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Calhoun County.

The St. Matthews Commercial Advance of date July 27th, contained a lengthy article, by Dr. T. H. Dreher, purporting to be a reply to a recent article in this paper relative to the new county question. The aforesaid article was partly headed, "Knock Out Drops." Yes, the headlines really contained those three words—"Knock Out Drops," but it was a misnomer, for surely the worthy headline writer intended to put it "Drop Out Drops." For if we condense what the Doctor had to say, in his two column article, we find that he advocates the new county because he wants one like a child crying for a new toy. We would not do our good friend, the Doctor, an injustice, if he did go a little further and say that we were dealing in personalities and misrepresentations. That was a little hard on us, but we do not concede the correctness of either statement. While the Doctor is a very important and influential citizen in his community, we do not think he is justified in taking all we said about the new county proposition and its promoters to himself personally. If he is laboring under that misapprehension, we want to assure him that what we said was not so intended. As to the alleged misrepresentations charged to us, we will undertake to prove by the statutes of South Carolina that our statement, to the effect that taxes will be higher in Calhoun county than they are in Orangeburg and Lexington counties, is correct. We think that the statutes will prove fair and unbiased witnesses in this matter. (We will quote from the statutes later on in this article.)

We lay down the general proposition that if we cut Lexington county, or any other county, in half and make two counties out of it and thereby necessitate the running of two governments, when one is sufficient, it will of necessity require more taxes at the hands of those who live in the territory affected. That appears to us to be a truism. Certainly, two sets of county officers will have to be paid, two court houses and two jails will have to be maintained, two courts will have to be run and all other expenses incident to county government likewise. We make that as a general proposition and propose to prove it. Now for the statutes we proposed to quote from. We propose to take the supply bill for the years 1906 and 1907 respectively. And, my dear Doctor, we will not go to the piedmont section, or some other section of our State, for an illustration, but we will take Orangeburg and Lexington as representatives of the old counties, because they are the counties from which you propose to cut Calhoun county; and in order to secure two counties as representatives of the new counties, we will take the two nearest the territory interested and not go to another part of the State for them. That is fair, isn't it? We will therefore take Bamberg and Lee counties as your representatives. We find by reference to the acts of 1906 the following to be the tax levies in these several counties:

Table with columns: County, Purpose, Tax Rate. Includes Old Counties (Lexington, Orangeburg) and New Counties (Bamberg, Lee) with various purposes like Ordinary County, Sinking Fund, Past Indebtedness.

new counties paid 1.375 mills more taxes than the old counties. They show that in 1907 the new counties paid 1.125 mills more than the old counties; and they show that for the two years under consideration the new counties paid an average of 1.25 mills, per year, more taxes than the old counties.

Those new counties above referred to have been running for some years and have had an opportunity to get in good shape and reduce their taxes some. When they were first organized their taxes were higher on an average than they are now. Just as Calhoun county would be, should it be organized. Hence, we feel safe in asserting on the faith of these figures and in the light of common sense, that taxes in Calhoun county would necessarily be considerably higher than they are in Lexington and Orangeburg. But, says the Doctor, St. Matthews will put up \$20,000.00 for the building of the jail and court house. She will, eh? How do the taxpayers know? Has any bond been executed to that effect? Suppose there had been one, have you figured what it will cost to build and equip a creditable court house and jail? It will cost not less than \$50,000.00, will it not Doctor? Then, who is going to put up the other \$30,000.00? Do you say the people of Calhoun county? Well, if you do, then you had better tell them also that it will require a 10 to 15 mills tax levy on their property for that purpose alone. Do you think the taxpayers will appreciate that state of affairs? If you do, go out among them and tell them about it. The information will prove interesting to them, no doubt.

Our good friend, the Doctor, says in his last article that in 1905, (two years ago,) Lexington spent more for her courts, contingent expenses, etc., than did Bamberg—considerably more. Surely that statement was made in desperation! It only shows that Lexington county with a smaller tax levy than Bamberg, spent more money on her institutions than did Bamberg. Suppose Bamberg had done as much for her people along the lines indicated as did Lexington, then her taxes would have been even higher; and on the contrary, if Lexington had spent no more than Bamberg, then her taxes could have been less. Yes, that is what it shows—nothing more.

No, Doctor, we have never contended that Calhoun county would not be a good county; but what we are contending for, is that we do not wish to give up a portion of our good citizenship to help form said county.

No, Doctor, we did not tell a reliable citizen at Lexington court house that we "would always be found fighting the cutting of Lexington county so long as our bread and meat depended upon the newspaper business." We did not make that statement. But what we did say was this: that as we see it, it will be to the general welfare of Lexington county to stay intact, and we cannot afford to have one foot of her territory cut. We reiterate that we made no such statement as the Doctor attributes to us.

We have always conceded to these citizens the right to act in this matter as they think best; yet we have a right also to speak the truth as we see it. It is not now, nor has it ever been, our purpose to be unjust in this matter. We speak the truth as we see it, and do so without fear of "losing any plums," for, so far as The Dispatch is concerned, it will reach the homes of nearly every citizen in Lexington's territory, even though they should decide to join with Calhoun. We repeat, that we would regret to see them take such a step, as they certainly have no guarantee that conditions will be better in Calhoun than in Lexington, without going deep down into their jeans.

More could be said, but it is useless. These "people are intelligent," and it is supposed that they are capable of knowing what they want, and certainly we are generous enough to let them decide for themselves.

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An Outrage.

The dispensary constable, of whom mention was made in these columns last week, "scooped in" the small sum of \$87.50 out of the net profits of the Lexington county dispensaries for the month of July. For this amount, so we are informed, he never captured a single gallon of booze, neither did he bring a single "blind tiger" to bay. This is an outrage and it is to be hoped that Governor Ansel will withdraw the constable from this county at once. Won't you, Governor? Won't you?

"Stealing"

In reply to an Augusta Chronicle reporter to the question, "What will be the effect of Georgia prohibition on South Carolina?" Senator Tillman said:

"Carolina is bent towards prohibition of her own motion. Independently of Georgia action, the people are planning prohibition. They are disgusted with county local option and the dispensary. Not because of the want of the dispensary plan. But the State could not successfully watch one board of control. Then 30 boards of control cannot be watched. They have scattered the stealing, and the people are not going to stand for either centralized or scattered stealing. They are going to put on prohibition."

If there is 30 times the "stealing" now that there was in the State dispensary, that might justify the people in "putting on prohibition," but aside from the senator's sweeping remarks about stealing there is another good reason why prohibition will be adopted in this State and that is the persistence of the minority to try to force the people to retain dispensaries after they have voted out. Take our own county as an instance. It is clear to every right thinking man that the dispensary has been repudiated at the ballot box by an honest, fair election. But what is the result? A mere handful of dispensary advocates are trying to stifle the will of the people by protesting the election. They will succeed in keeping the dispensary open for a while but closed it will be in the end—right will prevail. During reconstruction days these tactics were employed to defeat an overwhelming negro majority. We all thought then that the end justified the means and perhaps it did, but doesn't it look like the chickens are coming home to roost? The size of the tickets, intimidation with little badges, but they were nothing to compare with red shirts and a brace of pistols, the number of boxes and the like. All of this will prove a mighty lever to force State prohibition.—Waterloo Messenger, Camden.

It will get so after a while that honest men will not hold any office of public trust, for fear that they will have "stealing" thrust at them from every side. Surely, every man that holds office is not dishonest!

White Book News.

To the Editor of The Dispatch: The health of our town is fairly good at present except our pastor, Rev. J. B. Haighter, who has been ill, but is now convalescent.

Crops are looking nice in our section, they having had plenty of rain to keep them in growing condition.

Misses Ruth and Lillie Donald, of Goodman, Miss., attended the Jamestown exposition and on their return home visited their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Shealy and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frasier, of Prosperity have been visiting relatives here for a few days.

We have a nice summer school here now with an attendance fifty pupils. The parents seem to take much interest in the education of their children.

Quite a lot of our folks attended the Little Mountain reunion and report a nice time.

Wishing The Dispatch much success
Aug 5. Feminine.

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Many Friends.
The many friends of Capt. N. B. Wannamaker, of Sandy Run, hereby announce him as a candidate for the Legislature to fill the unexpired term of the late Hon. J. M. Epting, and pledge him to abide the result of the coming election.
Many Friends.

Desirable Property for Sale.

I will offer for sale on Monday, the 12th day of August, 1907, at 9:30 o'clock in front of the court house door, my two-story brick building and lot in the town of Lexington, to the highest bidder. Terms—One-half cash; balance on reasonable terms.
5w40 J. M. CRAPS.

Final Discharge.

This is to notify all persons that I will apply to the Geo. S. Drafts, Esq., Judge of Probate for Lexington county, South Carolina, on the 8th day of September, 1907, for a final discharge as administrator of the estate of Silas Johnson.
SAM P. ROOF,
Administrator.
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Masonic.

Regular communication of P. O. Maria Lodge, No. 151, will be held in Masonic Hall, Peak, S. C., Saturday, 7:30 o'clock P. M., Aug. 17th. During the meeting a lodge of instruction will be in order. Visiting brethren welcome.
Jno. C. Swygert, W. M.

Boylston lodge No. 123, A. F. M., will meet in regular communication on Saturday, August 17th, 1907, at 2 o'clock p. m. Brethren are requested to meet promptly as business of importance is to be considered by the craft. By order of the W. M.
P. W. Shealy, Secretary.

MONTHLY STATEMENT OF THE Dispensaries in Lexington County For Month of July, 1907.

Table with columns: Dispensary, No., Location, Total Invoice Including Stock on Hand first Day of Month, Total Sales, Operating Expenses of Each Dispensary, Breackage, Stock on Hand Last Day of Month.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, LEXINGTON COUNTY. Personally appeared R. L. Keisler, J. W. Addy, J. L. Shuler, members of the Lexington County Dispensary Board, who being each duly and severally sworn, deposes and says that the foregoing statement is true and correct.
R. L. KEISLER,
J. W. ADDY,
J. L. SHULER,
County Dispensary Board.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of August, 1907.
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