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**"THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A 'DRY' AND A 'WET' TOWN"**

Twenty six or twenty-seven persons appeared before the recorder on Monday morning. A round dozen were white men, guilty of drunkenness; they outdid the negroes. Compared with the record of Monday, two weeks previous, when the police did not make an arrest on the preceding Saturday for Monday's court, this condition is striking. It represents the difference between a "dry" and a "wet" town.—The State.

That's a pretty strong argument in favor of prohibition, and it is all the more significant because it comes from the able pen of one who is not himself a prohibitionist. But it is characteristic of the editor of The State to state facts as he finds them, to hew to the line, letting the chips fall where they may. It is not surprising, therefore, that he should candidly concede in effect that conditions were greatly improved in Columbia during the city's recent brief immunity from the sale of liquor.

It is a familiar contention that prohibition is good enough for small towns and the rural districts, but that it cannot be enforced in cities. Columbia's experience certainly adds no force to such a theory. If the capital city with its many thousands of inhabitants can successfully maintain practical prohibition for a short time, why can it not do so indefinitely; and if it can enforce a prohibitory law, why can't Charleston and other cities do likewise?

**Backset to Edisto County.**

Columbia, March 13.—Special to the News and Courier: The proposed new county of Edisto, to be formed from parts of Aiken, Orangeburg and Lexington counties, received a serious backset at the hands of Attorney General Lyon today, when he rendered an opinion that the petition for an election was defective in that it failed to state the distances of the new county lines from the Court houses and because it failed to give the required facts as to population.

**Cotton Figures.**

Speaking about cotton, its production and consumption, it is interesting to note that on advices being received in New York on Monday that the National Ginners' association reported 12,716,000 bales of the 1906 crop ginned up to March 2, the price was advanced ten points. Yet that report indicated a 13,000,000-bale crop. Good middling spot cotton is selling for 11 cents or better.

Nine years ago, the knowledge of an 11,000,000 bale crop sent cotton below 5 cents a pound. Comparatively, an eleven million bale crop was then as far in excess of consumption, as a 16,500,000-bale crop would have been last year. And, in addition, the farmers were absolutely without organization, were employing no business methods, and were financially unable to hold cotton to steady the market. The takings by Northern mills for the season of 1897-98 were the largest up to that time. They aggregated 2,211,740 or about 400,000 bales more than in the year previous. The takings by Northern spinners for 1905-6 were 2,349,468, a gain of only 138,000 bales. So the increase in consumption comes from the South and Europe. The Southern consumption in 1898 was 1,231,841 bales, an increase of 200,000 over the previous year. Last year the consumption was 2,374,225, an increase of more than eleven hundred thousand bales in eight years, and showing greater consumption in the South than in the North.

Up to the present time, the American mill takings, and the cotton exported or on shipboard, aggregate a little more than ten million bales. There is nowhere evidence of mills being well stocked, except with the commoner grades. American spinners will actually need at least 1,500,000 bales more to carry them to the new crop; Europe will during the same period ask for not less than 2,500,000 bales. So, even with a 13,000,000 bale crop, we are going to fall 1,000,000 bales short of supplying the demand.—The State.

When in one day in Columbia a dozen white men become helplessly or "fighting" drunk it is time to consider whether our laws to secure the decent public conduct of citizens are adequate. A "plain drunk" doubtless appears a small offense in the eyes of the police, but when those men stagger about crowded streets, lurch against women, and are exposed to the view of children, the harmfulness of such an exhibition is great. The same men that disgrace themselves in that manner without regret, would be shocked at the notion of being forced to work in public as punishment. They may be drunk in public without compunction but to work in the streets would be dreadful! If the very light fines being administered fail to curb the drinkers, some other more effective system will have to be given a trial.—The State.

Ephraim Kinard, found guilty of wife murder at Saluda, was sentenced to life imprisonment.

**Library Association Presents Good Program.**

Reported for The News.  
Last Friday evening the Association gave an entertainment in the spacious and elegantly furnished office of Judge Ira B. Jones. The following programme was most happily rendered.

Roll call was responded to by quotations from favorite authors by the members of the Association. Mr. John Green then read a beautiful selection from Dr. Van Dyke.

Miss Leila Gregory next favored the audience with the bright spicy recitation, "My Sister's Beau". Mrs. Ira B. Jones took the next number on the program reading a humorous selection "Anzyliny at the Metropolis" This was well received and heartily enjoyed.

Miss McIntyre in her usual gracious and graceful manner recited "He got left and so did I".

Coffee, sandwiches and mints were served by several dainty misses. "Mysterious Bundles" were then auctioned off by Mr. John Green who acquitted himself admirably in the role of auctioneer and made the sale a success financially and afforded much merriment to all present.

Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Perry had this meeting in charge and to them, in a great measure, is due its success. The interest manifested was truly gratifying to all the promoters of this most laudable enterprise. The next meeting will be held in April, and with Mrs. Payseur Miss Lillian Gregory, Mrs. G. B. Barron and Mr. Jenkins as a committee on programme the public are assured of a fine "bill of fare" of which all are most cordially invited to partake.

**Twenty-Two Greeks Drowned in River.**

Reading, Cal., March 12.—Twenty four Greek laborers started to cross the Sacramento river in a boat at Pitt this afternoon. The boat capsized and 22 of the men were drowned. They were employed by the New Delmar Pitt railroad.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
COUNTY OF LANCASTER,  
In the Probate Court,  
By J. E. STEWMAN, Esquire,  
Probate Judge.

WHEREAS, W. H. SOWELL made suit to me, to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate of and effects of T. L. SOWELL, deceased.

THESE ARE THEREFORE to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and Creditors of the said T. L. SOWELL deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate to be held at Lancaster Court House, S. C., on Tuesday, March 19th, inst. 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 5th day of March, Anno Domini, 1907.

J. E. STEWMAN,  
Probate Judge.  
March 1st, 1907.

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