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NOT MANY MEASURES ENACTED THIS YEAR.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEVOTED ITSELF TO LOCAL MATTERS.

There Were 185 in All, About the Average Number; Work of the Session Eplotted.

[The State.]

There were 185 acts passed by the legislature which adjourned Saturday. The greater part of this number is devoted to local legislation, building school houses, refunding overpaid taxes, etc. There was not much anti-corporation legislation. A number of acts merely correct errors in the code.

The first act passed by the general assembly was Senator von Kolnitz's bill to provide for any deficiency in the drawing of grand juries for the year 1903. This act was ratified on the 29th of January.

The following were the acts passed by this general assembly:

GENERAL LAWS.

To provide for the erection of a monument to Wade Hampton.

To prevent the sale of toy pistols, etc.

To regulate the employment of children in factories, mines and manufacturing establishments in this State.

To protect fish by regulating the sale of dynamite, etc.

To establish a table of mortuary statistics for evidence in the courts.

An act to allow wholesale druggists to sell alcohol without profit to licensed druggists.

An act to amend section 563 of the criminal code of 1902, so as to further regulate the location and establishment of dispensaries.

An act to provide specimens of mineral of this State for Clemson Agricultural and Mechanical college.

An act to provide for chief State constable, etc.

An act to fix the weight and regulate the trade in corn meal.

An act to require the State treasurer to publish a monthly statement showing the amount of money on hand and the banks in which the same is deposited.

An act to amend section 1066, civil code, relative to the persons entitled to pensions, by eliminating age limit.

An act to define the law relating to certain forms of commercial papers.

An act to amend section 169 of the code of civil procedure, in reference to demurrers.

An act to amend section 2165 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1902, volume 1, in reference to mileage on short roads.

An act to amend section 176 of the criminal code, volume 1, code of laws 1902, relating to the punishment for removal, destruction or leaving down of any gate, fence, bars or other structures.

An act to amend an act to create a State board of entomology, to define its powers and prescribe its duties, and provide for the inspection of fruit trees, vineyards and vegetable farms; to prevent contagious diseases and destroy destructive insects in orchards, vineyards and other places in the State.

An act to require the sergeant-at-arms of the senate to take care of the furniture of the senate chamber and senate committee rooms, etc.

An act to amend section 169 of the criminal code, so as to give magistrates jurisdiction of stealing from the field when the property stolen does not exceed \$10 in value.

An act to require banks having on deposit State funds to render to the State treasurer, at designated times, statements showing balances on hand to credit of the State.

An act to abolish the office of phosphate inspector.

An act to fix the burden of proof on the party accused of violation of game laws.

An act to prohibit the sale, leasing, etc., of pistols.

An act to repeal the provision of

the dispensary law allowing board of directors to make direct contracts with distillers in this State.

The general measure as to magistrates and their salaries.

The three appropriations acts.

An act to amend section 276 of the code of civil procedure by prescribing the number of calendars to be kept by the clerk of court, and the issue to be placed on the same.

An act to amend section 2508, volume 1, civil code 1902, limiting admission of wills as evidence.

A joint resolution to authorize the comptroller general to draw his warrant or warrants in favor of the State printer and the State treasurer to pay the same to an amount not to exceed the sum of \$6,000, upon account of amount now due to the State printer under his contract for the public printing.

An act to amend section 2853, volume 1, of the civil code.

An act to amend an act entitled "an act to provide for the incorporation of towns of not less than 1,000 nor more than 5,000 inhabitants."

An act to amend section 2432 of the civil code, 1902, by changing the time in which distress warrants may be issued.

An act to prohibit the driving of cattle and other live stock into this State from other States, and to provide a penalty therefor.

An act to amend section 2038 of the code of laws of South Carolina, 1902.

An act to amend section 326, civil code (being volume 1, at page 315, code of laws, 1902.)

An act to amend section 1857 of the code of laws of South Carolina, 1902, volume 1 (civil code), to correct a typographical error therein.

An act to supply bound copies of the code of laws of South Carolina, 1902, to certain members of the general assembly.

An act to amend section 2170 of the civil code, volume 1, code of laws, 1902, so as to increase the penalty provided therein and to give one-half to person aggrieved and the other to county.

An act to authorize the regents of the State hospital for the insane to close up a part of the extension of Gregg street and a part of the extension of Elmwood avenue.

A joint resolution to authorize the regents of the State hospital for the insane to purchase the Seegers property, and to provide paying the same.

An act to authorize and empower counties and incorporated cities and towns to own and operate rock quarries and to work convicts thereon, and extend the police jurisdiction.

An act to amend section 1814 of the code of laws of South Carolina, 1902, volume 1 (civil code), so as to correct a typographical error therein.

An act to prohibit the importation of diseased stock into this State.

RAILROAD LEGISLATION.

An act to require all railroads operating in this State to protect the rates of freight in the bill for carriage of all freights, goods, wares and merchandise, and to provide penalties for the violation thereof.

An act to amend section 2159, vol. 1, of the code of laws of this State, by adding a proviso that on short roads there must be separate apartments for the races.

An act to amend the code of South Carolina, 1902, volume 1, (civil code), by inserting section to be known as section 2069a, in regard to freight rates on melons.

An act to authorize the Lexington and Columbia railway to construct its tracks through certain counties, and for other purposes.

An act to provide for the refunding certain railroad bonds in Greenville county.

An act relating to the recording of railroad mortgages.

An act to amend section 1880 of the civil code (volume 1, code 1902) so as to include "trains" in its provisions.

An act relating to the State and

county taxes due by the Blue Ridge Railroad company for the fiscal years commencing November 1st, 1872, to and including the year commencing November 1st, 1881.

An act concerning the lien on railroad mortgages.

An act to amend section 3002 of the code, excepting certain mortgages and deeds of trust.

Ad act to fix the liability of railroads having relief departments.

Joint resolution to adjust the indebtedness between Colleton and Dorchester Counties in regard to Greenwood and Walterboro railroad bonds.

SCHOOL MATTERS

To authorize Bishopville school district to issue bonds for building a graded school; and similar acts relating to building or improving school houses for Greenwood, for Greenville, for court house school district in Chester, for Gantt township in Anderson, for Camden, for Prosperity, for Saluda; and also an act authorizing sinking fund commission to lend funds to Saluda; for Kingstree, for Easley, for Marion, for Sumter and for Bamberg.

An act directing disposal of surplus school fund in Saluda County; an act to define the limits of school district No. 18 in Greenwood; to increase the bond of the superintendent of education of Saluda; and another act to increase the salary of that official; an act to authorize trustees of Marlboro graded school district to levy an additional tax; to increase salary of superintendent of education of Williamsburg County; same thing for same official in Bamberg County; to allow county superintendents of education to find room in which to keep school books for sale; to incorporate the board of trustees of the Presbyterian college of South Carolina; to pay on teachers' salaries at Beauty Spot school in Marlboro County; to amend the acts relating to special school districts in Marion, Mullins, Latta and Dillon; to validate election and levy in Blackburg school district; to change manner of electing trustees of Orangeburg graded schools; relating to time for meeting of trustees of South Carolina College; to authorize town of Wagener to use dispensary profits for schools.

An act to amend section 1208 of the civil code (vol. 1, code of laws, 1902), so as to limit the time of elections of trustees of special school districts.

An act to amend section 1210, code of laws of 1902, relating to election of boards of trustees in school districts having not less than 2,500 inhabitants.

PRISON MATTERS.

To increase the salary of chaplain.

To permit directors to exchange lands with Geo. F. Lightsey.

To permit 10-year convicts to be worked on chaingangs.

To provide for the erection of a new jail for Berkeley County.

Likewise for Lee County, and for Clarendon County; and an act authorizing sinking fund commission to lend funds for building the Lee County jail.

To pay the commissioners who built the new jail in Oconee County.

NEW ENTERPRISES.

To authorize erection of a dam across Wateree river at Catfish shoals.

To provide for the erection of a bridge across Saluda river at Ware's shoals.

To incorporate the Indianola Power company of Lancaster.

To ratify the right to construct power plants on Tugalos and Seneca rivers in Anderson County.

To authorize manufacturing establishments to take out mutual fire insurance policies.

To incorporate the Spartanburg Light and Power company.

CHARLESTON COUNTY.

To cede to the United States government rights of way to deepen the inland waterway between Charleston harbor and McClellanville.

To amend the drainage law so that property owners must keep ditches in repair.

To allow an additional magistrate for Charleston.

To allow fruit trains to be operated on Sunday.

To allow H. M. Lofton, Jr., to be reimbursed for purchase from the State of lands with defective titles.

An act to amend section 278 of the criminal code, 1902, by making certain offenses in connection with party registration and primaries misdemeanors, and prescribing penalties therefor.

An act to amend section 38 of criminal code laws of South Carolina, 1902, relating to grand juries.

An act to amend section 258 of the civil code, 1902, by prescribing certain qualifications for voters on and certain regulations in connection with party registration for primary elections in counties containing a city of 40,000 inhabitants or more, and for the prevention of frauds and illegal voting in the same.

An act amending the act in regard to the city court of Charleston.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

An act to empower towns and cities of five thousand inhabitants and over to subscribe to the maintenance of public libraries.

An act to repeal section xxv. of an act entitled "an act to incorporate certain towns and villages and to renew and amend certain charters heretofore granted," passed 19th December, 1885, and to confer the power to condemn lands for streets.

An act to extend the jurisdiction of the board of health of Florence so that the same may include all cemeteries lying adjacent to such city.

An act to authorize and empower the city of Sumter to refund its bonded indebtedness in coupon bonds.

An act allowing the town of Bamberg to assist in repairing certain highways in Bamberg County.

A joint resolution to empower towns and cities of five thousand inhabitants and over to subscribe the maintenance of public libraries.

An act authorizing the city council of Aiken to fix and pay unto the mayor an annual salary.

An act designating the holidays to be observed in the acceptance and payment of bills of exchange, bank checks and promissory notes in Columbia.

An act to authorize municipal or other corporations or individuals to lay pipes for water supply across public roads and non-tidal navigable streams.

An act to provide for a voting precinct in each of the four wards in the town of Union.

An act to amend an act entitled "an act to amend an act entitled 'an act to authorize the election of a town treasurer for the town of Union.'"

An act to validate and confirm all acts of the city of Spartanburg in relation to the issuance of certain street improvement bonds, and to make provision for the payment of interest on such bonds and for retiring them at maturity.

An act to create a board of fire commissioners for the city of Greenville, in this State, to define its powers and duties.

COUNTY FINANCES, ETC.

A joint resolution to provide payment to the treasurers and auditors of Sumter, Darlington and Kershaw Counties for services rendered in compliance with section 4 of the act establishing Lee County.

An act to establish an additional voting place at "Roper," in Edgefield County.

An act to provide an additional district for Chester County.

An act to authorize and require the county commissioners of Anderson County to reindex the real estate mortgages recorded in the office of the clerk of court for said county.

An act exempting certain portions of Kershaw County from the operation of the general stock law.

An act to provide for the special

election in Horry County on the question of the stock law.

An act to declare certain bonds issued by the corporate authority of Pickens and Wise Townships, in Edgefield County, to be valid and legal obligations of said townships respectively, and to provide for the payment of the same.

An act to enable the commissioners of the sinking fund to lend funds to the county board of commissioners of Abbeville County to pay the past indebtedness of said county, and to authorize the said county board of commissioners to pledge the special tax levy herein provided for to secure the same.

An act to provide for reindexing the judgments entered up in the office of the clerk of court for Anderson County.

An act to amend section 816 of the code of laws of South Carolina, volume 1, so as to include Laurens County in the provisions of said section.

An act to exempt Glenwood and Liberty Mills for cotton weigher's act for Easley and Pickens.

An act to enable Newberry County to get on a cash basis.

An act relating to stationery and stamps of the officials of Berkeley County.

An act to authorize the construction and maintenance of a dam across Kinloch creek in Georgetown County.

An act to authorize sinking fund commission to lend Colleton County funds for current expenses.

An act to increase the salary of the sheriff of Horry County.

An act to provide for the reindexing of the records of Barnwell County.

An act to allow the supervisor and county commissioners of Colleton county to apply surplus funds to ordinary county expenses.

An act to authorize and provide for the erection of a new court house for county of Darlington and for re-indexing and otherwise perfecting the public records of said county.

An act to empower the sinking fund commission of Cherokee county to retire and refund bonds of said county and fixing compensation of said commission.

An act to enable the commissioners of the sinking fund to lend funds to the county board of commissioners of Oconee County to pay the back indebtedness of the said county board; of commissioners to pledge the special tax levy herein provided to secure the same.

An act conferring certain jurisdiction upon the trustees of Penic Camp Ground association, in Colleton County, and limiting the same, together with power to appoint a special constable.

An act to amend section 20 of code of civil procedure, fixing the time for the holding of the circuit courts of the third judicial circuit.

An act fixing the salary of the sheriff of Cherokee County at \$1,500.

An act increasing the salary of the county treasurer of Cherokee County.

An act to abolish the office of township commissioners in Bamberg county, and make the general law as to county government for taxation applicable therein.

An act relating to the salary of the auditor of Aiken County.

An act to provide for reindexing the public records in the office of the clerk of court for Laurens County.

An act to confirm the title to certain lands made by the county board of commissioners of Saluda County.

An act to repeal the law requiring the magistrate at Greenwood to issue process to the sheriff.

An act to amend an act relating to the salary of the auditor of Aiken county.

An act disposing of surplus funds in the hands of the commissioners of the home of the poor, of Hampton County.

An act to establish an additional voting place at "Ropers," in Edgefield County.

An act to fix the amount of salary of probate judge of Georgetown County.

LEE COUNTY.

In addition to school and jail bills elsewhere noted, the following Lee County measures passed:

A joint resolution to provide payment for the treasures and auditors of Sumter, Darlington and Kershaw counties for services rendered in compliance with section 4 of the act establishing Lee County.

An act to provide for the transfer of certain records to the office of probate judge of Lee County.

A joint resolution to provide for a special assessment of real property in Lee County.

An act to create an additional township in Lee County.

An act to fix salaries for county officers of Lee County.

An act to change and designate certain townships in Sumter County, and to provide for changing the registration certificates.

TAXES REFUNDED.

There are number of acts to refund over paid taxes, etc., to certain people. These are as follows.

An act to authorize and require county commissioners to refund certain commutation road tax to school trustees.

An act to refund taxes to the church of St. Philip, Charleston. Also to the following: Mrs. S. J. Nettles and Miss E. S. McCall, Darlington; Bowling Green Knitting Mills, York County; J. S. Gilbert, Abbeville (back salary as school commissioner); Jno. T. Youngblood, Pickens; O. A. Malone, and Hattie E. Stokes, Dorchester County; Jno. C. Funchess of Orangeburg, and J. B. Langley of Lancaster; Mrs. Carrie Halford of Florence, E. Keith Dargan, of Darlington.

The whole of the above claims will aggregate considerably less than the cost of getting these bills through.

PURELY PERSONAL.

An act to provide for the passage upon and payment of claims of N. W. Brooker.

An act to authorize and direct the commissioners of the sinking fund to sell and convey to Delphia A. Vereen all the estate of her stepfather, A. L. Pendergrass.

An act to entitle Malcolm P. Harris to apply for admission to practice law.

A joint resolution to require the payment of \$125 to Bright Williamson of Darlington for money advanced by him for the county.

REPEALS.

To repeal the act incorporating the town of Socia in Hampton County.

To repeal the act incorporating the Clinton College Association.

To repeal act ordering an election on school bonds in Blaine, Orangeburg County.

PALACE OF PEACE.

A Grand Building to be Erected by Carnegie at the Hague.

The Hague, February 21.—It is said here that negotiations have been opened between a financial syndicate of The Hague and Andrew Carnegie for the sale of an estate here, which formerly belonged to the grand duen family of Waxo Weimar, upon whom Mr. Carnegie proposes to erect a "palace of peace."

How the boy Macanley read: When a boy I began to read very earnestly, but at the foot of every page I read I stopped and obliged myself to give an account of what I had read on that page. At first I had to read it three or four times before I got my mind fixed, but I compelled myself to comply with the plan, until now after I have read a book through once, I can almost recite it from the beginning to the end.

Any Cook Good Enough.

"Clifton" flour makes the sweetest and most nutritious biscuits that ever came out of the oven—and any cook is a good enough cook to make them. At Hays & McCarty's and E. R. Hipp's.

TILLMAN'S DISAPPOINTMENT.

Had His Bond Ready and Signed.—No Change of Venue to be Asked.

(Columbia Record.)

The decision not to grant bail to James H. Tillman comes somewhat unexpectedly to the public, because the usual course in such cases had been almost invariably to the contrary, and the general expectation was that bail would be granted though the amount was anticipated as being a large one. The people did not hear the affidavits read pro and con, else the decision would not have created any comment.

There is a good deal of speculation as to whether application will be made to any other judge, and much doubt was expressed as to whether such a course would be taken. It is thought that the decision of the chief justice while not binding on any other judge, would go a long way in shaping their views of the case, unless Tillman's attorneys can get up additional evidence to that already presented.

If the decision was unexpected by a great majority of the people it certainly was a deep and bitter disappointment to Tillman. So confident was he that he would be allowed bail that he had his bond already signed by good sureties, and all that remained to be done was to insert the amount and approve the securities. It is said that Col. Tillman had submitted his securities to Clerk of Court Walker, who had to approve them in order that there should be no delay in furnishing the bond and securing his release. He is very tired of confinement and firmly expected to be set at liberty. The decision of the chief justice completely upset his plans.

The attorneys for Tillman have not yet decided exactly what steps they will take in the matter. Col. Nelson, when asked about it this morning, stated that it was too soon after the decision to be able to state what would be done. The general impression seems to be now that no motion for a continuance will be made since the application for bail was refused, but that the trial will be held in April.

One of the many newspaper men here yesterday sent the following to his paper in regard to a change of venue being asked for:

Representative Ransford, of Edgefield, who is a close friend of Jim Tillman, is authority for the statement that Tillman would not allow his attorneys to move for a change of venue. It has all along been predicted that Tillman's attorneys would move to have the case tried elsewhere, but, according to Mr. Ransford, such will not be the case.

"Mr. Tillman feels as though he is among his friends here," said Mr. Ransford, "and I am sure will make no move to have his case heard in any other than the court of this county. I have talked with him, am fairly familiar with his line of defense, and know whereof I speak."

NINE BURNED TO DEATH.

Victims of a Fire Trap Hotel at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.—The Clifton Hotel Burned.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Feb. 20.—Fire this morning destroyed the Clifton Hotel, crowded nine of the guests and caused injuries to forty-two persons, who were scorched or forced to jump to the frozen street from second and third story windows.

After an all day search in the debris, four bodies have been recovered. It is now believed that five more bodies remain in the ruins of the hotel, which is said to have been a flimsy structure and filled with delegates to the State Young Men's Christian Association Convention, and the District Convention of the Knights of Pythias. The hotel register was destroyed, thus making it difficult to ascertain the number of missing persons. Forty men have been working in the rubbish all day, and will continue to dig for the remainder of the burned persons all night. The loss is \$500,000. Nearly all those injured were Iowa people. While our injuries are severe in many cases no one was fatally hurt.