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GOV. ANSEL FIRES BOARD OF DIRECTORS

They Fail to be Ousted and the Matter Goes Before Supreme Court.

Jodie M. Rawlinson, John Black and J. B. Wiley, directors of the State dispensary, were fired last Saturday by Gov. Ansel, and now Gov. Ansel will have to justify before the supreme court Friday his action in removing them. Attorneys for the ousted directors have secured from Associate Justice Ira B. Jones a writ of certiorari directing the governor to appear before the court and produce the records at the time stated.

The directors claim that they have not been properly ousted; that they have not had time to prepare any defense, hence their action in carrying the matter to the supreme court.

Justice Jones' order is as follows:

"Upon the hearing of the verified petition of the petitioners, J. M. Rawlinson, John Black and Jos. B. Wiley, a copy of which is to be served upon you, you are hereby required to show cause before me, if any you can, in the supreme court room at Columbia, S. C., at 11 o'clock a. m., Tuesday, the 19th day of February, 1907, why the writ of certiorari as prayed for in said petition should not be granted, and it is further ordered that in the meantime all further proceedings in the said matter referred to in said petition be and the same are superseded and stayed until further order thereof."

This order means that the governor is cited to produce the records to be reviewed, and the supreme court after reviewing the case may decide upon the correctness of his action in the matter.

Mr. Demsey E. George is receiving new goods. Call and see him and save money.

SERIOUS WRECK AT JOHNSTON.

Engineer Norton and Fireman Dean Meets Tragic Death—Flagman Did Not Protect His Train and is Held Responsible.

Yesterday morning about 1 o'clock there was a rear end collision between two freight trains at Johnston, in which Engineer Norton, of New York, and Fireman C. Dean, colored, of Ninety Six, met tragic deaths. The former was crushed in his cab and his body badly burned. Dean was badly bruised and died from shock while physicians were amputating a lacerated foot.

While the wrecking crew was at work removing the debris, Foreman Winters, of the wrecking train, was struck in the head by a link which flew out of a hoisting chain and is, at this writing, unconscious at the Columbia hospital, with little hopes for his recovery.

Chairman B. L. Caughman of the Railroad Commission, who went at once to the scene, says:

"My findings as to the cause of the said wreck after consultation with Conductor Wright and Engineer Stewart, I am fully of the opinion that the entire cause was from wilful neglect of Flagman Mooring as he failed to protect his train under rule 99, as well as from Mr. Wright's own testimony that he failed in the discharge of his duty."

Senate Kills Dispensary.

Last night the Senate killed the State dispensary by a vote of 23 to 15, and passed the Carey-Cochran local option bill. This question has been under discussion continually from the opening of the present session until the present time, with the exception of a very few days. That it has at

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last been decided, the public will be relieved of the great dispensary question, which has been discussed so much and so long that it has disgusted the majority of the people, and they want to hear of something more elevating. It now goes back to the House for concurrence and will pass that body by a large majority, so it is predicted. The vote stood as follows:

Yeas—Appelt, Bates, Bivins, Brice, Brooks, Carlisle, Carpenter, Christensen, Crouch, Graydon, Hardin, Haynes, Holliday, Mauldin, McKeithan, Otts, Sinkler, Smith, Sullivan, Talbert, Toole, Wells, Williams—23.

Nays—Black, Blease, Clifton, Earle, Efrid, Griffin, Johnson, Kelly, Laney, Raysor, Rogers, Stackhouse, Townsend, Walker, Weston—15.

Senator McGowan, present, was paired with Senator Hough, absent. If Senator Hough had been present he would have voted "nay" and Sena-

tor McGowan would have voted "aye."

Senator W. L. Bass of Williamsburg has not been able to attend the sessions for several weeks on account of illness. Had he been present he would have voted "aye."

Had every senator been present and voted the totals would have been 25 for to 16 against the adoption of the bill, a majority of 9.

Lancaster Farmer Kills Self.

Lancaster, Feb. 11.—Mr. P. Henry Thompson, a farmer, aged 68 years, of the New Cut section, this county, committed suicide at 3 o'clock this morning by shooting himself in the head with a pistol. The cause for the act is attributed to nervous affection, resulting from an attack of grip.

Dr. P. H. Shealy spent Sunday at his old home in the Fork.

Gaston News.

To the Editor of The Dispatch:

Gaston is on a boom now; she can boast of 3 stores and one hotel, the latter is conducted by Mr. W. A. Goodwin and every room is occupied. Among his boarders we mention: Mr. Joseph Williams and family, Mr. O. E. Goodwin and family, Mrs. R. M. Hutto and children, and Mr. P. J. Kneece. Mr. Addison is a lively old gentleman and makes his guests feel at home.

Messrs. Harry and Lester Goodwin, accompanied by their sister, Miss Lillie, are spending a few days at Blackville.

Mr. J. A. W. Sturkie has opened up on Railroad avenue, near the depot, and is doing a good business.

Gaston has a photograph gallery. Messrs. Elliott Pound and Grover Goodwin have opened a gallery on the second floor of the Sphaler building.

The Busby Brothers are sawing some fine lumber. Their mill is located on Mr. C. C. Goodwin's place.

Mr. R. J. Fallaw was in town last week buying farming implements.

Mr. Willie Moore, of Swansea, was here last week.

Mr. J. L. Ott and family have moved to town; they occupy one of the Sphaler buildings on north Main street.

Rev. McGill has returned from Columbia, where he has been filling his appointments. He preaches at Gaston twice a month; on the second Sunday morning and fourth Sunday evening.

Mrs. Louisa, wife of Mr. W. F. Mack, is at the Columbia hospital, where she underwent a serious operation. She is rapidly improving and will soon return home to the delight of her many friends.

Mrs. Clara Wise has returned from Columbia where she has been visiting friends.

Mr. Lloyd Kirby's little child has

been quite sick, but at this writing is better.

Mr. Paul J. Kneece is doing some carpenter work for Messrs. W. A. and C. S. Goodwin.

Mr. John Sightler is building a dwelling near town.

Mr. Dan Sightler, of Alabama, is on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Sightler.

The Gaston school is getting along nicely under the supervision of Prof. J. Walter Harman.

Mrs. Ann Hutto, who has been seriously ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Lucas, is much better.

An Orphan Boy.

Daring Robbery on Busy Street

New York, Feb. 11.—A reckless attempt at highway robbery was made on a crowded Harlem street Saturday when a man, who later described himself as Wolf Parzer, a clerk, twenty-four years of age, knocked down a bank messenger and secured possession of a satchel containing \$2,500 in currency. The robber was captured by the crowd after a chase of two blocks.

The messenger, Pietro Bennis, a youth of twenty years, was felled by repeated blows on the head with a piece of a billiard cue.

Bennis still clung to the satchel, the handle of which was torn out and left in his grasp.

Earthquake Shock in Virginia.

Charlottesville, Va., Feb. 11.—An earthquake of considerable violence was felt throughout this section at 5:23 o'clock this morning. In Charlottesville dishes were rattled at the breakfast tables. The shock was recorded at the University of Virginia by Frederick W. Reed, assistant to Prof. Ormond Stone, director of the Leander McCormick observatory. The tremor lasted about 20 seconds.

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