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THE ADVERTISER, Edgefield, S. C.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

This body met on Tuesday last and at once pitched in to the middle of things by electing the Hon. J. C. Sheppard of Edgefield President of the Senate pro tem, and Mr. Stevenson of Chesterfield Speaker of the House.

The Governor's annual message was received and read. This message shows everything in the State to be all hunky-dory, recommends an appropriation of \$50,000, to the Charleston exposition and also a larger one to the public schools of the state.

The first bill introduced was offered by Senator Marshall of Charleston "to prevent children under twelve years of age from working in factories, mines, and other manufacturing establishments of this State."

Edgefield is represented on the committees of the House as follows: W. A. Strom, committee on incorporations, Rainsford committee on Rules, P. B. Mayson committee on Mines and Mining, also corporations. On the first day Mr. Strom of Edgefield introduced a resolution to extend the time for paying taxes to March 1st. It was defeated however.

Senator Sheppard introduced a concurrent resolution, which was adopted, fixing Tuesday, February 15, as the day for balloting in the two houses for a United States senator to succeed Senator Tillman, whose term expires March 4, and fixing the date for the joint balloting on Wednesday, the 16th.

Senator Sheppard introduced a bill to create a State board of entomology. The bill provides for the inspection of fruit trees, vineyards and truck farms to prevent contagious diseases, and destroy destructive insects in orchards, vineyards, etc. The board is to consist of the president, the chairman of the board of trustees and the professor of agriculture of Clemson college.

The bill provides for the prevention of diseases of fruit trees and vegetables as it may deem expedient and to appoint a State entomologist and an assistant if necessary, whose salaries shall be paid out of the funds of Clemson college. When diseases appear in orchards, vineyards, etc., the entomologist is to take proper steps to prevent the spread of the disease, the expense to be paid by the owner, and when trees are condemned they shall be destroyed and no compensation paid the owner.

An appeal to the full board on the decisions of the entomologist is provided for, as is also the inspection of fruit trees shipped into this State from other States.

Senator Sheppard introduced a bill providing for a reapportionment of Representatives in the Legislature. Mr. Rainsford of Edgefield introduced a concurrent resolution to appoint a committee of three representatives and two senators to make a careful examination of facts and conditions and to report at the next session upon the expediency of keeping or of selling State farms. The resolution was held over until today for consideration. It provides that witnesses may be called in and evidence taken.

On the resolution "that the sergeant at arms furnish pure drinking water" Mr. H. J. Kinard moved to indefinitely postpone. Mr. Mayson "to lay the resolution under the table," just where it was laid. The State of Monday says, a great fight is expected over the bill to prohibit child labor in cotton mills. This bill was introduced by the Aiken delegation and was referred to the committee on commerce and manufactures. It is expected that the committee will report favorably on the bill.

Another important measure which has been brought to the attention of the house is Mr. John I. Thomas' bill to provide for a county solicitor. There is some objection to this bill on the part of some who have urged that the number of judicial circuits be increased from eight to ten. The sale of the State farms is another question which will give the legislators no little opportunity for airing views. Some rode

this hobby through the campaign. It is one thing to say that the farms should be sold, and another thing to get an individual to buy the land at its proper valuation. For it is reclaimed from the Water-terre by dikes, and convict labor is valuable in keeping up these embankments. On the other hand the people of the State are demanding better highways. Just within the past few years has this been an industry of the State, and the experiments have been so encouraging that some people would employ all convicts except those sentenced for life terms, in building permanent country roads. The convicts who are sentenced for life could be used on nearby farms, under close surveillance, to make just enough to provision the penitentiary. The leasing of convicts to individuals is becoming very objectionable.

The arrangement of congressional districts may occasion a big fight at this session. When the late Mr. H. C. Patton pushed his bill, urging that the present "shoe-string" districts were unnecessary and inconvenient, it was urged by the opposition that it were best to wait until after the census had been taken.

Not only has the census been taken, but the lower house of the national congress has passed the Burleigh bill which, although it will not interfere with South Carolina's representation, prescribes that all congressional districts must be compact and of contiguous territory. The fight will not be on the question of redistricting, but on the shaping of these districts.

The seven districts of this State are each formed of contiguous territory, but are not compact, and the people embraced are not homogeneous. The people of Chesterfield, for instance, have not much in common with the people of Cherokee. The people of the sandhills of Richland know little of the people of Glassey Mountain in Greenville. These long "shoe-string" districts were formed under the system of gerrymandering made necessary in order to overcome black majorities in the lower tier of counties, but the necessity has passed away under the existing suffrage laws and the Burleigh bill says the districts must be compact.

It is highly probable, that the matter will be disposed of at this session, for it will then be but little over a year until the next primary campaign and aspirants for congressional honors will want time in which to set their sails. The Patton bill, it is said, will be the basis upon which the redistricting bill will be made. However, although this measure meets requirements so far as the grouping of territory and peoples is concerned, it can be improved upon in getting districts more nearly balanced in population.

South Carolina Legislators on Child Labor. The employment of children in cotton mills and in other industrial enterprises in South Carolina will be one of the chief subjects to be considered by the South Carolina legislature at its session this month. A great deal of attention has been given the matter, and it is believed that the legislature will endeavor to have a better understanding of the conditions as they exist in this state today.

The enormous increase in the cotton manufacturing industry and the employment of such a large number of operatives have naturally brought many children into the mills, and there is a desire on the part of the lawmakers to see that the children are not put to work too young. Mr. F. H. McMaster, a member of the legislature from Charleston county, has just returned to that city from an extended tour through the mill section and has gathered a bulk of information which will be presented to the assembly when the child labor question is taken up.

Mr. McMaster says that he went to the mill district impressed with the idea that legislation restricting the employment of children in the cotton mills was imperative, but admitted that he returned with his ideas somewhat shaken. He says he is inclined to believe that if legislation is required it should be more in protection of the mills than against them. He says the condition of the mill people is excellent, and he is unable to see just how this can be improved.

At the Pelzer Manufacturing Company's mills, one of the largest concerns in the country, operatives employed are made to sign an agreement that their children between the ages of five and twelve years will be kept in the schools provided by the company, and after passing the age of twelve the children will be put to work in the mill and kept there under the direction of the superintendent. This rule is said to be satisfactory and the Pelzer schools are filled with children who are given an early education before they are started in for their life work.

Others members of the legislature are conducting quiet investigations, and it is thought that great attention will be given the question when it is called up by the assembly.—Atlanta News.

NEW TALES ABOUT HON. TOM WATSON.

The Big Farming Interests He Owns in McDuffie County—He is a Fiddler and a Good One, Too—Not to Retire From the.

At the Applying Christmas celebration which was held the other day in Columbia county I happened to unusual good luck in meeting one of Mr. Watson's best and oldest friends, and from him I learned some new tales about the famous Georgian.

It was rather a surprise to me to learn that the McDuffie lawyer was a fiddler and a left-handed one, at that.

Mr. Watson has a country home near my informant's plantation and one evening there was a "social" at Mr. Watson's home, to which all the neighbors had been invited. After the crowd had tired themselves with plays on the lawn they decided to go in and have some music.

All went well enough for awhile. Then came an interruption and the guests looked up startled to see Mr. Watson enter with a fine violin in his hand. He told them he thought he'd come in and join the fun, and then they listened to some excellent renditions performed with the left hand by the big politician.

Mr. Watson is a big farmer, though but a few people know it. His revenue from his farm in 1900 was about \$20,000, and by this it will be seen that he knows as much about farming as politics.

He owns the following plantations in McDuffie county. "The Old Watson Homestead," 3,000 acres; "Gold Mine Place," 600 acres; "Cloud Place," 800 acres; "Sturgis Place," 1,600 acres; "Hamilton Place," 1,000 acres; "Wilson Place," 300 acres; "Harris Place," 800 acres; "Cross Roads," 400 acres; "Hobb's Place," 800 acres, and 2,000 acres in Columbia county, making over 11,000 acres as his land holdings.

Mr. Watson has faith in Georgia lands, and it is said to be his ambition to own McDuffie county if money can buy it. He has spent \$40,000 buying lands during the last two years.

There is some talk to the effect that Mr. Watson expects to quit the law business as soon as he gets through with his present legal engagements, but I have positive proof that he already has other big cases in hand and that he is listed with the attorneys for two or three years more at least.

Mr. Watson is easily disturbed and some time ago one of the neighbor's children owned a noisy little "fice" dog, which was eternally interrupting him during his writing hours.

Finally one day the the literateur-lawyer, driven to the last stage of endurance, dashed his pen aside, walked out of his study and over to where the lad who owned the obnoxious dog was.

"I'll give you five dollars for that dog," said Mr. Watson. "All right," said the boy. Turning to an idle negro Mr. Watson said:

"I'll give you a dollar to take that dog out of town and kill it." "I think you are dead forever politically," said one of Mr. Watson's bosom friends to him a short time ago.

"You are wrong," answered the statesman, "I will arise to more glory than ever I've enjoyed. Some people say I am living in seclusion, but I am coining money every minute and money talks. "No, I am not dead by any means." And there isn't anybody but who will acknowledge that Mr. Watson is four times as rich today as he was six years ago.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA—County of Edgefield. To the Hon. W. B. Cogburn, Court of Common Pleas.

YOU will please take notice that we, the County Board of Commissioners of Edgefield county, have the day established and fixed, and do hereby establish and fix, the following fees for licenses for hawkers and peddlars doing business in Edgefield county for the year 1901:

- 1st. For hawkers and peddlars of dry goods, notions, and shoes, and hawkers and peddlars of these articles using a one-horse vehicle... \$10.00
2nd. For hawkers and peddlars of dry goods, notions, and shoes using a two-horse vehicle... \$20.00
3rd. Hawkers and peddlars of stoves, ranges, clocks, lightning rods, sewing machines, pianos, organs, well fixtures, patent smoothing irons, and patent plows, for each of these articles... \$35.00

Jan. 9, 1901. We the Board of County Commissioners for Edgefield County hereby offer the following rewards for any violations of the law as regard license fees for hawkers and peddlars, as follows: One-half of fines collected for violation of this law.

THE County Board of Commissioners of Edgefield county respectfully call the attention of all citizens liable to road duty to the Act of the Legislature (See Acts of 1900, page 290) allowing them to pay a commutation tax of one (\$1.00) dollar per annum each in lieu of performing the six days road duty. Said tax must be paid to Treasurer by February 1st in each year.

SUMMONS. STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF EDGEFIELD. Court of Common Pleas. (Complaint not Served.) W. H. Ouzts as Sheriff—Plaintiff against R. C. Sujette, Defendant. To the Defendant, R. C. Sujette:

You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action which is filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, for the said County, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber at his office at Edgefield C. H., S. C., within twenty days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Jan. 10th, A. D., 1901. J. W. DeVORE, Plaintiff's Attorney. To the non-resident defendant R. C. Sujette. You are hereby notified that the complaint in this action was filed in my office on Jan. 10th, 1901, and is now on file therein.

W. B. COGBURN, C. C. P. Master's Sale. STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF EDGEFIELD. Court of Common Pleas. Benjamin Graham, against J. H. Bussey, et al.

Pursuant to the decree in this case, I will offer for sale at public outcry before the Court House, town of Edgefield and State of South Carolina on the first Monday in February, 1901, (the same being the 4th day of said month) between the legal hours of sale, the following described realty, to wit: All that tract or parcel of land in the County of Edgefield and State of South Carolina, containing six hundred and twenty-five (625) acres, more or less, and bounded north by Turkey Creek, east by Key public road and lands of estate of James Collins, south by Rocky Creek and estate of D. D. Bussey, and west by Turkey Creek.

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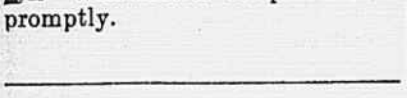
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