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THE LEGISLATURE.

The South Carolina Legislature will convene in Columbia next Tuesday, the time fixed by the present State Constitution, and will, perhaps, be one of the most important sessions held since the Reformers have had control of the State government.

Two of the most important questions that will come up for consideration in the early stages of the session are the dispensary system of controlling the sale of whisky and a measure to increase the revenues of the State.

The first of these two measures will have to run the gantlet of the combined forces of the whisky element and the blue stocking prohibitionists, but it is thought that the friends of the system is sufficiently strong to successfully repel all efforts to have it repealed and high license or prohibition substituted, either of which would be worse than the first because the first would be placing the sale of whisky into the hands of irresponsible persons and the latter is simply impracticable, illogical and would be the very law for persons who desire to sell liquor without license or to do so under that the dispensary law will be materially amended and its weak points greatly strengthened there can be no doubt, but in what way and how is a matter as yet to be developed.

As to the matter of increasing the revenues of the State there are already several bills in the course of preparation having this object in view and no doubt something will be done along this line out of which will evolve practical benefits to the people of the State.

In this connection we respectfully submit that a semi annual collection of taxes would obviate the necessity of the State and counties borrowing money or overdrawing their bank accounts and at the same time save considerable money, which is now levied to pay the interest on borrowed money.

There is widespread complaint about the cumbersome and extravagant of our present system of county government, and an effort will doubtless be made to relieve it of its costly features, or to repeal the law in its entirety and a simpler and less expensive system adopted.

The necessity of a law requiring the friends of a proposed new county to deposit with the State Treasurer a sum sufficient to cover all expenses for holding such an election before the Governor shall issue his proclamation ordering such. As the law now is it makes it compulsory upon the Governor to order an election whenever he is convinced that all of the provisions of the law have been fully complied with, but makes no provision for the payment of the expenses incurred in holding the election.

The stockholders of the Prosperity Advertiser have sold their stock in that paper to Mr. Thornwell Haynes, who will continue its publication. Mr. Dave H. Witherspoon, the former Editor and publisher will have charge of the mechanical department of the paper.

Gen. Johnson Hagood died at his home in Barnwell yesterday afternoon. He was an eminent South Carolinian with an honorable record as a brave Confederate commander, a successful farmer, a wise Governor and a high toned gentleman.

Sam Turner a negro, shot and killed a white constable named Philip Poston, who in turned mortally wounded the negro in Georgetown county last week. The negro was arrested, and for safe keeping, threats of lynching having been made, he was conveyed to the jail at Kings-tree. The tip was safely made, but while waiting for the jailer to lock him up, a volley from pistols was fired at the negro and he died without a groan.

Cotton Growers' Meetings. HOLLOW CREEK. Pursuant to notice in Lexington Dispatch, a goodly number of citizens met at Hollow Creek church, Saturday, 1st January, 1898, and organized by electing W. B. Taylor chairman and R. J. Price secretary. Col. D. T. Barr offered a resolution that we endorse Dr. J. Wm Stokes' bill in Congress, forbidding gambling in cotton futures and grain, which was unanimously adopted.

The election of delegates to the County Convention resulted in the choice of W. B. Taylor, G. F. Keisler, and J. Walter Dreher, they to appoint their own alternates. Motion was then made that the proceedings be sent to the Lexington Dispatch, with request to publish. R. J. Price, Secretary.

By a call of the committeeman, D I Epling, the Cotton Growers of Saluda township met at Pine Ridge, S. C., January 1st, 1898, and elected the following officers: D I Epling, President; G. A. Derrick, Vice Pres.; M. K. Frick, Secretary and L. G. Wheeler, Treasurer.

By a motion of G. A. Derrick, the President appointed G. A. Derrick, M. K. Frick and H. B. Domingick, a committee to draft a platform and resolutions. The committee retired and hastily gotten up the following platform and resolutions which were unanimously adopted: Article 1. The name of this association shall be Saluda Township Cotton Growers' Protective Association.

Article 2. The officers of this association shall be, a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. All officers to serve for one year. Article 3. The object of this association shall be to educate the cotton growers and all others of Saluda township interested in advancing the price of cotton; as to their rights and duties, and to devise ways and means for the improvement of their condition.

Article 4. We approve and endorse the Cotton Growers' Convention, recently held in Athaus and Memphis. Article 5. It is understood that this organization shall take no part in National, State or local politics and will permit no person or persons to use it for selfish ends, or purely political purposes. Article 6. We pledge ourselves to cooperate with all similar associations in carrying out these principles.

The following resolutions were then offered and unanimously adopted: Whereas, cotton cannot be produced profitably at five cents per pound, and it has been publicly asserted and generally agreed to, therefore: Resolved, That it is the sense of this association that the buying of commercial fertilizers at present prices to produce a crop in which there is no profit is the utmost folly.

2. That we earnestly recommend the proprietors of land to require of their tenants to raise largely of food products, taking rent thereof, instead of requiring all in cotton, that such as use hired labor endeavor to raise enough of such products as will feed such hired labor. 3. That we urge upon our Senator and Representatives in the State General Assembly, the immediate repeal of the lien law, to take effect twelve months after its repeal.

4. That we pledge ourselves not to plant over ten acres of cotton to the male or horse worked and ask the co-operation of all cotton growers in doing the same. The association then adjourned subject to the call of the President. M. K. Frick, Secretary.

business of importance was transacted. The following are the delegates referred to above: J. M. Caghaman, Dave Mathias and Thos. L. Harman. IRMO SETTINGS. Christmas has come and gone, and another glad new year is here. Many a goobler has gobbled his last, and gone the way of all flesh. Many friends that greeted us with a happy new year twelve months ago are not here to do so now, and till another year comes many familiar faces will have passed from among us.

Let us then look out for all this and try to improve each moment. Christmas was as quiet as I ever saw, yet it seemed to be enjoyed by all. All was sobriety and joyfulness. Mr. Olin Nunamaker took unto himself a very pretty bride, a Miss Hubbard of Barnwell county. They visited the parental roof here, and went to Ellerbe, S. C., where Mr. Nunamaker is engaged in teaching. Also, Mr. and Mrs. James Nunamaker of Columbia, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Dent of Brookland, and Mr. Frank Nunamaker, who is teaching at Hilton, were visiting here.

Mr. R. E. Mathias, who is taking a course at Wofford, has spent Christmas at home and today returns to resume his studies. Mr. A. F. Archer, who engaged to teach the school here, which is a very good one, taught one month and left very abruptly for Bamberg, S. C., where he claimed an offer of more money. Most of our people are somewhat wrathly over his conduct, as it leaves us without a teacher. A Wofford man has been written for and we hope in a few days to have school again, and better services.

Mr. S. K. Banknight and children have visited his daughter at Newberry recently. Mr. J. J. Bickley has been in Irmo again on a visit. Since the recent burning here, which is generally believed to be incendiary, the town council has seen fit to put on a night watchman, and we can rest better satisfied.

Rev. M. L. Banks, Jr., preached his first sermon here today, which was both interesting and instructive. Mr. Augustus Mathias is erecting a nice cottage in the northern suburbs of our town. Miss Annie Geiger and brothers are visiting Dr. E. R. Geiger here. Miss Beulah Counts is visiting at Mrs. Subers.

The C. N. & L. Railroad Company has bought the road running from Laurens to Greenville and soon our trains will be standing at the foot of the mountains. II. Jan. 3, 1898.

OBITUARY. The Widow of an Evangelical Lutheran Minister Dead. After a short illness, on Dec. 22, 1897, Mrs. Sarah Ann Bailey, the widow of Rev. J. H. Bailey, of the Ev. Luth. Synod of S. C., peacefully passed from the Church on earth to the Church above. Her pilgrimage on earth was 74 years, 1 month and 6 days.

She was given to the Lord in infancy by the holy rite of baptism and at an early age ratified her baptismal covenant by connecting herself with Nazareth Ev. Lutheran church, Lexington county, S. C., and remained a consistent member of the same up to the day of her death. During her sickness not a murmur was heard to pass from her lips. Her hope and confidence was in the Lord.

On March 5, 1846, she was married to Rev. J. H. Bailey, and during this happy union they were blessed with six children, five sons and one daughter. All of whom survive her. She also leaves two brothers, one sister and a large concourse of relatives and friends to mourn her departure. She was a devoted companion, a loving mother and a kind neighbor. To know her, was to love her. Her place in the home and in the church can never be filled; but what we have lost in her departure is her gain. And may God with his spirit, comfort and uphold the bereft family and friends.

The funeral services were conducted at the home of the deceased and the remains interred in the family graveyard to await the resurrection day. "Asleep in Jesus, far from thee; Thy kindred and their graves may be; But there is still blessed sleep, From which none ever wakes to weep." J. D. Shady.

Attorney's Office. During this year there will be six eclipses—three of the sun and three of the moon, as follows: A partial eclipse of the moon will occur on January 7th, but will not be visible in the United States. On January 22d, there will be a total eclipse of the sun; not visible in the United States.

July 31, a partial eclipse of the moon; not visible in the United States. July 18, an annular eclipse of the sun; not visible in the United States. December 13, a partial eclipse of the sun; not visible in this country. December 27, a total eclipse of the moon; visible in the United States.

The Chain Gang. Capt. Noon has the chain gang still at work raising the causeway at Kennerly's bridge above high water mark and will be there about a month longer. This place has for some time been a dread to the people of that neighborhood, whose business made it necessary for them to cross the creek at that point, especially so in times of freshets when the back water overflowed the road. At no time under the old system of working the roads has this place been put in a passable condition during a full creek, nor could it have been except at an enormous cost to the road hands.

Under the chain gang system the road at this point will be protected from overflows, put in a permanent good condition at little or no cost to the taxpayers of the county. The present condition of this road clearly and practically demonstrates the superiority of the chain gang system of working the public roads over the old system and is an evidence of the wisdom of the present County Board of Commissioners in retaining the system.

Death of Mrs. Decia Drafts. Silently the dark wings of the death angel overshadowed the peaceful and happy home of our fellow citizen, Mr. S. P. Drafts, at Lewisdale, last Wednesday, and bore the gentle spirit of Mrs. Decia Drafts from earthly habitation to that tabernacle not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Although a sufferer from heart trouble a long number of years, her death was unexpected and the blow fell upon the stricken family so suddenly that it could hardly be realized that the spirit of the loving wife and affectionate mother had ceased to exist on earth and had entered the pearly gates of the city of jasper where sorrow and sickness are unknown.

In her home circle Mrs. Drafts was the idol of husband and children; in her Christian duties she was energetic and faithful; in her social relations she was the meek and lowly Nazarene; by her implicit faith in his promises of a life and immortality beyond the narrow confines of the grave, in the performance of good works that she might win that crown of righteousness that awaited her upon the shore of eternity. As a neighbor and friend she was steadfast and firm and true to those who trusted in her.

The immediate cause of her death was rheumatism of the heart, but for her the sting of death had no pain, in a few moments all mortal sufferings were over. Her funeral services were held in the Lutheran church at Summit Thursday by the Rev. E. L. Lybrand, and the earthly remains of a noble, pure and good woman, were laid away to await that time when the Master is to come to make up his jewels. A large number of sorrowing relatives and friends witnessed the interment.

Board of Commissioners. The County Board of Commissioners was in session for two days this week. On Monday only routine business was transacted such as approving claims and issuing checks and looking after the county's business in general. On Tuesday one member from each township was engaged in filling the jury box for 1898.

The Board decided to instruct road overseers not to recognize physician's certificates exempting the holder from road duty, unless it has the endorsement of the Board. We appreciate the promptness with which some of our subscribers have come forward and settled with us for the Dispatch; yet there is still a large sum due us scattered all over the county which to the individual it seems trifling but in the aggregate it amounts to a big large sum to us. We have honest obligations to meet, and while we dislike to be continually demanding, yet we must insist that if delinquents cannot pay all they must pay a portion at least and help us. We have been compelled to strike off some names for non-payment but trust that those persons dropped will settle and renew their subscription.

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LEXINGTON MARKET. CORRECTED WEEKLY BY THE MERCHANTS. Cotton, per lb. 3 1/2; Hams, per lb. 10; Lard, per lb. 8; Flour, per barrel 2 1/2; Eggs, per dozen 15; Butter, per lb. 12; Pork, per lb. 10; Coffee, per lb. 15; Tea, per lb. 20; Sugar, per lb. 8; Rice, per lb. 5; Beans, per lb. 3; Peas, per lb. 3; Corn, per bushel 10; Potatoes, per bushel 4; Onions, per bushel 3; Cabbage, per head 1; Turneps, per bushel 2; Carrots, per bushel 2; Apples, per bushel 3; Peaches, per bushel 4; Plums, per bushel 3; Cherries, per bushel 4; Strawberries, per bushel 5; Raspberries, per bushel 4; Blackberries, per bushel 3; Huckleberries, per bushel 4; Currants, per bushel 3; Grapes, per bushel 4; Apples, per bushel 3; Peaches, per bushel 4; Plums, per bushel 3; Cherries, per bushel 4; Strawberries, per bushel 5; Raspberries, per bushel 4; Blackberries, per bushel 3; Huckleberries, per bushel 4; Currants, per bushel 3; Grapes, per bushel 4.

Trespassers, Notice. ALL PARTIES ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED not to trespass by hunting, fishing, passing through or in any manner whatever upon our lands. The law will positively be enforced against all persons found trespassing.

WANTED - TRUSTWORTHY AND active gentlemen or ladies to travel for responsible, established house in South Carolina. Monthly \$75.00 and expenses. Position steady. References. Enclose self addressed stamped envelope. The Dominion Company, Dept. W., Chicago, Ill. W-8

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