as possible. The people are looking forward and anticipating a pleasant meeting for the Union which meets there on the 5th Sunday in May.

Capt. Jack Williams, a model farmer of Dry Creek, is through planting.

Miss — Ford, of Fairfield, is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. J. McIlwain, of this section.

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**Death of Mr. A. H. Perry.**

Mr. Alexander H. Perry died suddenly at his home at Heath Spring yesterday morning at 4 o'clock of heart disease. He had been in declining health for two or three years, but was able to be about his house most of the time. On the day before his death he was able to be out in the yard. He was something over 65 years of age. He leaves a wife and one child—a grown son with a family. Mr. Perry came to Heath Spring some years ago from Liberty Hill, and for several years was engaged there in the mercantile business. He was a member of the Baptist church and was a good citizen and an honorable upright man.

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W. B. BRUCE,  
Chairman,  
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**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.**

COUNTY OF LANCASTER

**IN THE PROBATE COURT.**

By George McC. Witherspoon, Esq., Probate Judge.

WHEREAS, MRS. MARY B. BRUCE has made suit to me, to grant her letters of Administration of the Estate of and effects of P. THORNWELL BRUCE.

THESE ARE THEREFORE to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and Creditors of the said P. Thornwell Bruce, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Lancaster Court House, in my office on

**THE 10TH OF MAY,**

next, after publication thereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted.

GIVEN under my Hand, this 3d day of May, Anno Domini, 1897.

GEORGE MCC. WITHERSPOON,  
Probate Judge.

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