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### LIQUOR ADVOCATES PREVAIL.

Two-Dollar Road Tax for Oconee—Glaze Won't Accept.

Columbia, Feb. 1.—Editor Keowee Courier: The third week of the session of the General Assembly has passed away and there has not been very much work accomplished. It is annoying to me to see so many of the members, especially the old ones, wanting to adjourn so much, and for a long time at that. Last night, after wrangling over an hour on the question of adjournment over Sunday, the House finally decided to adjourn until 8.05 p. m. Tuesday, the 4th. At all times I vote to meet and work as often as possible, but there is generally a majority against my wishes. But I shall endeavor to be contented with what comes. I expect to spend to-day, Monday and Tuesday working on matters pertaining to the interest and welfare of Oconee.

Mr. Shirley has introduced a bill making the commutation, or road tax, in Oconee county, two dollars, or, in lieu thereof, four days' work upon the roads of the county. This bill has been read two times and ordered to a third reading. It will no doubt pass both the House and Senate. This change from one dollar to two dollars commutation tax will take effect October 15, 1913; that is, this road tax will have to be paid some time between October 15, 1913, and March 15, 1914, and so on each year, or if it is not so paid, the person liable to road duty will have to work the roads four days, some time after the 15th of March each year. Nearly every county in the State requires two or more dollars for road tax, and if it is not paid there is a penalty that subjects those liable to a fine in case they refuse to work. That is, the law in those counties does not give them the optional right to work instead of paying. Some wanted us to require all to pay in our county, but we thought that this would work a hardship on some.

The delegation has recommended the following men for rural policemen for Oconee county, to wit: For the district of Walhalla, Jesse Lay; Westminster district, James H. Mason; and for Seneca, Wm. M. Alexander. I don't know whether or not the Governor has commissioned these gentlemen, but I understand he has promised to do so.

I understand that the magistrates for the various places have been recommended by Mr. Verner, but I have not the names of them before me. This can be learned from the Senator. I have introduced a bill to "give the jury the right to consider, in cases of assault, or assault and battery, any opprobrious words or abusive language as sufficient to bring on a difficulty." I intend to introduce a bill next week to separate the Court of General Sessions from the Court of Common Pleas for Oconee County, and provide one week for criminal court and two weeks for civil matters. The Walhalla Bar has unanimously requested this, and say it is essential.

Mr. Epps, a member of the House from Sumter, and myself, will introduce a bill the ensuing week to "give magistrates jurisdiction in all cases in violation of the dispensary law." It is doubtful whether or not this bill will become a law, but we are going to make a desperate fight to make it so.

Several of the counties, by their Representatives, tried to get a special act through the Legislature to give to them the right to hold special elections for the purpose of voting back dispensaries. Am glad to report that it failed to pass the House. Another liquor bill that caused more discussion than any other was "A bill to give cities of more than fifty thousand inhabitants, which means Charleston alone, the right to license any citizen for the purpose of selling liquor. It abolishes the dispensary in that county, and any person can sell whiskey by procuring a license in the sum of one thousand dollars, two thousand dollars and three thousand dollars, in the respective particular cases." The advocates of this bill claim that it is the only satisfactory way for the solution of the whiskey question in Charleston. As for myself, I am opposed to the sale of liquor in any case, and did all I could to prevent the passage of this bill, but we could not muster enough votes to kill it. It passed the House by a vote of 60 to 53. It is certain to pass the Senate, for the majority of the members in that branch of the General Assembly favor the sale of liquor.

The General Assembly last night received a communication from the Hon. W. L. Glaze, who was recently elected Judge of the First Judicial Circuit, stating that, because of ill health, he could not accept the judgeship. All were very sorry to learn that he could not accept, for he was no doubt the most able man we could get for the vacancy. An election will be held by the joint assembly next Wednesday for the purpose of filling the vacancy. Senator Dennis is a very promising candidate. He ran Mr. Glaze a close race for it the first time. Others are also being talked of for the position.

The National Corn Show is a grand exhibition. I hope the people from my county will come down to it. Several already have come; others should follow. It will help any farmer to come. M. R. McDonald.

### WHISKEY QUESTION NOT DOWN.

Legislation Moves Slowly — Corn Show is Great — Oconeeans Scarce.

Columbia, Feb. 1.—Editor Keowee Courier: There is very little legislation going on of general interest, but it appears that the whiskey element is coming back into power again. The House passed a bill to give Charleston high license, while the Senate passed a bill to give certain counties the right to vote in liquor at an earlier day than the general law provides for. This whiskey question provokes lively debates as of old. I had hoped that it would be settled for a while, after the passage of the Carey-Cotman bill and the shutting up of the old State dispensary, but it is as much in evidence as ever, and will continue to be so until we have a State prohibition law. This we should have and must get it. Then the next step should be a nation-wide prohibition law, which could be effected by giving the women of our country the right to vote.

I think the bill providing for a State board of examiners will pass, carrying with it provisions highly beneficial to the country schools. The bill for a compulsory school law was reported "unfavorable" and will not pass. A local option compulsory school bill was reported "without recommendation," which means anything or nothing. This gives any school district the right to vote on the question of compelling parents in such district to send their children to school. I hardly think it will pass.

Great things are going on here now at the corn show. A great lesson may be learned by a study of these immense exhibits. I think the best corn is from Virginia, Missouri and North Carolina, in the order of States named. You know the farmer who grows and handles corn does not judge it like the so-called "experts." One thing is evident: The South has the greatest opportunity. It is equally evident that she does not use it as effectively as the other States, judging by the care and taste shown in arrangement of the displays.

This corn show is worth seeing, though I fear the people of this State are not coming in such numbers as they should. I am disappointed that the people of the upper counties are not much in evidence, and especially so about our own county. A day or two here, studying the exhibits from about half the States would teach our people more than they could learn in many months reading and traveling at a much greater expense, and the most important and impressive lesson they would learn is that there is no country like the South—in two respects at least: Her opportunities, and our failure to embrace them. E. E. Verner.

### SAVANNAH'S \$1,500,000 FIRE.

Water Front Swept by Flames, Resulting in Heavy Losses.

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 2.—Fast blackening heaps of smoking ashes, a quarter of a mile in length and 200 yards in width, are all that remain to-night of the wharves of the Merchants' and Miners' Transportation Company, which burned early this morning. The fire, which originated near the main entrance of the wharves, was discovered shortly after 1 o'clock, but spread so rapidly that possibility of saving the wharves was soon past. Within less than thirty minutes the Merchants' and Miners' wharves were destroyed and the flames had spread to the Planters' Rice Mill, which also burned. Seven warehouses, owned by the Central of Georgia, and leased to various companies, were destroyed, together with their contents. The entire loss will reach \$1,500,000.

A strong gale was blowing when the fire started, and the flames were fanned to fury that defied all efforts to stop their progress. An area comprising about five blocks along the river front was gutted, and firemen devoted their main efforts to saving adjoining property. Shortly before 4 o'clock the wind veered, and the wharves of the Ocean Steamship Company were threatened, but the wind changed again and this property was spared. It was daylight before the fire was actually under control. No ships were destroyed by the fire.

### CONFEDERATE VETS TO MARCH.

First Time in History—Nashville Company B is Honored.

Washington, Feb. 1.—For the first time in history a band of armed Confederates will tramp down Pennsylvania avenue on March 4th when Company B of Confederate veterans of Nashville, Tenn., occupy a place of honor in the inaugural parade, arrangements having been completed to-day. They are to wear gray uniforms, carry rifles and side arms which they bore in the Civil War. The organization was here before and during Roosevelt's administration, but did not bear arms.

Here is a message of good cheer from Mrs. C. J. Martin, Boone Mills, Va., who is the mother of eighteen children. Mrs. Martin was cured of stomach trouble and constipation by Chamberlain's Tablets after five years of suffering, and now recommends these tablets to the public. Sold by all dealers. adv.

### THE NEWS FROM WESTMINSTER.

Infant's Sad Death by Accident—Locals of Interest to All.

Westminster, Feb. 4.—Special: The many friends of J. M. Hull are glad to know that he is rapidly recovering from his recent serious illness.

L. A. Tannery is traveling in North Carolina for the Wizard Floor Cleaner Co.

Miss Sue Daly, of Seneca, is visiting Miss Lilla Reeder.

M. S. Stribling has made some recent improvements on his store building, which is soon to be occupied by Mitchell & Reeder. It is now one of the most attractive store rooms in our town.

W. M. Smith, master mechanic for the Oconee Mills Co., is erecting a handsome dwelling on the lot recently purchased from W. A. Smith.

Miss Grace Russell, an attractive young lady of Russell's, S. C., is visiting her sisters, Mesdames Breazeale and McLeskey.

H. M. Hester has gone North for the purpose of buying new spring goods.

Mesdames Stribling and McCarey, of Seneca, visited their sister, Mrs. McClanahan, last week.

Mrs. McClanahan, who sustained very painful injuries from a fall a few weeks ago, is improving.

J. H. Hudson and wife are spending this week in Baltimore.

Mrs. J. D. Witherspoon and little daughter, Phoebe, of Cross Hill, are expected here this week. They will probably spend some time in our midst.

Mrs. J. D. Hull and three interesting children, of Madison, spent Saturday and Sunday visiting P. P. Sullivan and family.

David McClanahan is now employed by the Stonecypher Horse and Cattle Tonic Co.

F. W. Cannon, J. E. Mason, W. E. Mason, L. H. V. Hobson and James C. Tannery attended the sales at Walhalla Monday.

Linder Goforth is now working for the Southern Power Co. on Coneross creek.

H. M. Simpson, of Lavonia, was here last week soliciting subscriptions for the Lavonia Times. He is working faithfully for the automobile to be given by the Times to the one procuring the greatest number of subscribers.

J. J. McLeskey, who has been suffering with rheumatism and confined to his room for the past three months, is able to be on the streets again, to the delight of many friends.

J. Carter, of Gainesville, was here on business last Friday.

Mrs. C. L. McLin, of Florida, was here last week visiting Mrs. Ellen Norris and family.

The many Westminster friends of J. Talle Comor, a commercial traveler, were saddened to learn of his untimely death in Atlanta last week. He was well known here and had many friends among the business men, having traveled this territory for the past ten years.

The Southern Power Company, of Charlotte, N. C., are making a survey which takes in Westminster. This gives us hopes of electric lights in the near future.

Luther Prather, of Oakway, has the sympathy of many friends in the loss of his little four-year-old daughter. The child was playing around a wagon frame, which was leaning against a tree, and in some way the frame fell, crushing the little one to death.

Rev. J. J. Payseur, pastor of the New Westminster Baptist church, left Monday on No. 39 for Chattanooga to attend the Laymen's Convention, which convenes in that city this week.

John L. Holly, of Seneca, visited his mother and other relatives here Sunday and Monday.

Rev. A. P. Maret left this morning on No. 43 for his future home in Arkansas.

Rev. Mills, of Clemson College, preached a very interesting sermon at the Christian church last Friday night.

### HABEAS CORPUS FREES CASTRO.

Venezuelan, Liberated Temporarily, Goes to Fifth Avenue Hotel.

New York, Jan. 31.—Cipriano Castro, former President of Venezuela, walked the streets of New York this afternoon, temporarily a free man, under a writ of habeas corpus issued by Judge Holt in the Federal Court. Argument on the question of making the writ permanent will be heard on Friday next.

Followed by a curious crowd, Castro went immediately to a Fifth avenue hotel, where he had engaged a suite. He was all smiles and beaming with happiness as he invited photographers to surround him as he posed for his picture.

Before the habeas corpus proceedings had been called the little Venezuelan issued a statement bitterly attacking the authorities at Washington "or excluding him."

"I am glad I have finally found a judge who is willing to give me justice," remarked Castro as he left the Federal building. His lawyers announced that he had accepted an invitation to speak on Wednesday night at a dinner of the Northwestern Society, at which John Hays Hammond is to preside, and added that Mayor Gaynor had invited Castro to pay him a call.

### AIKEN LOSSES FAMOUS HOTEL.

Fire Destroys Property Valued at Not Less than \$300,000.

Aiken, Feb. 2.—Fire breaking out in the Hotel Park-in-the-Pines here this morning at 11 o'clock, burned the magnificent and palatial winter tourist hostelry to the ground, producing one of the most spectacular, awe-inspiring and destructive conflagrations in the annals of this famous little winter resort, and entailing an enormous loss that will mount into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

All that remains of the central point of Aiken's winter season are smouldering embers and crumbling, fire-whitened chimneys, standing like gaunt spectres against the blue skyline.

The colossal structure, in view of its material and the peculiar architectural arrangement of the building, was doomed from the first. The blaze started in a thousand feet of fresh pine lumber stored in the basement near the elevator shaft, and with inconceivable rapidity the lurid tongues of flame swept the entire basement and filled every room and corridor in the hotel with impenetrable, stifling black smoke, rendering it impossible for the firemen to gain access to the flames.

Two hours after the alarm was first sent in the hotel was a mass of debris. The building was the property of the MacArthurs, of Michigan, and was insured for \$140,000, with \$40,000 insurance on the furnishings. The loss to the hotel company was more than a quarter of a million.

### Personal Losses Heavy.

Practically nothing was saved from the burning building. The forty-four guests stopping at the hotel lost personal effects to the approximate sum of \$22,000, and \$3,000 would hardly cover the loss sustained by the large corps of servants.

Col. A. E. Dick, the manager, a New York man, lost about \$30,000; J. G. Macksoud & Brothers, of New York, lost \$10,000 worth of expensive costumes, laces and embroideries imported from France. The total personal losses amount to something over \$70,000, and this, added to the value of the building, runs the total destruction up to decidedly more than \$300,000.

### Clerks Save Invalid Guest.

E. Oppenheimer, of New York, had the narrowest escape of any. An invalid more than 80 years old, he had to be lifted from his bed and carried from the burning building. Oshea and Reardon, the two hotel clerks, who were assisting him, were almost overcome by the smoke and dropped him, but caught him up again and blindly fought their way from the building.

### LIVES CRUSHED OUT IN PANIC.

Women Trampled to Death in Mad Rush for Exit of Theatre.

New York, Feb. 2.—A boy's cry of "fire" and the smoke from an exploded reel of a motion picture machine in an East Side theatre tonight resulted in a panic among the audience of 400 persons and a rush for the exits, in which two women were killed and eleven other persons so badly injured that they had to be sent to hospitals.

The panic occurred in one of the most densely populated sections of the East Side, and the thousands who poured into East Houston street, in front of the theatre, and rushed to the doors added to the confusion and to the number of injured.

The two women, who have not been identified, were trampled to death in the crush of the crowd to reach the doors. The operator of the machine soon extinguished the burning film and the flames did not spread beyond the fire-proof cage in which he worked.

### PENSION BOARD MEET FEB. 15.

Meeting Last Monday Adjourned to Complete Business Later.

On account of the rain and waters being so swollen it was impossible for part of the Pension Board to get here on Monday, and those members who were present adjourned to meet on Saturday, the 15th instant, at 10 o'clock a. m., to finish up the work.

Parties interested will please take notice and govern themselves accordingly. J. W. Holleman, Chairman.

### Card from Coroner Knox.

West Union, Jan. 31.—Editor Keowee Courier: Please allow me space in your paper to explain to the people of Oconee that I live near New Hope church, about 9 miles northeast of Seneca, and about 7 1/2 miles east of West Union, and at any time I may be needed as Coroner of Oconee I can be found at my home, or information as to my whereabouts may be had. I am ready to fill my office any time I am called for, and will not be responsible to pay any Magistrate to hold an inquest or to act in my place as Coroner unless I am unable to attend to the matter that may be in hand. Yours respectfully, Whit Knox, Coroner Oconee County.

Just received a fresh car of mules. Come to see us at once for bargains. Westminster Oil and Fertilizer Co., E. C. Maret, President. adv.

### NEWS NOTES FROM SENECA.

Happenings in and Around Town—Colored Man Saldices.

Seneca, Feb. 4.—Special: W. P. Nimmons is moving into his handsome new store room on the West end of the business block, opposite the Citizens' Bank.

Dr. J. S. Stribling is in Columbia seeing the corn show.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Livingston have returned to Seneca after several weeks' absence. Mr. Livingston has been on a business trip to Mississippi, and Mrs. Livingston and children visited in Anderson.

Oscar Doyle and Thornley Cary will attend the corn show this week. J. W. Stribling, of Clemson College, spent the week-end with home-folks.

The local lodge Knights of Pythias will give their annual banquet on the evening of the 21st of February.

Mrs. W. P. Reid has returned from a week's visit to her sister, Mrs. J. E. Breazeale, at Anderson.

The Palmetto Literary Society held an open meeting last Friday evening and a delightful program was rendered. A very interesting debate was taken part in by Misses Nancy Hines and Vivian Byrd on one side, and Misses Mamie Morgan and Lara Perritt on the other. The latter won the decision. The judges on this occasion were Dr. J. S. Stribling, Rev. J. P. Inabnit and M. A. Wood. Speeches and essays, with music interspersed, completed the program.

Mrs. T. E. Stribling will go to Columbia this week, where she will meet the presidents of the various Presbyterians throughout the State, who will hold a meeting for the purpose of forming the Synodical Union. She will be accompanied by Miss Verner, of Richland.

R. K. Nimmons is in Columbia for a visit to the corn show.

Rev. Mr. Mills, of Clemson College, filled the pulpit of the Presbyterian church last Sunday, preaching an excellent sermon at the 11 o'clock service.

Fractions Gambrell, colored, committed suicide at his home near town last Thursday by shooting himself with a rifle. No cause is known for the deed, the coroner's jury render-

### WAR IN TURKEY RESUMED.

Bulgarians Have Turned Deaf Ear to the Great Powers.

London, Feb. 4.—The Turkish-Balkan war has been resumed. The bombardment of Adrianople began at 7 o'clock Monday night and a small skirmish occurred at the Tchataldja lines. The armistice had lasted exactly two months.

Bulgaria has turned a deaf ear to the remonstrances of the powers, and unless Turkey yields to the Balkan demands the allied armies will now attempt to drive her completely out of Europe.

### Bombardment of Adrianople.

The terrific bombardment of the forts around Adrianople is pushed by 100,000 Bulgarians and Serbian troops. Not even the residential portion of the city is spared. Some authorities look for a prolonged siege, but one dispatch says the fortress will fall within two weeks. The Bulgarians said more than half a million men are in the province of Thrace, and the Serbians have 45,000, together with a few divisions of Greeks.

Some quarters of Adrianople are in flames as the result of the bombardment by the Bulgarians and Serbians.

For a sprain you will find Chamberlain's Liniment excellent. It allays the pain, removes the soreness, and soon restores the parts to a healthy condition. 25 and 50-cent bottles for sale by all dealers. adv.

ing a verdict in accordance with these facts.

Miss Annie Reid, of Walhalla, is visiting Miss Stella Fincannon and Mrs. Ethel Ashe.

The public will be interested in learning that R. Anderson will return to Seneca soon and will open a large stock of dry goods. He will occupy the store room vacated by W. P. Nimmons.

Mrs. Ethel Ashe has resigned the position of telephone operator. The position is filled by Mrs. Glenn Abbott. Mrs. Ashe has many friends among the telephone subscribers who regret to see her give up the position, but the place will doubtless be most acceptably filled by Mrs. Abbott.