

LABOR CONTRACT LAW.

The Statutes on the Subject as Amended by the Recent General Assembly.

Following is the law in relation to laborers' contracts, as amended at the recent session of the general assembly:

An Act to amend the Criminal Code (Vol. 2, Code of Laws, 1902), as to Labor Contracts.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the general assembly of the State of South Carolina, That the Criminal Code (Vol. 2, Code of Laws, 1902), be amended by adding after Section 357 a Section, to be known as Section 357a, to read as follows:

Section 357a. That a conviction of either party mentioned in Section 355 and Section 357 of the Criminal Code (Vol. 2, Code of Laws, 1902), for violation of such contract as is mentioned in said sections, shall not operate as a relief or discharge of such persons from the performance of any part of said contract which is to be performed subsequent to the date of the breach for which such conviction was had: Provided, however, That such persons shall not be criminally liable for the non-performance of any obligation due to be performed during the period of time such person may be undergoing imprisonment.

Approved the 25th day of February, A. D. 1904.

An Act to amend Section 357, of Criminal Code of Laws, 1902, Vol. 2, Relating to Violation of Laborers' Contracts.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the general assembly of the State of South Carolina, That Section 357, Criminal Code, Code of Laws, 1902, Vol. 2, be amended by striking out on lines 8 and 9 the words, "for not less than 20 days nor more than," and inserting before the word "thirty," on line 9, the word "of," and by striking out on lines 9 and 10 the words, "twenty-five," and inserting "fifty," and by inserting the words, "provided the prosecution shall be commenced within thirty days after the alleged violation:" Provided, That such contracts shall be valid only between original parties thereto, and any attempted transfer or assignment of any rights thereunder shall be null and void: so that said section, when amended, shall read as follows:

Section 357. Any laborer working on shares of crop, or for wages in money or other valuable consideration, under a verbal or written contract to labor on farm lands, who shall receive advances, either in money or supplies, and thereafter wilfully and without just cause fail to perform the reasonable service required of him by the terms of the said contract, shall be liable to prosecution for a misdemeanor: Provided, That prosecution shall be commenced within thirty days after the alleged violation, and on conviction, shall be punished by imprisonment of thirty days, or to be fined in the sum of not less than fifty dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, in the discretion of the Court: Provided, The verbal contract herein referred to shall be witnessed by at least two disinterested witnesses: Provided, That such contracts shall be valid only between the original parties thereto, and any attempt to transfer an assignment of any rights thereunder shall be null and void.

Approved the 25th day of February, A. D. 1904.

A GREAT SUCCESS.

Some Very Nice Things Said About the Recent Rebekah Convention Held in Newberry.

The Tri-State Odd Fellow, published at Greenville, and edited by J. R. Peden, in a recent issue says some very clever thing about the recent Rebekah convention held here, on the invitation of McCaughrin Rebekah lodge, of this city, for the purpose of framing a petition to the grand lodge of Odd Fellows for a State Rebekah assembly.

Following are extracts from the report of the convention contained in the Tri-State Odd Fellow:

"The Rebekah convention was a success, and there were about for-

ty delegates from the different Rebekah lodges in the State present, consisting of men and women. The delegates were met at the depot by the committee. The sisters of McCaughrin Rebekah lodge, No. 6, were designated by a regular parade badge. This occasion favored a regular old time Methodist conference as the delegates were assigned to the homes of members of the order, who did all they could to make the entertainment of their guests a success, and all seemed to be happy. Dr. S. F. Killingsworth, of Abbeville, the editor and associate editor were most royally entertained at the home of Past Grand Master and Grand Representative J. M. Davis. We are sure that the visitors can say that the Newberry people are made of the right kind of material, and carry their heart in their hands.

"At 5 o'clock Pulaski lodge, No. 20, conferred the second degree on six candidates from Laurens.

"This team is as fine as we have in the State, and they do the work nicely. The team was in charge of Drill Master T. M. McEntire, who deserves much credit for the accomplishment. This exercise was more than interesting to the visitors."

After mentioning the fact that several candidates were given the Rebekah degree the Tri-State Odd Fellow says of McCaughrin lodge, its officers and degree team:

"Miss Lucy Jones is the noble grand and Miss Hattie Vaughn vice grand. These are two sparkling jewels that we know of in this lodge. While we did not get to meet many, we can speak for these sisters' ability as officers. When we talked to the drill work in the team, it was as good as we ever saw in this State—everybody was simply charmed to see them work. Grand Representative J. M. Davis is the drill master of this team, and he, as well as the team, deserves great credit for the advancement they are making; while knowing what a great Odd Fellow Brother Davis is, we were not greatly surprised."

It is stated that the discussion on the matter of the formation of a State Rebekah assembly was opened by Past G. C. Theo. Danielson, of Newberry, who made a speech on the work and importance of a Rebekah assembly and that "the discussion ended with a rousing speech from Grand Master C. L. Blease, of Newberry, on the subject of the advisability of organizing a Rebekah State assembly."

The article in the Tri-State Odd Fellow closes as follows:

"After the convention adjourned, the members were invited into the banquet hall, where they were served with an elegant collation by some of the fairest damsels of Newberry. To say we enjoyed this feast does not express it. You ought to have seen Bro. W. as he took a half moon custard at a bite—he kept his hands busy feeding his face and a little "Becky" feeding him too with a big spoon.

"HURRAH! for Newberry. May their interest, enthusiasm and hospitality never be less."

FAIRBANKS FOR VICE-PRESIDENT.

It is Said That He Has Yielded to the Demands of His Party and Will Accept if Nominated.

A dispatch from Washington says that Senator Fairbanks was shown a published dispatch stating that he had "decided to become a candidate for vice-president." He declined to make any statement.

The Star tonight says: "Senator Fairbanks will not resist a movement to make him the vice presidential nominee of the Republican party. If the convention nominates him he will accept. More than that, he will not attempt to discourage efforts looking to his nomination."

"It is only fair to say that no explicit declaration by Mr. Fairbanks to that effect has been made. The Indiana delegation in congress was convinced today that Senator Fairbanks had yielded to the solicitation of men high in the councils outside of Indiana to take second place on the national ticket."

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I will have books of registration open at my office every Monday from now until the 17th day of May.

JOHN C. AULL, Supervisor Reg.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF NEWBERRY, In COMMON PLEAS.

Harmon W. Berkmar, Plaintiff,

against

W. D. Jordan, Defendant.

BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF the Court herein, I will sell at public outcry, at Newberry Court House, S. C., on the First Monday in March, A. D., 1904, all that tract, piece or parcel of land containing one hundred and Eighteen (118) acres, more or less situate in said County and State about nine and one-half miles from Newberry Court House, and bounded by lands of John A. Suber, estate of M. R. Gordon, Frances McGowan, Jos. L. Keitt and M. C. Caldwell.

Terms of Sale: One-third cash and the balance on a credit of one year from the day of sale, the credit portion to be secured by the bond of the purchaser and a mortgage of the premises sold, and to bear interest at the rate of eight per cent. per annum, or all or any part of said credit portion may be paid in cash at the option of the purchaser.

H. H. RIKARD, Master.

Master's Office, February 15, 1904.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF NEWBERRY, In COMMON PLEAS.

John Herbert, Plaintiff,

against

Henry Herbert, Defendant.

BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF the Court herein, I will sell at public outcry, at Newberry Court House, S. C., on the First Monday in March, A. D. 1904, all that tract, piece or parcel of land lying and being situate in the County of Newberry, State of South Carolina, containing three acres more or less, and bounded by lands of Geo. Herbert, Caroline Jefferson, Wilson Herbert, et al.

Terms of Sale: One-half cash and the balance on a credit of one year from the day of sale, the credit portion to be secured by the bond of the purchaser and a mortgage of the premises sold, and to bear interest at the rate of eight per cent. per annum, or all or any part of said credit portion may be paid in cash at the option of the purchaser. Purchaser to pay for papers.

H. H. RIKARD, Master.

Master's Office, Feb. 15, 1904.

NOTICE.

Pursuant to an Order of His Honor, D. A. Townsend, Presiding Judge, dated February 9th, 1904, appointing me as Referee to take testimony and report same on the first day of next Court in reference to the matters set out in Paragraph IV of the presentment of the Grand Jury as to "punitive measurers of an excessive nature" being practiced by those in charge of the County Chain Gang, I will hold Reference and begin to take testimony in said matter at my office on Law Range, Newberry, S. C., on Wednesday, March 9th, 1904, at 11 o'clock a. m., and from day to day thereafter until concluded.

All persons who have any interest in said matter, either as witnesses or accused are hereby notified to be on hand promptly.

FRED H. DOMINICK,

Newberry, S. C.,

Referee.

Feb. 25, 1904.

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