

**MAY REPUDIATE ILLEGAL CLAIMS.**  
It Now Appears that Greenville County Has a Debt of About \$300,000.

[Greenville News]  
During the investigation of the financial condition of the county, the members of the commission have handled 60,000 vouchers and receipts in the office extending back over a period of ten years for no less than from three to seven times, and if nothing else does this gives an idea of the enormous work accomplished by Messrs. Townes, Patton and Peden during the past six weeks.

As announced in the Greenville News yesterday, the commission had adjourned for a recess until about the middle of September, when it will again undertake to satisfy itself as to the validity of numerous claims and vouchers found among the records of the supervisor's office. The bulk of this part of the work has been completed, but there are smaller matters from various sections of the county which must receive attention before an entirely reliable and accurate report can be made to the Governor and the Legislature of the financial condition of the county.

While the commission will not say so, it has authority to rule out such claims against the county as it may consider illegal or improper, and in view of some of the evidence given to the public it is believed that thousands of dollars will be repudiated by the county through the investigating commission. Many of these claims have been negotiated by the original owners to various banking houses and individuals, all innocent purchasers under the law, who will have to bear a large part of the loss. This will be unfortunate of course, but the interests of the county are undoubtedly to be protected by the commission. Such things are to be considered later, however, and not until the report is published will these figures become known.

It is understood the expert report of the financial condition of the county shows a debt of about \$300,000. About half of this is secured by bonds and must be paid. The rest is a floating debt and some of it consists of claims which may be repudiated by the commission. Until these facts are all threshed out it will be impossible to give an estimate of the actual debt of the county.

So far the commission has taken several hundred pages of typewritten testimony from a score or more of witnesses of more or less significance and importance. In this mass of detail it has obtained evidence which it believed sufficient to secure the conviction of former supervisor, J. E. Speegle, and his sons, Arthur and J. O. Speegle, who served at different times as clerks in the office. Warrants have accordingly been sworn out against them individually, charging them with obtaining funds from the county treasurer under false pretenses. If there are other warrants to follow the commissioners have not seen fit to make application for them as yet.

Up to the present only one arrest has been made. Arthur Speegle is out of jail under a bond of \$1,000. Governor Heyward has issued a requisition on the Governor of North Carolina for former Supervisor Speegle, but as yet Sheriff Gilreath has not received the papers which are with the North Carolina officials to be honored. J. O. Speegle has never been arrested. There does not appear to be any hurry to serve the papers and the authorities doubtless know what they are about.

The commission has discovered among the minor matters that there are hundreds of dollars held by people in various parts of the county, collected as commutation road taxes and the like that have never been turned in. There is no disposition to prosecute for this money, for the amounts are small, but those who hold it should take advantage of the official notice and make payment immediately. In the aggregate the money will be considerable and the county will take legal steps to secure it unless settlements are made.

Comptroller General Jones Makes Statement.  
Columbia, July 27.—Comptroller General Jones has returned to the city from the upper part of the State, where he has been conducting a series of settlements. He finds the affairs of the counties, at least such as he has examined, in excellent shape and thinks there is more care being exercised.

Mr. Jones is very much interested in the Greenville situation, because as long as three years ago he officially and formally reported that things in that county were not in proper shape. He then asked for money with which to prosecute the investigation, but it was denied him on the ground that the county could not afford to have such an investigation.

Mr. Jones thinks that when the committee gets into deep water they will find things very much worse than they are now thought to be. He hopes that the committee will get at the very bottom of things and find out what became of the \$27,000 borrowed on notes from Mr. Davenport and others.

The information is that there are fully \$40,000 worth of notes outstanding and that the county has never gotten the proceeds from these notes, or if it has there is no record of the fact that the money from the notes went into the county treasury.

**Mix-Up Between Latimer and Preachers.**

The dispensary issue caused a lively time in the conference of the Greenville District Methodist church at Belton the other day. A member of the conference questioned each minister as to his church's standing on the dispensary issue, and the dispensary was rapped hard and unanimously, until Mr. Henry, of Pendleton, reported his church as divided in sentiment. A member of the county board of control belongs to Mr. Henry's church. Mr. Henry evaded long explanations. Mr. Blackman said that but two members of his congregation at Piedmont are in favor of the dispensary and he would not deny pleasure at the prospect of their early departure. Senator Latimer was present, but was not a member of the conference. At his request he was accorded the privilege of the floor. He said that he could not sit still and see himself and others ruled out of the Methodist church for a political issue. He had preached and practiced temperance all his life, but thought the present discussion entirely out of place in a church conference. He would wipe all liquor business out of the State if he had the power, and he was not taking the stump for the dispensary, but thought a political wrangle unworthy of ministers of the gospel. He had never voted for the sale of liquor, but did not propose to see people ruled out of the church because of exercising their own judgment in political matters.

Re- G. T. Harmon, of Greer's, "lambasted" the dispensary and attacked Senator Latimer's position. Senator Latimer rose to defend himself. Mr. Harmon said he must have been hit or he would not so readily protest. Mr. Harmon preferred a blind tiger to a two-eyed tiger in the shape of a dispensary. Senator Latimer retorted that if Mr. Harmon preferred lawlessness to obedience to law he could not argue with him. This closed the incident for the day, but it was a live subject for outside discussion.

On Friday morning the question was revived by a minister's report. After acrimonious discussion, Bishop Duncan stopped open argument by a broad hint: "Who dragged this dispensary question into this conference, anyway?" Senator Latimer afterward stated that he was taking no part in the matter save as a private citizen, either for or against the dispensary, but was merely protesting against a political question being hurled into a church conference.

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**Jesse and Leonard Rawlings Convicted.**

Valdosta, Ga., July 27.—The trial of Jesse and Leonard L. Rawlings, on the charge of the murder of two children of W. L. Carter, ended yesterday afternoon with a verdict of guilty, but a recommendation for mercy for Leonard. This means that Jesse will have to hang, and that Leonard will spend his life in the penitentiary.

It was five minutes after 5 o'clock when the jury notified Judge Mitchell that they had reached an agreement. The judge was at the court house waiting for the jury's decision, and the jury was quickly brought in. The foreman handed the verdict to Solicitor General Thomas. It read as follows: "We, the jury, find Leonard Rawlings and Jesse Rawlings guilty, and recommend that Leonard be sent to the penitentiary for life."

The jury was polled, and each member acknowledged the verdict as his.

The mother and sisters of the condemned young men were present, and as the verdict was read out, the latter broke down and sobbed aloud, though the girls showed little emotion. Leonard and Jesse received the verdict with pale faces and bowed heads.

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**Crookedness in Greenville County.**

Information as to the extent of the crookedness of the administration of Supervisor Speegle, of Greenville, grows as the investigation proceeds. It developed last Saturday that the salary of Dr. W. J. Bramlett, as county physician, was \$50 a year. Yet the books show that during 1904 he received between \$600 and \$700 for performing surgical operations in the county jail. When closely cross-examined last Saturday Dr. Bramlett could remember but two surgical operations, and he claimed that the books he had kept for five years previous had been lost.

Chairman Patton of the investigating committee has information that the Supervisor received \$1,250 for work done for the Paris Mountain Water Company with the chaingang and that he put the money in the bank to his personal credit. The sum of \$100 received from Chick Springs Hotel Company was disposed of in a like manner. Speegle was bonded in a security company for \$5,000 for each term and it is thought that the security company can be made to respond to the amount of the bond.

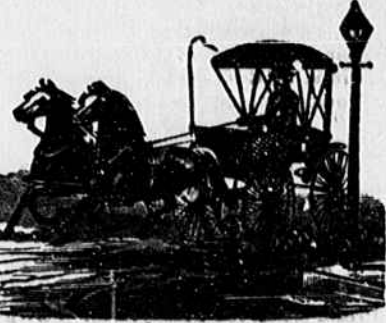
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**Annual Singing Convention.**

The Annual Singing Convention will be held in the Newry Baptist church on the first Saturday and Sunday in August. All are invited to come on Saturday, as several new officers are to be elected. J. F. Morton, President.

**Children's Day at Black Jack.**

Westminster, R. F. D., July 24.—Following is the program for Children's Day at Black Jack Sunday school, to be held on Saturday, August 12th: J. W. Shelor, C. R. D. Burns and W. N. Bruce have been invited to be present and make speeches. E. E. Verner, J. L. Singleton and L. H. Query are expected to be present and address the audience. Dinner will be served on the ground. Everybody is invited to come with well filled baskets.

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"Are you aware, Mr. Blank, that I never recommend to the President the appointment of a consul unless he speaks the language of the country to which he desires to go? Now I suppose you do not speak Chinese?" Whereupon the Westerner grinned broadly. "If, Mr. Secretary," said he, "you will ask me a question in Chinese I shall be happy to answer it." He got the appointment.

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**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS.**—All persons indebted to the estate of Mrs. Mahala A. Brown, deceased, are hereby notified to make payment to the undersigned, and all persons having claims against said estate will present the same, duly attested, on or before the 17th day of August, 1905, or be barred. W. O. WHITE, Master, July 5, 1905. 27-32

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