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THE LIEN LAW.

The opponents of the lien law have already opened their batteries upon it and have raised their annual clamor for its repeal. This law, like every other law upon the statute books, has its friends and its enemies; its good and evil side and its uses and abuses. In continuing it in full force and effect we should consider whether the law works the greatest good to the greatest number, or it is having the reverse effect. The intention of the law is very good and in the main its application is a help to many a poor man who has a large family dependant upon his daily labor for the bread and meat they eat to sustain life and for the clothing they wear, who would otherwise be unable to procure the food and raiment necessary for the sustenance of life and the comfort of the body unless it be to mortgage their little home, which stands as a shelter between them and actual suffering. The lien law is the poor man's basis of credit which enables him to pitch, work and gather his crop, and, without it, he would be deprived of the means of getting the supplies necessary to make his crop. By its assistance he is enabled to pull through the dull summer months comparatively free from the harassing thought of where-withal shall we be clothed and fed, by reason of this condition he is better able to prosecute his work with more vim and energy, and as a rule, better and larger crops are the result. It is purely a matter of business, based upon business principles and must be dealt with in a business like way. When a poor man applies to the merchant for advances, the first question asked is what property have you to hypothecate to secure me in the event of your failure to pay me at the time specified? Have you any land, or money, or any kind of security that I can seize and convert into cash to liquidate your indebtedness. If the answer be no, the chances are that the poor fellow will go away disappointed at having failed to secure the help in which he stands so much in need. Under the lien law system he can answer I have none of this world's goods which I can pledge as a legal security, but I can go to plant so many acres in cotton, so many in corn, so many in potatoes, and so on, and I will give you a lien on my crops, and nine chances out of ten, if the applicant be honest and industrious, he will get all the advances he needs. It is a matter of business in which supplies is the one consideration and dollars and cents the other, and the merchant does not run as much risk to lose his account as he would under a plain credit system, in which the honesty of the debtor is the only security the creditor has.

It is true that it sometimes happens that the idle and shiftless takes advantage of the law with the cold and deliberate determination to cheat and defraud the accommodating and confiding merchant, and obtain advances with no idea of ever paying for the same, and this is one of the evils of the law. But, in cases of this kind, it will doubtless be found, if the matter were sifted to the bottom, that the merchant alone is to blame for his losses from a failure to use the commonest and plainest business precautions and through his own carelessness and negligence, and he has to find fault with something so he blames the lien law. Hence this is not a sufficient reason for the repeal of the law. The law has for a number of years been in practical operation and in the main it has given general satisfaction to the merchant and farmer alike. Wisdom, it seems to us, suggests the propriety of leaving well enough alone, by leaving the law just as it is, for it is possible that to repeal it we may jump from the pot into the fire and adopt another system more pernicious than the one we now have.

A poll of the United States Senate and House of Representatives has been taken in reference to the leadership and issues of the Democratic party in the next Presidential election. Of the Democratic Senators now in Washington, twenty-three are in favor of Bryan for leader on the old issues until new ones are developed. Ninety-nine Representatives favor Bryan and the currency principle, while nine are non committal. Bryan and the free coinage of silver, at the ratio of sixteen to one, will doubtless be the battle-cry of the National Democracy in the next campaign.

The drays, mules and horses belonging to the South Carolina Dispensary are advertised to be sold to the highest bidders. A change in the place of business of the dispensary renders their longer use unnecessary is the cause assigned for their sale.

The war and navy departments have sent large reinforcements to Admiral Dewey consisting of both ships and men. When they arrive there will be a land force sufficient to preserve the peace and hold the island against all comers, and Dewey will be in command of the largest and most powerful fleet of battle-ships ever seen in those waters, the fleet of Great Britain not excepted.

It is unofficially announced that the Second Tennessee regiment, now in quarters at Camp Formance near Columbia, in the course of a month or so, will be mustered out of service. While this report is current the soldiers and officers themselves are confident that they will be ordered to Cuba early in February.

The Grand Lodge of South Carolina Masons convened in annual session in the city of Charleston yesterday. There was a full delegation from the subordinate lodges present and the field was carefully gone over and much satisfaction was derived from the work accomplished during the past Masonic year.

A party of thirty sick United States volunteers left the Santiago hospital and arrived at Fort Monroe, on Dec. 12, in linen clothing. They have suffered intensely from the cold and an investigation will be made as to why they were sent from Santiago scantily and insufficiently clothed.

Bailey of Texas, will be the Democratic leader of the House during the remainder of the present session. Much opposition was developed and a great deal dissatisfaction has been expressed against the incompetency of his leadership but he has triumphed over his enemies.

The strike of mill operatives in Augusta is still on and the strikers claim to be well provided with food, clothing and wood and they claim that they will eventually be successful. It is reported in Augusta that President Estes and Superintendent Smith of the King Mill, have been removed by the stockholders.

Gen. M. C. Butler, of this State, who is a member of the United States evacuation commission and who has been at his home in Edgefield on a furlough, has returned to Havana. He says that he hopes to see Old Glory float in the breezes over Havana by the 1st of the year.

Governor Ellerbe has received an invitation to be present in Savannah next Saturday on the occasion of President McKinley's visit to the camps of United States soldiers in that city. He has not yet decided whether he will go or not.

The enrollment in the public schools in the county, according to Superintendent Mayfield's report during the last scholastic year was as follows: White, 3,730; colored, 1,958; making a total of 5,688.

Through the indefatigable efforts of Senator McLaurin some of the United States troops will be embarked from the part of Charleston for their destination.

The Columbia Register, after a hard struggle for existence, and having tried both the morning and afternoon field, has suspended publication.

The treaty conditions have been signed and peace now prevails between the United States and Spain.

Mayor Lipscomb is in favor of working the Columbia city prisoners under the chain gang system.

Millions Given Away. It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concern in the land who are not afraid to be generous to the needy and suffering. The proprietors of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, have given away over ten million trial bottles of this great medicine and have the satisfaction of knowing it has absolutely cured thousands of hopeless cases. Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness and all disease of the Throat, Chest and Lungs are surely cured by it. Call on J. E. Kaufmann Druggist, and get a trial bottle free. Regular size 50c. and \$1. Every bottle guaranteed, or price refunded.

The Southern's Liberal Offer.

Annual Meeting Southern Educational Association, New Orleans, La., Dec 27th-30th, 1898.

For the above occasion the Southern Railway beg to announce sale of round trip tickets from all points in South Carolina to New Orleans at the rate of one first class fare plus \$2.00 membership fee; tickets to be sold December 25th to 27th inclusive, limited to return to January 9th. The Southern Railway is the only line offering choice of routes and operating from points in South Carolina through cars to New Orleans without change. For further information apply to Southern Railway agents, or address J. B. Heyward, Traveling Passenger Agent, Augusta, Ga.

Conference Appointments.

The South Carolina Methodist Conference, which has recently been in session at Greenwood, has made the following assignment of preachers, which is of interest to our readers: Charleston District—Presiding Elder, A. J. Stokes; Trinity, J. W. Kilgore; Bethel, H. W. Bays; Spring Street, J. P. H. Elwell; Cumberland, J. M. Steedman.

G. T. Harman is Presiding Elder of Cokesbury District.

Columbia District—Presiding Elder, E. T. Hodges; Batesburg, A. C. Walker. Columbia—Washington St., W. R. Richardson; Marion Street, S. H. Zimmerman; Green Street and Brookland, J. E. McShaffey, J. W. Neely; Richard and Granby, J. C. Abney; Edgewood, N. K. Melton, Hyatt's Park, to be supplied; Edgefield, R. C. McRoy; Fairfield, M. L. Banks; Leesville, J. F. Anderson; Lewisdale, J. R. Skjurner; Lexington, W. M. Harden; Ridgeway, A. R. Phillips; Wainsboro, J. D. Crout; President of the Columbia Female College, J. A. Rice; Editor Southern Christian Advocate, John O. Willson. South Florence, R. M. Dabose. Greenville Circuit, J. C. Counts; McLure Circuit, I. N. Stone. Conway Circuit, W. E. Barre. Lower St. Matthews, M. W. Hook. Springfield, G. Edward Stokes. Wagener, I. E. Smith. Sumter Circuit, S. D. Bailey.

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Unfortunate Transaction.

Mr. J. G. Bickley, farmer who resides near Hilton, is in deep trouble with the United States. It is alleged that he forged the name of Mr. J. H. Wessinger to a note and had the note discounted at one of the Columbia banks. To hide his first crime, so it is charged, he committed a grave one which landed him in the meshes of the United States Court by calling for Mr. Wessinger's mail at the post office which was given him and destroying the notices of the bank that the note was due and had gone to protest. He was arrested last Thursday by Deputy Marshal Thornton and given a preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner Jennings, in Columbia, who bound him over for appearance before the United States District Court, a prima facie case having been established. In justice to Mr. Bickley the public should withhold its judgment until after the trial, as only one side of the case has been heard, and as a further justice to him it is but fair to state that he claims that Mr. Wessinger instructed him to bring his mail. It is an unfortunate affair look at it as you will.

An Uncertain Disease.

There is no disease more uncertain in its nature than dyspepsia. Physicians say that the symptoms of no two cases agree. It is therefore most difficult to make a correct diagnosis. No matter how severe, or under what disagreeable circumstances, Brown's Iron Bitters will cure it. Invaluable in all diseases of the stomach, blood and nerves. Brown's Iron Bitters is sold by all dealers.

Christmas Presents Given Away.

When you visit Columbia to make your Christmas purchases don't forget to drop in at J. L. Shull's furniture store and see his lovely display of holiday goods which he now has in stock. Mr. Shull has won the reputation of carrying the best, and at the same time the cheapest, line of furniture, house furnishings, goods, sewing machines, all kinds of baby and doll carriages, wagons, fancy vases, cups, saucers, chamber sets, etc. Special line of 10 and 25 cents goods, among which are some rare bargains, worth double the price asked for them and all are fully worth the price charged. The entire stock is one of the prettiest, the finest and the most useful and ornamental ever brought to Columbia. Shoppers should by all means visit this store before making their purchases or they will miss bargains and lose money by not doing so.

Women Should Know It.

Many women suffer untold agony and misery because they do not know the disease is not correctly understood. They have been led to believe that wondrous trouble or female weakness of some sort is responsible for the many ills that beset woman-kind. Neuralgia, nervousness, headache, puffy or dark circles under the eyes, rheumatism, a dragging pain or dull ache in the back, weakness or bearing-down sensation, profuse or scanty supply of urine with strong odor, frequent desire to pass it with scalding or burning sensation, a dimness in the eyes, standing in battle or coma in glass for two or three hours, are signs of kidney and bladder trouble.

The above symptoms are often attributed to the patient's food or by her physician to female weakness, but the disease is not in the food or the weakness, but because they are treating the disease itself, but a relief from the primary cause, which is kidney trouble.

In fact, no woman who is in a miserable condition with kidney and bladder trouble can both read the same remedy.

Dr. Kilmor's Swamp-Root is the great discoverer of the eminent kidney and bladder specialist, and is sold by any druggist for fifty cents or one dollar.

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COTTON MARKET. Lexington—Middling 5 1/2. Columbia—Middling 5 1/2. Charleston—Middling 5 1/2. Augusta—Middling 5 1/2.

Christmas '98. This is the season of good cheer in which parents remembers children and children remembers parents, and friends remembers friend with a token of love and best wishes. In view of this fact the Bazaar has laid in a beautiful stock of goods which is just the thing to select your Christmas and New Year presents from, consisting in part of

Toys, Fireworks, Candies, Crackers, Fruits, Nuts, Glassware, Chinaware, ALBUMS, VASES, CUPS, SAUCERS, WORK BOXES, a thousand and one other articles too numerous to mention, all of which have been marked down to the lowest possible notch. An inspection of the stock is respectfully invited and a share of the patronage solicited.

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NOTICE, ROAD OVERSEERS. ALL OVERSEERS WHO HAVE NOT worked their fall four days' time on the first Monday in January next, are hereby notified and required to call on their hands and put their respective roads in good repair at once. L. J. LANGFORD, Supervisor. December 6, 1898—2w3.

Notice. ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS against the county are hereby notified to file the same with the Clerk of the Board on or before the 25th day of December, instant. No claims will be allowed and ordered paid unless itemized and sworn to as required by law. Members of the Board of Commissioners are notified to meet at the usual place on the first Monday in January next, at 10 o'clock a. m. They should come prepared with names with which to fill the jury box. L. J. LANGFORD, Supervisor. F. E. DREHER, Clerk. Lexington, S. C., Dec. 3, 1898.—4w7.

Notice. ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS against the Estate of Mrs. Maria A. Johns, deceased, must present them, properly attested, to the undersigned on or before December 28th, 1898, and those indebted to said Estate must make payment by the above date. L. A. GAUGHMAN, Executor. December 2, 1898.—3w6.

Final Discharge. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL persons interested that I will apply to the Hon. J. E. Lea for discharge of probate in and for the County of Lexington, State of South Carolina, on the 3rd day of January, 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m., for a final discharge as Administrator of the Estate of Emanuel Oswald, deceased. Z. Z. OSWALT, Administrator. December 5, 1898.—4w7.

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TAX COLLECTION. Lexington C. H., from 28th November to 31st of December, 1898, at which time the Tax Book will close and the 15 per cent penalty will be added. For State purposes, five mills. 5. " Constitutional School tax. 3. " Ordinary County tax. 3. " Past Indebtedness. 14. Total. 25 mills 1/2. For interest on Railroad Bonds in Fork Township, two mills (2). For interest on Railroad Bonds in Broad River and Saluda Townships, two and one-fourth mills (2 1/4). For retiring Railroad Bonds in each of the above townships, one mill (1). For Attorney's fees in each of the above townships, one and one-fourth mills (1 1/4). E. L. WINGARD, Treasurer Lexington Co., S. C. Sept. 20, 1898—1d.

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DR. CHAS. C. STANLEY, Surgeon Dentist, 1423 Main St., Over Messrs. Stanley Bros' China Store. (Y. M. C. A. Building.) COLUMBIA, S. C. January 16-17. TAX RETURNS. 1899. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW in reference to the assessment and taxation of property, the Auditor, or his assistant, will be and attend the following named places for the purpose of receiving tax returns for the fiscal year 1899, and in order to meet the next appointment the hour will close at 11 o'clock in the morning, and at 4 o'clock in the afternoon; taxpayers will therefore, be prompt in meeting the appointments so as not to cause any delay. Taxpayers will please come prepared to give the name of their township and number of lots for the fiscal year 1899, and in order to meet the next appointment the hour will close at 11 o'clock in the morning, and at 4 o'clock in the afternoon; taxpayers will therefore, be prompt in meeting the appointments so as not to cause any delay. 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