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THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

It is a rule or ruin document.

The most rabid reformer cannot fail to see in it every feature of B. R. Tillman.

It is a remarkable document for an exhibition of malice, destruction and concentrated power.

The most of his message is taken up in a dissenting opinion to the U. S. Supreme court on the railroad tax cases...

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That of individuals it has the right to assess them 500 per cent. more.

He wants the Legislature to repeal the charters of all railroads that refuse to pay their taxes upon the increased assessment plan.

If they repeal the railroad charters we will have no railroads running at least for awhile.

The Governor wants railroads wiped out of existence because they will not submit to his dictates and pay the taxes he says for them to pay.

Suppose they repeal the railroad charters as the Governor wants them to do, the people of the State would be taxed heavier because then there would be no railroad taxes at all.

The Governor was very profuse with praise for the United States Supreme court when the Coosaw case was decided in favor of the State...

And yet he accuses the Supreme court for sustaining Judge Slaughter. It is characteristic of him to be pleased when things go as he says, otherwise everybody and everything is corrupt.

We direct special attention to that part of the Governor's message where he discusses the Government ownership of railroads.

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The Governor's recommendation that the taxes due by the sea coast sufferers be remitted cannot fail to strike a tender, sympathetic, responsive cord in the breast of every human being who knows or has heard of the terrible devastation.

It is opposed to Government ownership and control of railroads unless he can be the controlling power; he is opposed to the concentration of power unless it be in his hands.

parties take notice that Governor Tillman thinks the Government ownership or control of railroads would be owned at the ballot box by the party in power.

Here are figures of the dispensary as given by the governor: Total purchases by counties \$183,928.15. Remittances \$99,883.98.

Total sales by all counties \$166,043.56. Stock on hand in county dispensaries \$33,826.43.

Expenses of county dispensaries \$19,890.01. Total expenses of State dispensary to November 1st, \$72,559.36 of which \$12,878.58 was for constabulary and over \$15,000 for freight and over \$18,000 for bottles and flasks.

The amount paid out for whiskey by the State dispensary is \$70,251.22. Cash on hand \$7,511.56.

Amount due by dispensers \$82,963.50. Bills payable \$61,927.53. The total profits amount to \$32,198.16.

Governor Tillman claims that the dispensary law is superior over every other license system for the following reasons: First, "The element of personal profit is destroyed, thereby removing the incentive to increase the sales."

Second, "A pure article is guaranteed, as it is subject to chemical analysis." Third, "The consumer obtains honest measure of standard strength."

Fourth, "Treating is stopped, as the bottles are not opened on the premises." Fifth, "It is sold only in the day time; thus under a regulation of the board and not after the law."

Sixth, "The contaminants of ice, sugar, lemons, etc. being removed, there is not the same inclination to drink remaining, and the closing of the saloons, especially at night, and the prohibition of its sale by the drink, destroy the excitement and seductions which have caused so many men and boys to be led astray and enter on the downward course."

Seventh, "It is sold only for cash, and there is no longer 'chinking up' for daily drinks against pay days." The workingman buys his bottle of whiskey Saturday night and carries the rest of his wages home.

Eighth, "Gambling dens, pool rooms and low houses, which have hitherto been run almost invariably in connection with the saloons, which were thus a stimulus to vice, separated from the sale of liquor, have had their patronage reduced to a minimum and there must necessarily follow a decrease of crime."

Ninth, "The local whiskey rings, which have been the curse of every municipality in the State, and have always controlled the municipal elections, have been torn uproot and branch, and the influence of the bar-keeper as a political manipulator is also largely destroyed. The police, removed from the control of these elements, will enforce the law against evil doers with more vigor, and a higher tone and greater purity in all governmental affairs must result."

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Let us see if this reasoning tallies with the facts: First, it was not so much the removing of the personal profit feature that decreased the sales as it was the "Government control" of liquor and the enormous profit the State tried to make on it.

Second: Was the liquor pure? If so how did it happen that there were different grades of it? How will it be next year if the legislature carries out the Governor's recommendation to not have the liquor analyzed? Then again because the chemist says that liquor contains such a per cent of alcohol is no guarantee that it is pure. As we understand it this is all that the chemist does.

Third: Does the Governor call three gills a pint? Did not the grand jury in one of the counties present Commissioner Trauxer for selling short liquor? And is it not a fact that all the bottles that have been sold by the dispensaries this year short measure?

Fourth: Does it prevent trading not to allow bottles opened at the dispensaries? No.

Fifth: The sales being restricted today time is one redeeming feature of the dispensary law because it stops these night brawls, but could not the bar-rooms have been regulated the same way?

Sixth: There is good reason in the sixth paragraph. We believe in removing temptations from the youths, and this feature of the dispensary is another redeeming feature yet the cause should have been removed entirely by enacting what the people voted for - strict prohibition.

Seventh: Or rather the working man buys his gallon or two Saturday night or at least enough to do him until the next pay day.

Eighth: The best reasons for the dispensary are given in the eighth paragraph. These we fully endorse and commend. And his reasoning in the ninth paragraph is good and sound.

The Governor says for the legislature to submit the question to an election in the dry counties whether they will have a dispensary or not. If they vote it down and dry prohibition they he suggests that the dry counties be taxed to maintain a force of constabulary to enforce prohibition.

The Governor says it is unjust and unreasonable to require a majority of the free hold voters to sign a petition for the location of a dispensary. He wants the court, so far as locating them are concerned look out of the hands of the people and leave it to the board of control to say where, how and in what one shall be established.

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The Governor's recommendation that the taxes due by the sea coast sufferers be remitted cannot fail to strike a tender, sympathetic, responsive cord in the breast of every human being who knows or has heard of the terrible devastation. They should not only have their taxes remitted but should be looked after with substantial provision of an appropriation if it is needed.

If the members of the legislature and State officers would give them a small part of their salary it would be a great help to them.

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ture in this State who will offer a bill to reduce the pay of members.

We are glad to see that the legislature has taken steps to carry out the Governor's recommendation to appoint Ex-Judge J. B. Kershaw to write a correct history of the Confederate war. They propose to give him \$1,000 for performing that duty. This is very commendable in the Governor and legislature.

By a little extra trouble and expense we are enabled to give our readers Governor Tillman's message in full. We had only thought of giving a part of it but to have done so would have disconnected it that it could not be fairly understood. Read it well and carefully for it is a wonderful document.

How they are. The new Judges. How do you like them? Mr. W. C. Bonet, of Abbeville, was elected to succeed Judge Izlar in the first circuit. It has always been customary to elect a judge in the circuit in which he lived. Mr. Bonet lived in the eighth circuit but was elected judge of the first. But these are "retawm" and record breaking times.

Judges Aldrich and Witherspoon were re-elected without opposition, they being put down as reformers. Mr. R. C. Wang, of Laurens, was elected to succeed Judge Hudson. He does not live in the circuit of which he has been elected judge.

Attorney General Townsend was elected to succeed Judge Walker. Lieut. Gov. Eugene B. Gary was elected Associate Justice of the Supreme court to succeed Justice McGowan. These are all true-blue reformers of the genuine central swinging persuasion and will doubtless give satisfaction to the dominant element. We are satisfied if they are. But upon all questions concerning the administration will they not be month-poles of the Governor and subject to his dictates?

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