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## TWO MORE WEEKS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### LEGISLATURE VISITED CHARLESTON ON SATURDAY.

A Summary of the Work of Past Few Days and What Remains to be Done.

Special to Herald and News.

Columbia, Feb. 10.—A great deal of work pressed into a few days is the general assembly's record for the last week. The invitation to visit Charleston on Saturday primarily to inspect the Citadel, was accepted and leaving on a special train provided for the occasion by the city of Charleston, the day was spent in the metropolis. The house had met on Tuesday at noon and the senate at night, after adjournment from Friday, and on Thursday the house held no session out of respect to the late Representative Major, of Greenwood, who died on the night previous of pneumonia, a committee being appointed to attend the funeral.

The senate without debate has passed the bill relating to farm labor contracts prepared by the senate judiciary committee and the house has done the same with the bill prepared by the house judiciary committee. The bills are radically different and the two houses will have to get together on the propositions before a valid labor contract law can be secured. The house bill is on the senate calendar with an unfavorable report from the senate judiciary committee and the senate bill is now in the hands of the house judiciary committee.

The appropriation bill will have the right of way in the house this week. It has not yet been brought in, as the ways and means committee decided to make some changes from the original draft. It now seems likely that the levy will have to be raised from four and one-half to five and one-half if not six mills, in order to raise the amount carried by the appropriation bills.

Of the special orders on the house calendar only one important one has been disposed of, the compulsory education bill of Mr. Kershaw, when this was taken up on Friday, Mr. Miley moved to continue the bill and this not being a debatable motion, cut off discussion and the bill was killed by a vote of 54 to 34. Mr. Aull's bill on the same subject was next in order but he asked to have it passed over for the time being, and it was not voted on.

The numerous insurance bills and the rural police bills are still special orders on the house calendar. By a vote of 44 to 26, the house has also made a special order of Mr. D. L. Smith's bill to abolish the department of immigration, having twice before refused to take up the bill out of its order. This does not necessarily indicate the sentiment of the house regarding the department.

Having by a vote of 24 to 13, tabled Senator Talbert's prohibition bill, the senate later passed the Edgefield senator's resolution to request the democratic executive committee to refer the question of prohibition to the voters in the primary. The vote was a tie, 17 to 17, on this resolution and Lieut. Gov. McLeod cast the deciding vote in its favor. Senator Otts has a bill to have a special election on the question in July, and Representative Richards proposes to submit it to the voters in a special election to be held on the same date as the democratic primary.

The senate has debated the railroad rate question at much length, but no vote has been taken so far that will indicate how the senate stands on this matter. Senator Toole will probably force the issue this week, however. Neither has the senate voted yet on the lien law issue, and this is under discussion, having been up several times for debate. The senate also has under consideration the bill to amend the high school act and the proposition to limit the benefits of the act to towns with less than 1,000 population has been voted down, 15 to 12.

Rising to a question of personal privilege, several of the lawyer members of the senate precipitated the most sensational episode of the session on Friday when Senators Blease, Rawson, Weston, Sinkler and Earle paid their respects to certain alleged insinuations in an article in the Manning Times, of which Senator Appelt is the editor, referring to statements that certain senators were attorneys for liquor houses having claims against the dispensary. The remarks were of such a nature that it is best not to attempt to summarize them, as an injustice might be done one side or the other. Senator Appelt defended his right to write what he pleased as an editor, but explained that his editorial had not been rightly interpreted.

Two weeks remain of the session and in that time there is much to be done, as the calendar of each house is heavy with bills. It is always the case however that the last two weeks bring about the most important actions of the legislature and it is not altogether unwise or unnatural, as this gives opportunity for full discussion and deliberation.

### Bachelor Maids.

There will be a business meeting of the Bachelor Maids Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, in the chamber of commerce room.

Jeanne Pelham, Secretary.

### Newberry's Chicco Arrested.

Bob Porterfield, commonly known as Newberry's Chicco, was arrested by Policemen Austin and Adams Saturday, on the usual charges of storing contraband liquors. The officers made a search of Porterfield's store and found a quart of booze. They took the whiskey and required a cash bond of \$100 for Bob's appearance. The case was called before Mayor Lanford Monday morning but on account of the illness of Porterfield's attorney it was postponed until Thursday morning.

### In Mayor's Court.

Colie Coleman was fined \$2.50 for cursing on the streets which amount he paid.

Will Dennis had a like fine placed against him for a similar charge. Dennis paid his fine.

George Miller was charged with threatening to kill his wife. Not having \$10.00, he took fifteen days on the gang.

### Bound Over For Stealing.

Paden Rawls, colored, who lives in No. 9 township, was bound over to the court of sessions, last Thursday by Magistrate B. B. Hair on a charge of larceny from the house. The prosecutor Mr. J. B. Stockman charges Rawls with stealing about twenty-five chickens from his fowl house during the past year. Rawls gave bond for his appearance.

### fooling With Booze.

John Gilreath, a Saluda county negro, was lodged in jail Saturday on a charge of transporting contraband liquors. Constable Williams has been on the lookout for the negro for some months, he having caught on to his game quite awhile ago. The constable ran across Gilreath up at Silver Street the other day and brought him in.

### A Fortunate Breakdown.

"Did you see the Alps?" "Oh, yes! Our car broke down right opposite them, and do you know I'm almost glad it did. I found them so charming and interesting."—Puck.

### How Fast He Could Go.

A breeder and trainer of race horses who is known almost as well in England as he is here recently sold a horse to an Englishman. The Englishman before paying for the horse quibbled a bit about the price and then said:

"You know, I'd like to see the horse first just to see how fast he can go."

"Never mind about that," said the trainer. "He can't go any faster than I can tell it."—New York Sun.

### CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH.

Full Day on Sunday—Congregational Meeting—Young People Organize For Self Culture.

Sunday was, as usual, a full day in Central Methodist church. At the morning hour a large congregation assembled and the pastor, Dr. Wolling, spoke on the dangers and the blessings of friendship, using the words of Christ, "Ye are my friends if you do whatsoever I command you."

At the close of the sermon church conference, or congregational meeting, was held, attended by nearly the entire membership, and in the affairs of the church a deep interest was manifested. The report of the pastor showed that during the past month he had made 104 pastoral visits, had received 22 persons to the communion of the church, and also directed the regular services, except during the series of special services.

The financial report made by the treasurer, Mr. Gaillard, showed a marked advance in the finances of the congregation, however there was shown to exist some deficit which they determined to remove at once.

The report of the Sunday school, made by Mr. James Epting, showed where carefully tabulated, that there are 207, including officers, teachers and scholars, and a lively interest is taken in the work done in the school.

At the close of the meeting so successfully conducted by Rev. Mr. Speake, the young people determined to organize for self culture and religious work. Yesterday they met and elected their officers, all of whom will be formally inaugurated next Sunday night at the close of the regular services.

Though the weather was very inclement, the night services in Central church were largely attended, and at the close of the sermon on "Decision," based upon the text, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian," three persons came forward for membership, and many remained to give a cordial handshake to the friends present.

### The Difference.

"Grafton calls himself a 'professional man,' and yet he takes no part in anything but politics. Is politics a profession or a business?"

"Well, when his side is in power it's a business; otherwise it's merely a profession."—Philadelphia Press.

### Certainly Would.

"City Man (to villager)—Wouldn't it open your eyes if you were to look across at that lot there and see one of our city skyscrapers covering it?"

Village Man—Waal, I guess I would, seein' as I've got twenty head o' cattle grazin' there.—Bohemian.

### The Same Old Signs.

"I see the depot signs are more hopeful," observed Mr. Citiman.

"Mebbe so," replied Farmer Fields. "But the only ones I saw said 'Beware of Grip Thieves.'"—Kansas City Times.

### Family Secret.

"That's papa's picture," explained the little girl to the caller who was looking at a framed photograph on the piano. "You wouldn't know it unless I told you cause it's got a smile on the face."—Chicago Tribune.

### Strictly Biz.

"Mr. Hoptoul, I have married your daughter."

"Well?"

"We want your forgiveness."

"Take it an' welcome, but if you expect to board there, the terms will be cash, 100 per cent in advance."

### A Question of Temperature.

"Husband—What is the difference between the love of a lover and the love of a husband?"

Wife—About 390 degrees F.—Harper's Weekly.

### Heading Him Off.

Washington Herald.

"This is the biggest senate we have ever had."

"Why," began the oldest inhabitant, "when Dan'l Webster wuz alive—"

"Numerically, Uncle Josh, numerically."

### Alike.

Tempus travels  
On the fly.  
Life is short and  
And so am I.  
—Washington Herald.

### Appropriate.

"Been to Washington?"

"Yep."

"What's the latest?"

"Well, they're alluding to Pennsylvania avenue as the great white-washed way."

### Doing His Share.

"I don't mind making you a cup of coffee on the gas range," said the cook.

"I'm willin' to work for it, lady," declared Tired Tiffins. "Permit me to turn on de gas."—Washington Herald.

### Pointed Paragraphs.

Chicago News.

The good die young—especially good resolutions.

All love isn't blind; some of it is only near-sighted.

A man may be as good as his word and still not be a saint.

Sometimes a wise man poses as a fool for financial reasons.

How small a doctor's pills are when compared with his bills!

The man who is buried in thought can write his own obituary notice.

It's funny the way a woman's figure changes according to the fashions.

The more money a man has the less he is willing to admit he has.

There's many a slip between the engagement ring and the wedding ring.

No man has half the influence that he expects his wife to believe he has.

It is easier to apologize for what you didn't do than for what you did wrong.

A mother never enjoys a visit away from home unless she can worry about the children.

One of the important duties of the elevator man in an apartment house is to see that the children are brought up properly.

### Reflections of a Bachelor.

New York Press.

There's no girl so huggable as the one in furs.

It makes a woman very proud to spell her name like somebody who is rich.

A girl has such a wonderful imagination that every time a fellow kisses her she believes it's the first.

When a man likes to take his wife to a church reception for the minister he is thoroughly tamed.

The real expense of a divorce is the danger the couple will have to do it all over again with new mates.

### Beyond Her Years.

Washington Herald.

I wooed a maid  
And she was fair,  
She wore a braid  
Of golden hair.

Adown her back it showed its sheen  
For she was barely just sixteen.

To me she said  
'Twas not her plan  
To ever wed  
A poet man.

And as I think it o'er, I woen  
That she was wise, for just sixteen.

### Quite a Feat.

Washington Herald.

"Yes; my views shocked the civilized world."

"You seem elated."

"Why not? It takes a good it to shock the civilized world these days."

A "Problem of the unemployed" is also reported from Columbia.—News and Courier.

### SWINDLER IN MILL TOWNS.

Pretended to Secure Divorces on Payment of Fee.—Defrauded Several Women.

Columbia State.

Anderson, Feb. 9.—Of all the swindling games the greatest has been perpetrated in this county during the past few weeks and as a result many women have been relieved of good sums of money.

The scheme was a divorce decreasing game. Women wanting to be "lawfully" separated and divorced from their husbands for any cause whatever were furnished the opportunity of having their wishes granted.

Several weeks ago A. H. Steed, a man of 55 or 60 years of age, claiming a knowledge of law drifted into Anderson. He visited the various cotton mills and learned through gossip and otherwise which women in the villages were disappointed with their husbands and the names of these women who would pay for and accept a divorce.

Steed evidently had everything his own way. His game progressed well and many women, tired of their husbands or because their husbands had deserted them, fell victims to the slick talk of the "lawyer." He collected considerably money in Anderson, some in Williamston and some in Pelzer. His operations were confined chiefly to cotton mill villages.

### The Scheme.

Here was Steed's game. He would find out the name of a woman who might be willing to pay for a divorce from her husband because of one pretext or another. Steed would visit that woman, explain to her that it was not necessary for her marriage life to continue and that he could arrange it with the courts so she might be made a single woman again.

Steed would make a contract with the woman that upon the payment of \$5 he would prepare for her execution affidavits sustaining a complaint against the divorce proceeding should be made.

Steed's understanding with his clients was that he should take the complaint before a judge in the courts of Florida and there procure the divorce decrees. Upon his return with the decrees, he was to receive an additional payment of \$13, making his services worth in each case \$20.

Steed enticed several women of the Cox mills, one in the Orr mill village and some in other mill villages of the city to become his "clients." In each instance he would collect his retaining fee of \$5.

After getting up all of the complaints, Steed would disappear for a few days—he would leave this part of the county and would visit mill villages elsewhere. After an absence of several days Steed would turn up at the door of his client and produce the desired decrees and would deliver them upon the payment of the remaining \$15 in each case.

Steed's whereabouts now are unknown. He is nearly 60 years of age, has a good and intelligent appearance and has a growth on the left side of his neck. It is said that he has two children living in Williamston, where he made his headquarters. It is safe to say now, however, that since he has got wind of the fact that the officers are behind him with the intention of breaking up his "skin" game that he will not put in appearance at Williamston any time soon.

If the Florida Republican convention had been peaceful, it would not have followed from that circumstance that its delegation would not have undergone various changes of ownership later.—News and Courier.

The New York World suggests Senator Bacon, of Georgia for the Democratic presidential nomination—but is he a prohibitionist?—News and Courier.

Wisdom on tap all day Saturday in Charleston.—News and Courier.

## SENATOR APPELT CENTRE OF STORM

### TERRIFIC EXPLOSIONS IN THE STATE SENATE.

Personal Privilege by Many—All About an Article He had Printed in His Paper Some Time Ago.

"Infamous falsehoods," "infamous outrage," "insulting," "an outrage and an infamy" are some of the terms used in the State senate Friday morning by members of that body in characterizing certain statements contained in an article appearing in the Manning Times, of which Senator Appelt is editor. One senator went so far as to say that the author of the article should be expelled from the senate.

Senator Blease of Newberry, rising to a question of personal privilege, read an article reprinted in the Newberry Observer from the Manning Times which he declared, contained such serious reflections upon members of the senate that it called for an explanation from the senator from Clarendon, who is editor of the Manning Times. He said that he had been leading the fight in the senate against the bill referred to in the article, but he wanted it understood that he represented no whiskey house and therefore the publication referred to did him as well as other members of the senate an injustice. He said he was opposed to the bill to give the attorney general funds with which to prosecute certain officers connected with the State dispensary and he proposed to use every legitimate effort possible to defeat the bill.

He said that when the statement was made by one of the attorneys for the dispensary commission before Judge Pritchard in Asheville that the senators who opposed the Otts resolution were attorneys for whiskey houses, that some of them were he felt like expressing himself at that time but refrained from so doing because of the source of the utterance. He said that the South Carolinian would have made such a statement, had he been in this body.

But, he declared, when a member of the senate indulges in such criticisms through the columns of a newspaper, he thought it demanded the attention of the senate.

The article referred to had appeared in Senator Appelt's paper some time ago and had been reprinted in some of the daily papers, but had excited no comment until reprinted in the Newberry Observer. It reads as follows:

### The Casus Belli.

Senator Appelt of Clarendon wrote as follows in the Manning Times, of which he is the editor:

"The liquor scandals continue to hold interest and the graft gang are trying to work up a sentiment against the attorney general because of his having employed Col. T. B. Felder, of Atlanta, Ga., to assist him. They say, 'Lyon had to go to Georgia to get help, as though South Carolina did not have good lawyers;' but such rot will fool nobody when it is known that the liquor crew have, in their relations with the winding up commission of the State dispensary retained a large number of lawyers in Columbia and other cities, and some of these are also members of the legislature, who will probably fight the proposition of making an appropriation to defray the attorney general's expenses in bringing to justice men who have robbed the State. To sensible men it matters not where the assistance comes from, whether it comes from Georgia or South Carolina, but it so happens that Col. Felder is a South Carolinian and is related to the Felders of Clarendon. I happened to know the man, although I have not seen him since coming here. He is an able, fearless lawyer and will expose the names of members of the general assembly who attempt to use their relations as attorneys for these liquor concerns to thwart the legislation necessary to uphold Attorney General Lyon's hands. Information has already been obtained

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