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WALHALLA, S. C.:

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NO PROHIBITION FOR S. C.

Local Option Forces Have Control. Too Late for Bill to Go Through.

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 15.—After a sensational filibuster, lasting several days, it appears that prohibition has been killed in this State.

The Senate has a majority of four for local option, and the house is equally as close. The local option forces in the House are well organized to demand roll calls on hundreds of amendments.

The General Assembly will adjourn Saturday, which means that the prohibition movement will fail, without a special session, which is practically impossible.

South Union Farmers' Meeting.

South Union, Feb. 11.—I am authorized to call a meeting of the members of South Union Local Union on the 20th day of February. Boys, come! We have business of importance to transact. Also, I am authorized by the State officials to call a meeting on the 27th day of February, which is the following Saturday. Let all members lay aside their work on the dates above and be at South Union at 3 o'clock p. m. without fail. The only way to find out what is going to be done is to be there. Come.

J. S. Massey, Secretary.

Meeting Oakway Local Union.

Westminster, Feb. 16.—Special: Oakway Local Union will have a special meeting on next Saturday evening, 20th instant, at 2 o'clock, and all members in good standing, and those who are in arrears for dues, are urged to be present at the school house promptly at 2 p. m., as very important business is to come up before the body. W. H. Cole, Secretary.

TRAIN BANDITS GET \$35,000.

Western Train Looted by Three Robbers Who Stopped Engineer.

Denver, Colo., Feb. 13.—That the hold-up of the Denver & Rio Grande passenger train No. 4, near Denver early this morning, was the work of three instead of two robbers, and that the robbery of the mail car gave them a loot of possibly \$35,000 is indicated by the investigation of the police and railroad officials to-day. So far no tangible clue to the identity of the whereabouts of the robbers has been found, but it seems probable that the men came to Denver, and are now in hiding in this city.

Eighteen packages of registered mail were secured. One of the packages is said to have contained a large sum of money, but until a thorough checking up of the missing packages is possible, the exact amount secured by the robbers cannot be ascertained.

The robbery was remarkable for its originality and daring. It took place within eight miles of Denver, within less than two miles of Fort Logan, the United States military reservation, and at the spot where halftons are plentiful. Yet so thorough was the work of the robbers and so well were their plans laid, that they had fully an hour and a half start of the officers. Search of the vicinity of the hold-up indicates that a third man and possibly a fourth were engaged in the robbery, that a rubber tired buggy was in waiting for the hold-up, and that two rifles and red signal fires were used unsuccessfully in an attempt to stop the train before the automatic revolvers of the two men on the engine tender succeeded in doing this. From the manner in which the hold-up was accomplished, it is thought possible the robbers are the ones responsible for the hold-up of the Denver & Rio Grande train last May, when express messenger Wright was killed.

And a fusillade of revolver shots from one of the robbers, another forced the mail clerk to open the door of his car. The second robber then coolly searched every piece of registered mail in the car, threw the packages he desired into a sack and jumped off. At the point of revolvers the engineer, fireman, baggage man and mail clerks were marched up the track a distance and then told to get back to their train. The robbers then disappeared with their booty.

Mill Workman Torn to Pieces.

Alabama, Ga., Feb. 12.—While attempting to put a belt on a lathe machine at the lumber mill of Corbett & Taylor, at Bridgeboro, yesterday afternoon, C. C. Carroll, 35 years of age, was caught in the shafting and literally hurled to pieces. Fifty separate pieces of the unfortunate man's body were gathered together. Carroll leaves a wife and two children.

300 Persons Cremated in Theater.

Mexico City, Mexico, Feb. 15.—Three hundred people were burned to death yesterday, when the Teatro Flores, of the city of Acapulco, was destroyed, several Americans being among the victims. The telegraph office was burned, and for that reason the news of the disaster has just been received.

SESSION DAWING TO A CLOSE.

Wrestling With the Liquor Question. May License Surveyors.

Columbia, Feb. 16.—Special: We hope that this is the closing week of this session of the General Assembly, but it is not yet certain.

The action that is to be taken on the liquor question is not yet definite. The sale of whiskey for last year was three and a half million dollars in this State—more than was ever sold under the old system. There are now twenty-one counties that have dispensaries and the same number that have not, so it is evident that the vote will be a close one either way. To see the bad effects of the sale in an adjoining county, one just has to be at Hodges on a Saturday afternoon and see the men loaded down with jugs, boxes, sacks, grips, etc. There must be from fifty to two hundred gallons going away from Abbeville in this way on Saturdays, and a considerable amount every day. I have never stood for the legal sale of intoxicants, or liquors as a beverage, by any system, but I am now more convinced than ever that the present arrangement is worse than the other.

Of the twenty-four acts that have been ratified only one is of general operation. It releases students in the colleges of the State from the obligation to teach in the schools of the State when they are appointed by the Federal Government to the army or navy.

I have a bill pending, with a favorable report, to provide a law for surveying land. It requires a license for every surveyor, to be issued by the Clerk of the Court upon the payment of five dollars, to persons who are competent. They are authorized to survey and locate and establish lines after giving all persons interested twenty days' notice of the time and place to begin the survey. This will, we hope, save the people many vexatious law suits over little strips of land that are not worth having. We have seen several cases of this kind in Oconee within the last few years. Several thousand dollars were spent at the last two or three terms of the court in expense of litigation, while all the land in controversy would not be worth one hundred dollars. This class of lawsuits does more to divide the people and make family feuds than any other. We should have competent surveyors and when a survey is made it should mean something.

There is a joint resolution in both houses, with favorable report, directing the Attorney General to bring an action to remove the Augusta dam as a nuisance if the owners do not at once comply with their obligation not to "obstruct the free passage of fish and the free navigation of the river," which was in the grant under which the dam was built to the South Carolina bank. This case has already been in the courts, but the owners satisfied the individuals and the matter was dropped. We expect this resolution to go through with but little or no objection, and if the Governor and Attorney General are vigorous in their action we expect results within a few months. Georgia agreed to put in the fish-way required by the South Carolina committee, but they failed to do anything, and we were obliged to appeal to the courts. There is plenty of law on this subject now if it was just enforced. The people up the river for more than a hundred miles are denied the pleasure and profit of fishing just to save the owners of this dam a few thousand dollars. If we can get a proper fish-way in this dam at Augusta, we believe, within a few years, the migratory fish, such as shad and channel cats, will again run up these streams. The older people remember when these fish went down the river by the million in the fall. No doubt cutting them off from running these streams has reduced the supply of these fish on the coast. One of the strongest fights of this session has been over the low-country methods of catching fish. The way they fish at the mouth of the streams practically prevents the passage of the fish, thus giving the low-country exclusive possession of the State fish industry. They should certainly allow the up-country some opportunity to enjoy nature's luxuries and delicacies. When the value of the fish as they used to be is estimated it is an enormous waste. It would be worth a million and a half dollars annually to the citizens on the Savannah river and its tributaries.

The bill which I introduced to prevent commercial discrimination passed the Senate and is now on the House calendar with majority favorable and minority unfavorable reports. The friends of the measure say they will get it through this session, but the time is dangerously short. The effect of this measure will be to prevent the Standard Oil people from running out of the independent oil companies. At present oil is selling from the wagons in the Augusta district from 8 to 10 cents a gallon, and other places at 12 cents. Then the Standard would be forced to sell good oil where they have sharp competition. The Standard Oil Company sells 95 per cent of all the oil used in this State, and it is evident that we will continue to get such oil as will not pass the inspection laws of other States until we get an inspection law. People who buy oil cannot afford to prosecute them for selling bad oil, and no matter how stringent the requirements, unless there is some one to see that they are enforced, it will not be effective. The only reason given why such a law should not be passed is that it will be a hardship upon the independent men. This is fully met by the small proportion that the independent men sell.

The railroad rate bill passed the House by a greater majority than it ever has. It seems that some who have been so persistent in voting the way the railroads wanted them to vote have taken up other occupations. We hope to take up the rate bill in the Senate to-day or to-morrow and pass it. It fixes the minimum fare at 2½ cents, and requires the conductors to pull the mileage on the trains instead of requiring the holder of a mileage book to exchange his mileage for a ticket. Everywhere I go the traveling men are complaining of the hardships that

COMPLAINT FROM PENDLETON.

People Want "Their Money's Worth or Their Money Back."

Pendleton, S. C., Feb. 15.—Editor Keowee Courier: At the request of the people who live on the public road leading from Pendleton to the new iron bridge over Seneca river (known as the Maxwell Bridge) I am instructed to ask the Supervisor either to make a road to the bridge or refund the road tax paid by the public on the road. (This is not my get up, but their own words.)

I am informed by the sub-commissioners of Anderson county that they will make a good road on their part if Oconee will do her duty. Now, in behalf of the merchants of Pendleton, I insist that something be done, or this portion of Oconee will petition to make Seneca river the line of the county, and put it all in Anderson county. These people are in earnest, and say they have to pay taxes for building this fine bridge, and, therefore, are entitled to a road in accordance with the bridge. They don't want any patching of the old road, but want an up-to-date graded road. Anderson county will do her part.

M. N. Sittin.

Notes from Madison.

Madison, Feb. 14.—Special: The weather is bad in this section at present.

The store room of J. R. Cleland is nearing completion. Mr. Cleland has been having a story put on top of the old room, which adds greatly to its appearance.

Miss Hattie Frazier, the assistant, teacher of our school, left Friday for a short visit to homefolks. The young folks enjoyed a dance last Thursday night, given by Miss Betsy Ramsey in honor of her charming guest, Miss Hazel Hunt.

School is progressing nicely at this place, under the management of Misses Emily Compton and Hattie Frazier.

Miss Zadie Walters, who has been our most faithful postmaster for some time, has given up her position for a visit to friends and homefolks. Miss Mary Jones will fill the office as postmaster during Miss Walters' absence.

J. S. Price made a business trip to Greenville last week. M. B. P.

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Five Firemen Killed.

Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 13.—Two companies of firemen who were fighting the Johns-Manville fire from the roof of the Netsow building fell into lower floor when the roof collapsed. Five of the firemen are dead. A number of others are still missing. The stock in the plant of the Charles F. Netsow Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of pianos and organs, situated near the Johns-Manville building, was badly injured, the loss being estimated at \$40,000. An estimate places the Johns-Manville loss at \$200,000.

MANIAC NEGRO KILLED.

Armed With Knife and Bible Memphis Black Runs Amuck.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 13.—Henry Tate, a negro who ran amuck, attacking women and children and throwing the fashionable neighborhood about Poplar avenue and Dunlap street into a panic to-day, was shot and killed by W. R. Clement. Armed with a knife, the negro made attacks on white people. Women were compelled to run from the streets, three men were knocked down by the negro and one sustained a cut in the neck. Tate is believed to have become insane over religion. With a Bible in one hand and a knife in the other, he appeared at a grocery store, and without a word, hit the proprietor a heavy blow on the jaw, knocking him to the ground. Tate then rushed into the street, pursued by a mob, growing larger every minute. Clement overtook him and shot him dead.

Another Storm in Mississippi.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 14.—Information has been received in Birmingham that two were killed and seven badly injured at West Point, Miss., this afternoon as the result of a heavy wind storm which passed over that section of the State.

The rain and wind storms appear to have been general over Mississippi and northern Alabama this evening and to-night. An unconfirmed report has it that one person was killed at York, Ala. The wind in Birmingham was accompanied by a heavy rain, which lasted far into the night.

The Augusta Dam.

Columbia, Feb. 10.—Representative Rucker put in a joint resolution to-day "A bill to make effective the recommendations of the special commission appointed to investigate the Augusta dam." The resolution directs the Attorney General to bring suit against the owners of the dam and compel them to construct proper fish-ways. The bill also provides for a patrol launch running between Augusta and Savannah to protect the fish.

the present system puts on them. The ticket agents are often so rushed that they cannot sell tickets fast enough, and passengers have to board trains without tickets, and some get left.

The State tax levy has not been finally determined upon yet. We do not think that it will be as much as last year. Our total tax for Oconee will be about the same as last year.

The repeal of the lien law is still in doubt in the Senate. The house passed it by a larger majority than ever before. Respectfully,
J. R. Earle.

D. S. ABBOTT,

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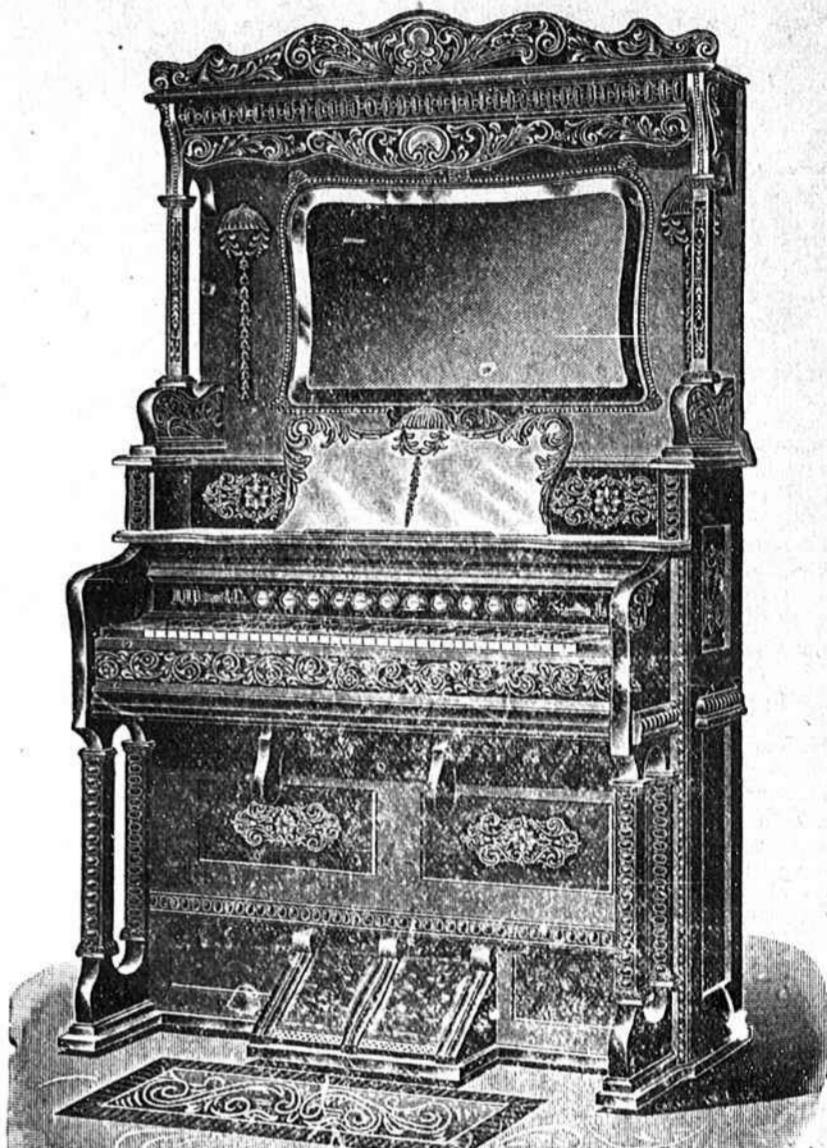
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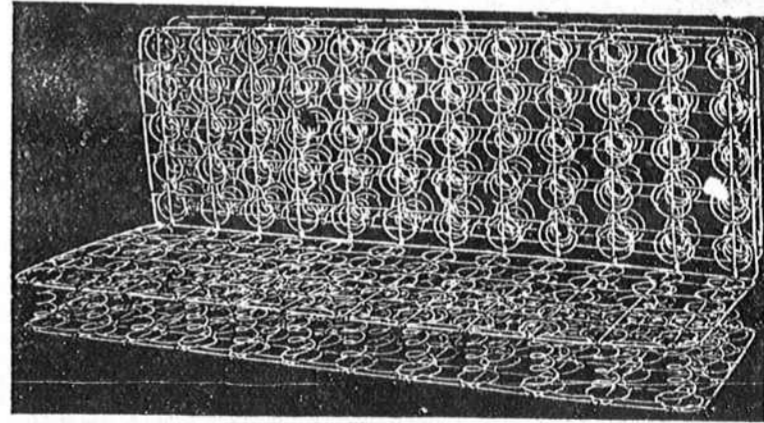


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