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Governor Vardaman holds the palm among Southern governors in keeping himself before the public in some unenviable way. He has misbehaved enough since he has held his present high office for the voters of Mississippi to say in no uncertain way that they want no more of Vardaman.

Quite a large lot of cabbage plants were brought here the past week and are now being set out for early gardens. Experience has proven it over and over that it is not too early to transplant cabbage. The cost of the bought plants is very small and it is easily possible for every farmer to have an early garden, if he will only start now. Don't overlook the fact that the garden is one of the most important adjuncts of every well regulated home, and that the only way to have a good one is by starting early and keeping everlastingly at it.

It is a point worthy of very special consideration in connection with the movement to increase the usefulness of the library, which is temporarily closed, that the guests who first arrived at the Colonial Inn at once inquired as to whether the town had a public library. What a happy hit it would have been for the town if the gratifying statement could have been made that there was such an institution in Winnsboro and that it was in good working order. Well, if it can not be said now, let it at least be that they can say so when the time to return comes. By all means let Winnsboro have its public library.

The statement of Supervisor Burley published elsewhere of the county's expenditures and resources the past year is one that ought to cause every thoughtful man in the county to stop and think. The expenses are nearly \$2,000 more than the income, a fact that we called attention to many months ago, thought we were told that our estimate was entirely too high. In order to make the income equal to the out go the delegation has been asked to provide an additional levy of one-half mill and it is very probable that this provision will be made. We are also glad to state that there is good prospect of the delegation in the house agreeing upon a bill providing for an election upon the proposition of voting bonds for canceling the outstanding indebtedness. It is indeed to be hoped that they will give the people of the county this opportunity of saying that they would rather pay off this old debt by the issuance of bonds that can be paid in full in a period of forty years without any increase in taxation and run in the future on a cash basis.

On the way in the rush attending our moving, we completely overlooked the report of the meeting of the Dispensary Investigating Committee, at which Mr. Lewis told what he knew in connection with that wholesale shipment of "Peaceful Valley" to the dispensary at Ridgeway the latter part of November, 1904, just before his becoming dispenser. It might be stated here by way of parenthesis that this matter was brought to the attention of the committee through reference thereto in the editorial columns of the News and Herald about a year ago. The charges brought against Mr. Hollis by Mr. Lewis are of a very serious nature; of such a nature, in fact, that the grand jury will be recreant to the great trust placed upon it, if it fails to make a further investigation of the matter. Such an investigation can do Mr. Hollis no harm, if he is not guilty of the charges made; and for the sake of clearing up this whole affair, about which there is something mysteriously mysterious, it is to be hoped that it will be probed to the bottom. We have said before, and are now more of the same opinion, that there is more in this case than any other that has been brought to the public light to establish that the big officers of the Great Moral Institution in Columbia and the Richland Distillery Company are in cohort. The evidence that can be brought out in this case would go to the testimony already made in some trivial cases several better. It is now up to the grand jury to take the necessary steps for enlightening the public as to who is telling the truth, Mr. Hollis or Mr. Lewis.

Ex-Dispenser Hollis Pronounces False the Statements Made before the Investigating Committee by Dispenser Lewis, who Replies in a Card to the Effect that He can Prove His Testimony True by Good, Reliable Witnesses.

At the meeting of the dispensary investigating Committee in Columbia on January 4 the only witness examined was Mr. R. B. Lewis, who has been the dispenser at Ridgeway since December 1, 1904, succeeding Mr. R. W. Hollis, who had held the position for several years previous. Mr. Lewis gave some very interesting information in connection with the purchases that were made between the time that he was elected and the time that he went in. A few days later Mr. Hollis came out in a card in The State, pronouncing these statements as unwarranted and false. Mr. Lewis at once published a card stating that he was able to prove every statement he had made in connection with this affair. Below will be found the card of Mr. Hollis, Mr. Lewis' reply to the same and also a synopsis of the testimony of Mr. Lewis before the committee as published in The State on the next day.

MR. HOLLIS' CARD.
(The State, Jan. 10.)

The editor of The State has received the following card from R. W. Hollis, dispenser at Ridgeway: "There appeared in The State under date of January 2nd a statement made by Bob Lewis before the dispensary investigating committee which I denounce as an absolute falsehood. It is my desire to go before the committee at my earliest possible convenience and adjust this gross and unwarranted attack that Lewis has made on me."

MR. LEWIS' REPLY.

I noticed in this morning's State a card from Mr. R. W. Hollis, dispenser at this place, denouncing my statement before the investigating committee as false, and expresses himself as anxious to appear before that committee and adjust the gross and unwarranted attack.

In reply to the above I wish to say that I was summoned before that committee, and on oath answered to the best of my knowledge positively and truthfully every question put to me, without fear or favor of Mr. Hollis or any one else. I am prepared to reiterate my statement and have the mayor of my town, Mr. C. J. Smith, and John N. Lemaster, magistrate, to corroborate what I had to say and leave the matter to the public to say who has falsified. I have no disposition to persecute Mr. Hollis and regret exceedingly that I have been forced to make this reply. In Mr. Hollis' denunciation he fails to specify what part of my statement was false and wherein I made an unwarranted attack upon him. He can't, certainly, deny that he had on hand \$8,000 more in stock (\$1,000 to \$3,000 was the usual amount carried) when he turned the business over to me. Nor can he deny that the boxes had been opened and one or more bottles taken therefrom. Then if this be the fact, wherein have I made an unwarranted attack? I did my duty as I saw it, reported the matter to my superior officer, and when called upon by the investigating committee I gave my evidence in substance as above.

I hope and believe that the committee will grant Mr. Hollis' request. And if he can explain himself satisfactorily, I certainly have no objection to his doing it, but shall insist that he prove my statement false and that I have made an "unwarranted attack" upon him.

R. B. Lewis, Dispenser.
Ridgeway, S. C., Jan. 16, 1906.

MR. LEWIS' STATEMENT.

The following is the account contained in The State of Jan. 4 of Mr. Lewis' statement before the investigating committee:

The dispensary investigating commission yesterday examined but one witness—R. B. Lewis, dispenser at Ridgeway. Senator Christensen had the marshal to see if the witnesses summoned had arrived and it was found that all of the Spartanburg witnesses were not present, so it was deemed advisable to defer the examination of Capt. J. R. Faint of that city until this morning.

The one witness examined told a story of a dispenser whose scintillating genius played the Richland distillery to a standstill. R. B. Lewis testified that on the 15th of November, 1904, he was elected dispenser at Ridgeway. He took charge on the 1st of December following. Between the time of his election and the time he took charge his predecessor, Hollis, had ordered and received a stock of \$8,000 or \$10,000. The dispensary never carried a stock of over \$2,000. He had never placed an order for more than \$1,400 worth of liquor at one time.

When Lewis took charge of the dispensary he found that all of these goods had been received in

a fortnight—involved at over \$8,000. All of the shipping cases had been opened and the former dispenser had removed them from one or two extra bottles, the number sent to the dispensers personally in shipments of Peaceful Valley, Old Tom Gin and Old Rabbit. This was about the time that the Richland distillery was paying 25 cents each for all empty cases returned. A great many of the cases were returned by the former dispenser.

Lewis got on the train at once and reported Hollis' shrewd trick to the commissioner. All that could be done was to return the liquor. He sent back nearly all of the large shipment—minus the bottles which Hollis had taken out as per instructions, and even these did not prevent the stock remaining from checking up properly, for the scheme was to put 50 bottles in a case when 48 were ordered and the two extra were to go to the dispenser for his personal use.

Commissioner Tatums had explained to him that the authorities at the State dispensary did not know that Hollis would go out of his office and that it was an unusual thing to ship \$8,000 worth of liquor to one dispensary in 15 days.

He admitted, however, that it was a matter sufficient to attract the attention of the authorities at the State dispensary, as he had never heard of the Ridgeway dispensary receiving that amount of liquor before or since. Hollis is still around Ridgeway and has not been reported by the grand jury, which is said to be waiting on the dispensary investigating committee to finish its work.

Luckiest Man in Arkansas.

"I'm the luckiest man in Arkansas," writes H. L. Stanley, of Bruno, "since the restoration of my wife's health after five years of continuous coughing and bleeding from the lungs; and I owe my good fortune to the world's greatest medicine, Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which I know from experience will cure consumption if taken in time. My wife improved with first bottle and twelve bottles completed the cure." Cures the worst coughs or colds or money refunded. At McMaster Co.'s, and Jno. H. McMaster & Co., druggists, 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

CHANGES AT OLYMPIA MILLS.

Mr. D. C. Colvin of Fairfield succeeds Mr. Turnipseed as Overseer of Carding Department.

(The State, Jan. 21.)

Mr. George W. Turnipseed, who has for the last two and a half years been the overseer of carding in the Olympia cotton mill, has resigned his position and accepted the superintendency of the Banner mill at Goldville. He has moved his family to Goldville and will take charge of the plant at once.

Mr. Turnipseed is one of the many Southern men who have risen by years of hard work from the first steps in the manufacturing business to a position of importance and responsibility. He is a native of Newberry county and began his mill work in the Newberry mill less than 15 years ago. He has been advanced steadily and is now one of the most successful mill men of his age in the State.

The place made vacant by the retirement of Mr. Turnipseed has been filled by the appointment of Mr. D. C. Colvin, who, like his predecessor is a native South Carolinian, having been born in Fairfield county. He completed the special textile course in the French Textile school of the Georgia School of Technology in the class of 1901, and has since spent his time in the Richland mill in his city, where he had nearly five years of practical training. A greater part of the time he has been card grinder and second card in the card room of that mill. He has had training of theory and practice makes him a mill man of no size.

Men Part Sixty in Danger.

More than half mankind over sixty years of age suffer from kidney and bladder disorders, usually enlargement of prostate gland. This is both painful and dangerous, and Foley's Kidney Cure should be taken at the first sign of danger, as it corrects irregularities and has cured many old men of this disease. Mr. Rodney Burnett, Rock Port, Mo., writes: "I suffered with enlarged prostate gland and kidney trouble for years and after taking two bottles of Foley's Kidney Cure I feel better than I have for twenty years although I am now 91 years old." Sold by McMaster Co.

Men Part Sixty in Danger.

One effect of the investigation of the franking privilege will probably be to induce congressmen to be more careful about the wrapping when they send laundry and clothing home through the mails.—Washington Post.

Indigestion is easily overcome by the use of Kodol Dyspepsia, because this remedy digests what you eat and gives the stomach a rest—allows it to recuperate and grow strong again. Kodol relieves Indigestion, Boiling of Gas, Sour Stomach, Heart-Burn, etc., and enables the digestive organs to transform all foods into the kind of rich red blood that makes health and strength. Sold by all dealers.

White Oak Notes.

Mr. Jno. White McDowell and Miss Inez Wintt, and Miss Rachel Gibson and Mr. Mangum, all of Chester, were married on Dec. 31st. Mr. McDowell and Miss Gibson were born and raised at this place. Their many relatives and friends here wish for these young and happy couples a long and happy life.

Mr. S. M. Patrick has been quite sick, but is up again.

Mrs. W. J. Haynes and daughter, Miss Mamie, of Longtown, have been visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Wilson of Laurens are with relatives here this week.

Mr. E. P. Mobley of Columbia spent a day here on his plantation this week.

Mr. C. W. Mobley ran over to Lancaster on business yesterday.

Mr. J. H. Neil received the sad news of the death of his little grandson, Jno. A. Cloud, a few days ago, which occurred at his home in Brevard, N. C., Jan. 3rd.

Mrs. S. R. McDowell is visiting in Winnsboro and at Wateree this week.

Your spouse spent last week in Chester county. Labor up there is like it is here—very scarce. Some farmers have a few hands and some none at all.

Jan. 18, 1906.

Pirating Foley's Honey and Tar.

Foley & Co., Chicago, originated Honey and Tar as a throat and lung remedy, and on account of the great merit and popularity of Foley's Honey and Tar many imitations are offered for the genuine. These worthless imitations have similar sounding names. Beware of them. The genuine Foley's Honey and Tar is in a yellow package. Ask for it and refuse any substitute. It is the best remedy for cough and colds. Sold by McMaster Co.

Live While You Are Alive.

Enjoy life as it comes to you. Listen to the bird songs and the voices of the children. Linger to watch the sunset or the opening of a flower. Take into your life the goodness, the pleasure and the brightness of every day, for we shall pass this way but once and then when you reach the last day that is given you here you will be content and can say, "I have lived."—Country and Home.

A Card.

This is to certify that all druggists are authorized to refuse your money if Foley's Honey and Tar fails to cure your cough or cold. It stops the cough, heals the lungs and prevents serious results from a cold. Cures la grippe cough and prevents pneumonia and consumption. Contains no opiates. The genuine is in a yellow package. Refuse substitutes. Sold by McMaster Co.

Restaurant.

I take this method of letting the people of Fairfield know that I have opened a restaurant in the DesPortes' building next to Crawford's stable. New room, everything clean and neat, and service only for white people. Rates reasonable. Shall be pleased to have you give me a call and you will get a first class meal.

Jno. Whorby.

1-3-5

The soothing and comforting effects of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, when applied to piles, sores, cuts, boils, etc., subdues pain almost instantly. This salve draws out the inflammation, reduces swelling and acts as a rubefacient, thus circulating the blood through the diseased parts, permitting or aiding Nature to permanently remove the trouble entirely. Sold by all dealers.

FOR RENT—Mrs. H. W. McMaster's place of 536 acres, 2½ miles from White's Oak. Rented last year for ten bales of cotton. Apply to E. P. Mobley, Jr., No. 48 Haskell avenue, Columbia, S. C.

Letters of Administration

State of South Carolina, County of Fairfield.

By D. A. Broom, Esq., Probate Judge: Whereas, John W. Lyles, C. C. P., had made suit to me to grant him letters of administration of the estate and effects of John Hollins, deceased:

These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said John Hollins, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Fairfield Court House, South Carolina, on the 5th day of March next, after publication hereof, 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 23rd day of January, A. D. 1906.

D. A. BROOM,
Judge of Probate.

1-24-6

TINWARE—I am headquarter for tinware. Call here for your needs in this line. R. A. Buchanan.

Fruits and Vegetables.—A full stock of fresh fruits and vegetables always on hand. R. A. Buchanan.

WANTED—To make a few desirable loans on real estate at 7 per cent. J. E. McDonald, Winnsboro, S. C.

Trespass Notice.

All persons, both white and colored, are warned not to plant, cut wood, or trespass in any otherwise upon my premises or any property belonging to me. MARY E. CHERIGHT.

1-10-4

Final Discharge.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the Judge of Probate for Fairfield County, on the 17th February, 1906, for a final discharge as Administrator of the estate of T. W. Rawls, deceased.

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