

THE LEGISLATURE.

The Legislature met yesterday at 12 o'clock and was duly organized. Col. J. L. M. Irby was elected speaker of the House; Gen. Gray, of Greenville, clerk; W. H. Stansill, of Barnwell, sergeant at arms; and J. C. Wilborne, of York, reading clerk. In the Senate Dr. Samson Pope, of Newberry, was elected clerk. No one except those in full sympathy with the reform movement have received any of the plans. Our immediate representatives, Maj. L. H. DesChamps, Capt. J. M. Richardson, and Dr. I. M. Woods, were in their places promptly. The farmers have at least a two-thirds majority in each house. Capt. Tillman will be inaugurated next Thursday. Our readers may expect full reports of the proceedings of the Legislature.

THE ELECTION.

The total vote cast at the recent election for Governor, according to official returns, was 74,087, of which Tillman received 59,153, and Haskell 14,934. The vote on the constitutional amendment was: Yes, 23,451; No, 18,253.

In the sixth congressional district, Stackhouse received 9,022; Deas 2,352; and Gilliland 22.

WINE IS A MOCKER.

The following letter, written by one of the most refined and educated women of the county, speaks with emphasis stronger than it were possible for us to use. We ask for it a careful perusal by every thoughtful person in the county.

Mr. S. A. Nettles—Dear Sir: Knowing that you have always taken a strong stand on the side of morality and sobriety, I am prompted to write and ask that you will, through the medium of your widely circulated paper, call the attention of our fellow-makers to the great nuisance that is blighting our land: that of making and selling domestic wines without license. In this immediate section and for miles around everybody has gone into the wine making business, and wherever there is a grape vine established, and wine is sold in any quantity from a drink to several gallons or perhaps a whole barrel. Our young men and even small boys are lured on to destruction at their own doors. It is an appalling fact that there is more drunkenness indulged in in this neighborhood than was ever known before: old drinkers are fast approaching their doom and the young ones are following in their footsteps, all because of this terrible wine making business. I know of an old lady who has been making and selling wine for the past four years, each year going more extensively into the business, until now she makes her boast that her wine is more lucrative than her cotton. She has a special license, when she has a license from which she expects to reap a rich harvest, thus robbing many poor wives and destitute little children of their just support, and keeping husbands, fathers, sons, and brothers in a beastly drunken condition for the whole winter, or until the supply is exhausted. Alas! alas! how deplorable! Can nothing be done to stop this great evil? Cannot the Legislature amend or repeal entirely the law? Mr. Nettles, I do not write this for publication, but I want you, in your inimitable way, to raise your voice (as you have always done) against this indiscriminate wine selling, that this growing evil may be abated, and you will have the thanks of all who have suffered from its effects. Wishing you and your valued paper much and prolonged success, I am, sir, Yours very respectfully, Mrs. M.

The claim has been made time and again that if you but make liquor free, put it within easy reach of any and every person, that drunkenness will soon cease. We have always doubted the correctness of this reasoning. Pope's argument comes before our eyes in brightest letters:

Vice is a monster of so frightful mien, That to be hated, needs but to be seen. Yet seen too oft, familiar with her face, We pity, then endure, and then embrace.

If liquor is to be made free, to be sold anywhere, without any restrictions, the natural and first result will be an early killing off of all the old topans. Then will follow those noble men who keep from drink only by a constant fight against the terrible temptation, and into the fearful maelstrom will be drawn many of our thoughtless youth, who otherwise might have become useful citizens.

We hate liquor. It has done too much harm to our country for us to consider it with any other feeling. And the use of wine or cider or beer is but the stepping stone to the fearful culmination of a drunkard's doom. Were it within our power to destroy the art of its manufacture no more liquor would be made. The good derived from its use in the arts and sciences and as a beverage sinks into utter insignificance when compared with the great grief and destruction it causes. Wine is a mocker: be not deceived.

Our Legislators.

Following is taken from the News and Courier of last Tuesday, which had sketches of all the representatives in the present Legislature:

SENATOR L. H. DESCHAMPS.

Major L. H. DesChamps, Senator, was born in Sumter county in 1830, and moved to Columbia when about 17 years old. He has a good academic education. Before the war he was a practical mechanic, and during the war was in charge of a portion of the State mechanical works at Columbia, which were afterwards moved to Greenville. He continued in the employ of the State until his health failed him. Major DesChamps has never filled a public office in his life, but the fact is now the thing no opposition in the last primary election shows the confidence the people of Clarendon place in him. He is now president of the County Farmers' Association. He will no doubt make a good and sound Senator.

REPRESENTATIVE J. M. RICHARDSON.

J. M. Richardson was born in Clarendon county, and is now about 45 years old. He is a son of Mr. Thomas Richardson, of the Sand Hills of Clarendon county. He is a cousin and brother-in-law of Governor Richardson, and a strong Alliance man and Tillmanite. He has a good education, and is one of our best planters.

REPRESENTATIVE I. M. WOODS.

Dr. I. M. Woods was born in Clarendon county, and is about 45 years old. He went into the war when he was but 16 years old, and did good service for his State. He is a man of good education, having graduated with distinction in medicine from the leading physician of the Salem section of this county. He will doubtless be a leader in the House of Representatives.

All kinds of school books at Kalisky's.

HOUSEHOLD NOTES.

MRS. S. A. NETTLES.

A dainty little vase or flower-holder is made by pressing a small tumbler of thin glass into one of the Japanese baskets so common everywhere. Tie an inch-wide ribbon in a pretty bow around the glass just above the rim of the basket. When placing flowers in this or any vase do not crowd too many together; a few gracefully arranged give much more pleasure.

Procure a toy flat-iron of rather large size, cover the face with plush, gumming it on neatly, and fasten a tiny thermometer slanting upon it. Bronze or gold that portion of the iron not covered by the plush, and tie a bow of ribbon to match the latter (peacock-blue is pretty with the bronze) on the handle. This is easily made and inexpensive, yet a dainty little gift for a friend's writing-table.

There may be some young mothers among your readers who, like myself, do not understand the crocheting "tingo," or have time to use it if they did. I should like to tell them that I made some dainty little sacks for my baby out of fine lannel, cutting them the same shape as the designs which are crocheted. I made one of baby-blue, one of cream-white, and one of cardinal, "for every day." Pink the edges all around, of the sleeves and collar as well, and work a row of feather-stitching in silk near the edge. If wanted especially nice, embroider a fine of white flowers around it. Tie the neck with narrow ribbons.—C. P. H. in Arthur's Home Magazine.

In reply to Mrs. B's request we publish a receipt for a lemon salad (very nice): One pint can of salmon, picked in pieces and the bones removed, about one quart of cabbage, measured after being chopped very fine, six small cucumber pickles, two hard-boiled eggs, and one-half cup of celery, all chopped fine; if celery cannot be procured, soak a tablespoonful of celery seed in two spoonfuls of vinegar over night and use the vinegar. Garnish with parsley, beet, pickles, or lettuce.

ROLL JELLY CAKE.—One cup of white sugar, one-half teaspoon of sweet milk, two eggs, one cup of flour, two teaspoonfuls of cream tartar, one-fourth teaspoonful of soda, and a pinch of salt. This will make two cakes in a square tin. Have the oven ready, put the cakes in, and while they are baking get a cloth and the jelly ready on the table. As soon as baked turn the cakes one at a time out on the cloth, spread with jelly or marmalade, roll up tightly in the cloth, and lay them where they will cool. Handle carefully or they may fall. This makes as nice jelly cake as you will want to eat, and does not taste of eggs. If desired, flavor to suit your taste. One cake may be baked at a time if more convenient; it will not injure the mixture to stand.

The most pleasing decoration for any room where there is warm southern and eastern light is a window-shelf furnished with a decorated window-box full of running green vines and flowering plants. If a window-box is not easily attainable, one may have their plants in simple red pottery flower pots. Keep the pots and plants clean, and you will always have a picture in your room.

It Saved My Life. After suffering for twelve years from contagious blood poison, and trying the best physicians attainable and all the patent medicines procurable, and steadily continuing to grow worse, I gave up all hopes of recovery, and the physicians pronounced the case incurable. Hoping against hope I tried S. S. S. I improved from the first bottle, and after taking twelve was cured, sound and well, and for two years have had no return or symptom of the vile disease. As I owe my life to S. S. S. I send this testimony for publication.

H. M. REGISTER, Huntley, N. C.

Gained Eighteen Pounds. I consider S. S. S. the best tonic in the market. I took it for broken down health, and gained eighteen pounds in three weeks. My appetite and strength came back to me, and made a new man of me. Wm. GERLOCK, Belleville, Ohio.

Treatise on blood and skin diseases mailed free. SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., Atlanta, Ga.

Many Persons cured Brown's Iron Bitters rebuilds the system, aids digestion, removes excess of bile, and cures malaria. Get the genuine.

You cannot accomplish any work or business unless you feel well. If you feel unwell—tired out—take Dr. J. H. McLean's Sarsaparilla. It will give you health, strength, and vitality.

That somnolent, nervous, dyspeptic individual, should take Dr. J. H. McLean's Sarsaparilla! It will make him feel as well and hearty as the healthiest of us. It needs bracing up, vitalizing, that is all.

If you suffer prickling pains on moving the eyes, or cannot bear bright light, and your sight weak and dimming, you should promptly use Dr. J. H. McLean's strengthening eye-salve. 25 cents a box.

The Death of an Octogenarian. PRIVATEER, SUMTER CO., Nov. 12.—Mrs. Dorcas Brown, an octogenarian of this township, died on last Saturday night. She is the same old lady who was mentioned in a correspondence one year ago, having once performed the marriage ceremony. The way of it was this: A negro woman on her place was to be married, and the person who was to tie the knot failed to come, so Mrs. Brown married the couple. It was also mentioned that her second husband, W. H. Brown, dentist, who came from Georgia, taught Alexander H. Stephens his alphabet.—News and Courier.

Riot at Bishopville. At a negro festival in Bishopville last Saturday night, the negroes got too rowdy, and an attempt by the town authorities to arrest some of the disturbers precipitated a riot. The guard house was broken open, and the negro that had been arrested was forcibly released. Then came the tug of war. The whites were unable to cope with the negroes who took possession of the town and made many violent threats. A number of shots were exchanged, in which several negroes were wounded. The intentendant of the town telegraphed for the Sheriff and for the Sumter Light Infantry. The Sheriff at once responded, and the military company went as soon as orders could be received from the governor. All day Sunday and till very late Sunday night the negroes sulked around, armed and ready for a fight.

The town was during Sunday reinforced with about one hundred white men with arms and rifles and guns. The Sheriff made twelve or fourteen arrests Sunday. Monday morning all having quieted down the sheriff, military company, and other reinforcements went home, and the town was once again left in peaceful quiet.

Two negroes were wounded in the first fracas Saturday night, four of whom were men and two were women. One of the women is so seriously wounded she may die. No white person was hurt.

Scrofula is the most ancient and most general of all diseases. Scarcely a family is entirely free from it, while thousands everywhere are suffering slaves. Hood's Sarsaparilla has had remarkable success in curing every form of scrofula. The most severe and painful running sores, swellings in the neck or groin, humor in the eyes, causing partial or total blindness yield to the powerful effects of this medicine.

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