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ANSWER IS MADE BY COMPTROLLER GENERAL

REJOINDER TO ATTORNEY GENERAL PEEPLES.

Invites Attorney General to Take Disputed Warrant Before Board of Claims.

The State, 5th.

A. W. Jones, comptroller general, yesterday addressed to Thos. H. Peebles, attorney general, the following letter, in reference to the comptroller's refusal to approve a warrant drawn by Mr. Peebles for expense incurred in entertaining the National Association of attorneys general in Charleston:

"Absence from the office on official business has prevented an earlier reply to your letter of July 26 with reference to your claim for expenses of entertaining the convention of attorneys general in Charleston.

"I can not return this original claim, as it is now a record of this office. If you wish copy of the same I will have one made for you.

"My reason for declining to draw a warrant for the claim as presented is that the appropriation does not provide for the payment of the expenses for entertaining this convention, but only for the payment of your actual expenses in attending the convention."

"You quote my statement that the expenditure of the appropriation is within your discretion, and I so recognize, but you did not quote me in full. It is a legal discretion, which does not authorize the diversion of the appropriation to other purposes than those for which it is made. I also am a constitutional and bonded officer of the State and responsible to the people for any diversion of public funds which I may knowingly permit. Before issuing my warrant I must be able to put my hand upon an act of the legislature specifically directing the payment of the fund in question. If such an act does exist and has been ignored by me, the claimant has his remedy in the courts and may obtain a writ of mandamus to compel my compliance with the law.

"You say you do not know that I have the right to question any warrant that you may draw and present to me for payment. If you desire enlightenment on that subject, you can probably obtain it from the courts or from your own examination into the statutes. I have nothing whatever to do with the question whether or not it was proper for the legislature to provide for the entertainment of this convention or whether it was desirable that they should do so; nor am I to be effected in the performance of my duty by the advice and wishes of the hospitable people of Charleston. Before I can pay for the entertainment of the convention, the legislature must so direct.

"I note you state you will have the claim discounted at one of the banks and present it to the next legislature for payment. This is a matter with which I have no concern whatever, but I desire to call your attention to the act creating the board of claims (28 Statutes, p. 199), and if you will allow me, I would suggest that you submit the claim to that board, of which you, the secretary of State and myself are members. The intention of the legislature in creating this board was to have these claims examined into and reported upon before their meeting and the report of the board is to be submitted to the ways and means committee of the house of representatives ten days before the convening of that body."

TO APPLY FOR BAIL.

Dominick Brothers Will Make Application August 8.

Saluda, Aug. 6.—Application for bail on behalf of O. L. and E. L. Dominick, who are charged with killing Phil W. Perry in this county on July 22, will be made by their counsel at Laurens before Associate Justice Watts on August 8. At this hearing the State will be represented by Solicitor George Bell Timmerman of the eleventh circuit and B. W. Crouch of this bar.

Newberry Sup'vr. Sends Resignation. Columbia Record, 5th.

The governor today received the resignation of W. A. Hill as supervisor for Newberry county to take effect August 15. Mr. Hill was recently appointed presmaster for Newberry. His successor will be appointed by the governor within the next few days.

THE NEWS OF EXCELSIOR.

Bridge Washed Away—Annual Picnic at Pilgrim—Rev. Anderson Preaching—Good Rains.

Excelsior Aug. 4.—We had a heavy rain and wind storm in this section Thursday night doing some damage to the crops.

Mr. E. M. Cook spent Thursday at Bradley on business.

Mr. J. H. Werts and family, spent Friday with the Rev. Z. W. Bedenbaugh's family.

Mr. Luther Wheeler has been on a visit to his brother, Mr. J. F. Wheeler. Prof. Eddie Werts, of Memphis, Tenn., has been spending a few days with Mr. T. L. Wheeler's family.

Miss Jessie Lorick is visiting relatives in Columbia.

Dr. R. C. Kibler has been spending several days with relatives at Old Town.

Mr. R. C. Counts and family of Columbia, came up Saturday to spend a few days with their friends in this section.

Rev. Jas. D. Kinard and family, of Greenwood, after spending a few days with her father's family at Peak stopped over here on their return home to visit his brother, Mr. H. J. Kinard and wife.

The annual Sunday school picnic of Mt. Pilgrim church will be held on Wednesday, August 13th. There will be speaking and good singing by the school along with one or two other addresses. The public is cordially invited to come and bring well filled baskets and spend a pleasant day together.

The Rev. W. R. Anderson, of Laurens, stopped over in this section for a few hours on Monday while on his way home from Blairs, where he preached on Sunday. Mr. Anderson promised to come again soon and spend a few days and preach for us here. Mr. Anderson is a good speaker and has many friends in this section who are always glad to see him.

Mr. and Mrs. Aumerle Lorick, of Irmo, have been up spending a few days with his father's family, Mr. J. D. Lorick.

The bridge on the public road near Excelsior school house that Supervisor Hill recently removed and filled in with a three foot piping was completely washed out by the rain on Thursday night, making it unpassable for traveling. The washout made it very inconvenient for persons going to the Little Mountain reunion on Friday as they had to drive some distance to get around. Mr. Hill did a nice piece of work but it will require two piping to carry the water in place of one. This should be fixed at once.

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LEVER MAY RUN FOR SENATE.

Congressman from Seventh District Seriously Considering Matter.

News and Courier.

Columbia, August 6.—Congressman A. F. Lever, who made an address here this afternoon before the conference for the common good on "A National Program for the Development of American Agriculture," has been the centre of interest. Scores of people have been asking if he intended entering the race for the United States senate next year against Senator Smith and Governor Blease. When approached about the matter late this afternoon Congressman Lever, with that inscrutable Lever smile, would admit nothing further than that he was seriously considering the matter. Congressman Lever's room at the Jefferson Hotel was thronged with visitors all the afternoon and it is known that many men from different parts of the State urged him to enter the senatorial race, and that he received many flattering proffers of support. Many from different counties called at his room and offered to back him if he would go into the race, but beyond the statement that he was seriously considering the whole matter, he would not commit himself.

Mr. Lever left for his home in Lexington county to spend tonight. He returns here tomorrow for the conference of the common good and will leave for Washington tomorrow night.

He is confident that the currency bill will pass and does not think congress will finish up until late in the fall. He is enthusiastic over the national administration and pleased with the prosperity which the country is enjoying.

HOW CATTLE TICK HURTS THE SOUTH

DANGER TO HIDES WORTH CONSIDERING.

Eradication of Pest Would Bring Its Own Reward and That Very Soon.

Washington, Aug. 5.—According to figures gathered by one of the veterinary inspectors of the bureau of animal industry, the presence of the tick among the cattle of the South not only lessens the value of the cattle on the hoof but causes the grading of hides that have been infested with ticks as No. 4 quality.

The same hide, if free from tick marks, would be grade No. 2. The difference in price between these two grades of hides is 3 cents a pound. As the hide of Southern steers weighs about 42 pounds, the presence of the tick in the hide causes a loss in the hide alone more than \$1.00 per hide. Government specialists point out that the cost of tick eradication is only about 50 cents per head so that if the countries make a systematic campaign to eradicate the tick, the increase in value of the hide alone would pay for the cost of tick eradication and leave the farmer a net cost of about .76 cents per hide.

The hide situation is becoming rather serious. A prominent tanner in Pennsylvania states:

"For the class of leather we make we prefer Southern hides for chrome on account of the close texture and fine grain, but on account of the ticks we have had to practically stop purchasing Southern hides."

This is particularly significant as the demand for chrome leather is increasing so that the normal demand for Southern hides will be still further decreased.

A large percentage of the chrome leather now produced is finished with the grain left on so that all imperfections and tick marks on the grain side show very plainly. In the old days when all the leather for uppers was made from bark-tanned stock, all leather was buffed and the grain was removed. For this leather tanners could use clean hides that were covered with imperfections and tick marks and make fairly good leather. The situation today, as it has been explained is very different as the public is demanding more and more grained leathers for which large proportions of Southern hides will not be available until the tick is eradicated.

Tennessee will probably be the first State to be entirely free from quarantine for ticks. It already has eradicated the tick in 51 counties and all that now remain under quarantine are parts of Marion, Wayne, Hardeman, McNairy and Decatur counties and all of Hardin, Henderson and Chester counties. It is hoped that by September 1, these counties will be free from ticks and the entire State out of quarantine.

According to the specialists of the department of agriculture, it has cost less than 50 cents per head to eradicate the tick in Tennessee and the cattle owners as a result have gained not less than \$7 per head, thus adding to the value of their stock. There are some 500,000 cattle in the Counties already free from ticks and the immediate benefit to these owners has been not less than \$3,500,000. The cost of tick eradication has been only \$250,000 so that the investment paid for itself nearly 14 times over in a very short time. This does not include the additional profits which come from the fact that now that the tick is eradicated more cattle can be raised on each farm and that the cultivated fields are made more productive by the increase of the amount of fertilizer now available.

Death of a Young Girl.

Pearl Eoline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pitts, died Wednesday midnight of congestion, after one day's illness, and was buried at Trinity church grave yard Friday morning at 11 o'clock, service by the Rev. O. A. Jeffcoat. She was nine years old. This sudden bereavement to the family in the loss of a sweet and innocent little girl at such a bright and promising time of life is felt by the community, and deep is the sympathy of all for the sorely afflicted parents in the hour of their distress.

Mahon Smith and Will Meadows accompanied the bride and groom to Prosperity in the automobile Wednesday night. The car was driven by Mr. J. C. Sample.

GOING TO THE SENATE SAYS GOVERNOR BLEASE

DENIES RUMOR THAT HE SEEKS 3d TERM AS GOVERNOR.

States Positively That He Will Be in the Race for U. S. Senate Next Summer.

Columbia, August 6.—Governor Cole L. Blease, when asked this morning for a statement in regard to the Washington dispatch in The News and Courier to the effect that it is rumored that Governor Blease will seek a third term as governor instead of entering the race for the United States senate, said:

"I have seen the article in this morning's News and Courier. It is only another one of the many newspaper lies that are now being, and have been for some time past, sent out from Washington trying to save somebody from defeat. The statement that a considerable proportion of South Carolina voters who are supporters of Blease for the governorship have said that they will vote for Smith for re-election to the senate, is a lie out of the whole cloth, and this man cannot substantiate this statement by giving names. I have seventy-five thousand friends in South Carolina who will vote for me for the governorship or for the United States senate against anybody. I am stronger with the people than I have ever been, as is evidenced wherever I speak.

"The statement contained in said article, 'By the time Senator Smith's present term is over most of the small amount of patronage that comes to the junior South Carolina senator by reason of the change in administration at Washington will have been distributed,' certainly places Senator Smith's candidacy for a second term upon a very low plane, which I hardly think will meet his approval. I am going to the senate to represent all of the people of my State and benefit each of them by helping to enact good, sound, honest laws, and am not going there to represent only a few federal pap-suckers, whom I might be able to place at the milk counter.

"K. F. M. will have to invent a new one. This one will not go down.

"I will be a candidate for the United States senate in 1914, and I shall win, regardless of who or how many may be in the race. They laughed last summer when I said I would be re-elected governor. I am still on the job, and I will be elected to the United States senate in 1914, despite the liars."

Blease to Seek Third Term?

News and Courier.

Washington, August 5.—South Carolinians who have recently been in Washington have mentioned a rumor which they say has been discussed in various parts of our State, to the effect that it has been suggested to Governor Blease by some of his friends that instead of running for the senate next year he seek a third term as governor.

In support of this advice, according to the story, it is urged that there are a great many more people in the State who are aggressively interested in keeping Blease in the gubernatorial chair than are interested in sending him to the senate. By the time Senator Smith's present term is over most of the small amount of patronage that comes to the junior South Carolina senator by reason of the change in administration at Washington will have been distributed; and it is hardly necessary to remark that a senator cannot grant pardons or cut off the heads of State officers.

Precedent in South Carolina is against more than two successive terms in the governorship, but it is noted that precedents have never had much weight with Governor Blease, and that they do not affect his following. On the other hand, it is said, that a considerable proportion of South Carolina voters who are supporters of Blease for the governorship have said that they will vote for Smith for re-election to the senate, on the ground that he has been active and energetic, particularly in behalf of the farmers, and that he deserves to be encouraged.

A good deal of interest is felt here as to what Governor Blease will have to say about the rumor that he is thinking about running again for governor and undertaking to get a legislature in complete sympathy with his policies.

THE IDLER.

It has been so hot that I just couldn't write or think, and I hope the readers of The Herald and News will excuse my absence from the columns of the paper. And then, maybe, there are some who would just as soon that I should not write any more any way. However that may be, I want to tell you, lest you forget; Friend street sidewalk has been paved all the way to the depot and nice paved crossings have been made at the depot, and the street in front of the postoffice has been nicely fixed. Now if Mr. Mayor Wright will just go on taking my advice, and fix the street that leads up to his handsome residence from the postoffice, it will begin to look like the old town is going to wake up.

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And lest you forget, let me tell you something else: The speed ordinance has been decreased from six miles the hour to twelve miles the hour, as the Observer put it, and they tell me they are really enforcing the ordinance—especially in the suburbs of the city—and it won't be long before they reach the main thoroughfares in its enforcement, if the good work goes on. Let everybody keep to the right now, and there will be some safety in driving and walking the streets. And don't forget to sound the gong as the law requires. And they are holding down the motorcycles as well. It is a pity that you have to have laws to make people respect the rights of others, but it seems that human nature is so constructed that it is necessary, and so long as it is, it is just as well to have them, if you are going to enforce them, but if not, wipe them off the books. Some fellow has handed me the following. I reckon he is a little sore, but that is all right if this ordinance doesn't go up in a spurt—is that a good word?—like the dog muzzling ordinance: "Whether 'tis better to hide behind a tree out College street, to try to catch automobiles speeding, or to hang around Main street, where the traffic is heavy and the danger is greatest, does not seem to be the question in Newberry. For sometimes, at least—hardly good English, but expressive—a policeman gets behind an oak in College street, out towards the college, when, alas! Main street is sadly unguarded."

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That reminds me that there is a law requiring all dogs to be muzzled. And they tell me that dog days began a few days ago. I don't know much about that, as I never could keep up with all these things, but I read in the paper the other day where more than three hundred dogs' heads had been sent to the Pasteur institute in Columbia this year, and dog days had not yet begun. And all these heads showed signs of rabies. Don't you think, Mr. Mayor Wright, that it is time for you to begin to enforce the dog muzzling ordinance, or repeal it? You would feel bad if some poor child should be bitten by some worthless cur and die from the effects of the bite. Or for that matter, if it was bitten by some fine bull dog, or fice or whatever name called. I know that one can become very much attached to a dog—by whatever name called, even an old hound dog—but is a dog to be compared to the life of a human being, and the suffering and pain and agony which may result from the biting of some child by some dog. I throw not. Then enforce or repeal the ordinance. The reason I put it that way is if you repeal it, then we are put on notice to defend ourselves, and will not depend on protection from the police and the law. I don't get around the streets very much, but I am sure if you will walk out on the square most any day you will see a number of dogs running at large.

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I see from the papers that the civic association has arranged playgrounds at the two public school buildings. This is very nice, but I cannot help thinking how much more good for the children and the people of the community could have been done if the ladies of the civic association had just taken up that park proposition of mine and pushed it to success, as they could have done. And I told them time and again that they could have all the credit—that The Idler got his satisfaction from the doing of things and not from what may be written in marble or the praise of mere men. Then we could have had playgrounds and a keeper. I suppose

CONFERENCE FOR THE COMMON GOOD OPENS

CONGRESSMAN LEVER AND EDITOR POE HEARD BY MANY.

Prominent Men and Women of State Meet in Columbia to Take Part in Epoch-Making Gathering.

Columbia, August 6.—Prominent men and women of South Carolina gathered here this afternoon in large numbers to open a two days' session of a "conference for the common good." Presided over by W. K. Tate, State supervisor of rural schools, as president, the initial session presaged the deep and lasting interest which this conference is to have on the people of South Carolina. There is encouragement to look for larger attendance and added interest at tomorrow's meeting.

"Co-operation for Rural Development" was the general topic of the opening session this afternoon. Following the outlining of the general purposes of the conference by President Tate, "A Message to commonwealth Builders" was brought to the conference by Clarence Poe, of Raleigh, N. C., editor of the Progressive farmer. This was followed by a talk from the Rev. W. H. Mills, of Clemson college, on "The Part of the Church in Rural Development." A. F. Lever, congressman from the 7th district and chairman of the house committee on agriculture, delivered an impressive discourse on the subject, "A National Program for the development of American Agriculture." There was discussions on all these topics.

Death of an Infant.

The 4-months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis McCollum, of West End, died Tuesday night of cholera infantum and was buried at West End Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, service by the Rev. A. M. Gardner.

Death of Miss Boazman.

Miss Mamie Boazman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Boazman, of Chapell, died at her home Wednesday midnight, after a lingering illness, during which she had been taken to the hospital. She was 30 years old. The burial took place Thursday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock, in the old family burying ground near the home. The suffering of the sick one is over with, and while she is at rest, we can but sympathize with the living at the loss of a loving one.

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of course, there will be a keeper and care taker for each of the grounds and that will cost more than if it had all been connected with the park. But it all suits me and I am glad to see anything doing because it is better to do and live than to stagnate and die. I am told that at the playgrounds in Columbia and wherever they have playgrounds it is found necessary to have a director and caretaker. These little playgrounds will be a step towards the park. Let every one give encouragement to the work of the good women. They want to do something. It is mighty hard to do so without the aid and cooperation of the men.

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Cooperation is the need of this day need the pull-together spirit to be developed. If we could just make the people see and realize how much lighter the load would be sometimes I think there might be a chance to get them together. It is a hard job. I use to hear that if you would keep dropping water on a stone that it would make an impression after awhile. I am going to keep on trying and hoping.

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There is to be a conference in Columbia this week for the common good. That sounds mighty fine. I suppose that means for the good of everybody. They have some good subjects and some good men assigned to discuss them. Talk is good in its place but the common good needs something more than talk. The people must be made to see. Talk can help in that work. Any how I wish I could attend this conference and hear what these good people have to say, so that I could come back and help some one else and keep on spreading the good work. I hope there will be a number of men and women present at this conference from Newberry. It may be that some one there will tell the people how to get together and the advantages of cooperation.

The Idler.