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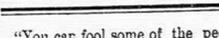
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IT SHOULD PASS.

One of the best measures introduced in the Legislature is a bill by Hon. Banks Caughman of Saluda.

It provides for 25 per cent. of the Dispensary receipts to be set apart for the purpose of buying school books for poor children.

This bill has merit and it should pass, but it won't, because the legislators are too busy legislating for railroads and other matters in which the people will not receive any direct benefit.

The Caughman measure would, if made a law, provide the necessary funds to give a large portion of our population a chance to send their children to school.

But an editorial in the Headlight so well expresses our views on this subject that we here reproduce it:

"Mr. Caughman has introduced a bill that 25 per cent. of the receipts of the dispensary be set apart for the purpose of buying school books for the poorer classes of our population, who must keep their children at home because they cannot afford to buy school books."

"This bill is exactly on the right line, and we do hope that it will become a law. Under our new Constitution, hereafter, in order to exercise the right of suffrage, a voter must read or write."

"Now, we do contend that the State has no right to restrict the suffrage of free-born white citizens unless it also places it in the power of every citizen to acquire that qualification."

"In Spartanburg county we know of hundreds of poor people who do not send their children to school, for the simple reason that they are not able to buy books; and that they apply to this county also applies to every other county in South Carolina."

"And to add to this imposition, the school books of our State, for a term of years, have been awarded to the American book trust, the most iniquitous of all trusts that extort upon and inflict our country. And in order to assist this trust in their sales, numerous and unnecessary books have been adopted, so that it is a heavy burden upon even well-to-do parents to keep their children supplied."

"Take readers, for instance. Alexander H. Stephens, the great statesman of Georgia, once remarked to the senior editor of this paper that when a man thoroughly knew all that could be taught in Webster's old blue-back spelling book, and the rudiments of arithmetic, he had an English education sufficient to carry him through the world with credit. This old book only cost a dime, and yet under the rulings of our State Board of Education, we have four different sets of readers, and other branches in proportion. And those books, too, cost about five times as much as they are really worth compared with other publications of similar print, paper and binding."

"The public school system of South Carolina needs a thorough overhauling, and the Legislature could not devote too much attention to better service than this important work."

WE AGREE.

It is not often we find ourselves agreeing with the Columbia State in its editorial utterances with matters concerning the affairs of this State, but in a recent issue we think it struck the right chord, and in its timely suggestion it should have included fish, terrapin, concealed weap- on and dogs. However, it is good enough as it is, and we reproduce it:

In the 160 members of the General Assembly there must be some with ingenuity enough to devise a scheme for some permanent blanket railroad law, and similar law which will relieve each succeeding Legislature of the necessity of spending \$15,000 worth of its time and \$8,000 worth of printing on bills pertaining to those two branches. If the genius appears who pledge the State to start a fund for an automobile monument, under the shadow of which he can repose, listening to the grateful songs of praise from all Carolinians.

"Something in the shape of a declaration, once or twice of what railroads shall do, and then, having fixed the penalties for disobedience, giving each citizen the right to issue the order and the magistrates the jurisdiction to enforce them, would, we think, relieve future legislators of a vast deal of work. For example, give two or more citizens the right to establish stations; let college facilities be the rate of fare for students; let legions be the rate of fare for the transportation on demand; permit town wardens to locate and have built union depots at the expense of the uniting roads; allow County Commissioners to put up signs at crossroads and have the rail-

collected with the railroad taxes; fix the value of live stock killed by trains at a certain figure, and provide for prompt payment of claims, and a dozen or two other necessary points of legislation.

"Then if John Jones has a cow which he wishes to graze in Bill Smith's pasture, instead of John Jones appealing to his nearest legislative friend and having a general law measure introduced, from which all the counties but the one in which John Jones lives will be excepted, give John Jones the right to pasture his cow in Smith's lot. "The easiest way's the best."

A visitor to the present Legislature cannot help but be struck with the weakness of that body. There are there but very few men of ability, and these are either indifferent as to what is going on or they have not won the confidence of their colleagues sufficiently to have much influence. Last Friday an election for two members of the State Board of Control took place; one went through without opposition, the other was elected by a close shave, but the defeated candidate really had a majority vote when the ballot was first taken. Then word was circulated among the members to change their votes; that it was the Governor's wish to elect Mr. Cooper, and surprising as it may be, several members, when they heard of the Governor's wish, changed their votes to give Mr. Cooper a sufficient number to elect him to the position.

The idea of representatives of the people of South Carolina so weak and vacillating as to be turned and led about like children!

Suppose Governor Ellerbe did want Cooper on the Board of Control, and the members thought differently, is that any reason they should change their votes after once having announced them? The men running about upon the floor of the house professing to speak for the Governor, we are satisfied, spoke without authority, and did so at the last moment when it was too late to correct the misrepresentation.

Mr. M. R. Cooper, who was elected, is a good man and as well qualified for the position as the gentleman he defeated, but what we do not comprehend is, why there was such a deep interest taken in that race. Why was it, that certain politicians were busy upon the floor of the House to elect their man. Is it possible that these politicians, some of whom were formerly connected with the Dispensary, and allowed to resign when under a cloud of suspicion, are to be benefited by this election? We do not see how, for we know Mr. Cooper's reputation to be that of a man with a mind of his own, and we do not believe there will be any Mixson in his part of the work.

Governor Ellerbe may have had his personal choice between the two candidates, but we do not believe he extended that choice to the members of his way of thinking, and if he did not, then those using his name so freely upon the floor of the House deserve the condemnation of all decent people, because they elected their man under false pretences.

The country weekly newspapers have every reason to feel unkindly toward our lawmakers for taking away from them the little support they receive from the public, and as the Legislature has fixed the price of what little public work the papers get, we think the papers should show a little independence and decline to do the publishing of public notices at the rates laid down by Statute.

We do not believe a law to fix the price of printing is any more right than would a law to fix the price of merchandise on a merchant's shelf, a mechanic's work, or a lawyer's services. Nevertheless it is done and the newspapers quietly submit. The law has the right to regulate the form of notices and the number of times said notices shall be published, but the printer has the sole right to fix the charge, and we hope the State Press Association will take this matter in hand. There is no use trying to cater to public men for patronage, and the sooner the newspapers show their independence, the better will they be treated. The law requires certain notices to be published and the lawmakers fix the rate, but there is no law to compel a publisher to do the work, and if the papers throughout the State will stand together, the next session of the Legislature will give us relief from the economists who will not reduce their own pay nor will they legislate to reduce taxes.

The people care nothing about the little amount paid to the newspapers for services rendered, but they are growing alarmed at the waste and extravagance committed by our lawmakers, and which has caused our executive to fear that the levy will have to be increased in order to meet the expenses of the government.

Editor J. M. Knight, of the Sumter Herald, has been appointed on Governor Ellerbe's staff. Colonel Knight we congratulate you, and we also congratulate the Governor for the wisdom he displayed in making such a good selection.

A VALUABLE PRESCRIPTION.

Editor Morrison of Worthington, Ind., writes: "You have a valuable prescription in Electric Bitters, and I can cheerfully recommend it for constipation and sick headache, and as a general system tonic, it is no equal."

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There are a certain lot of newspaper men in the State, about to go crazy because Governor Ellerbe has appointed Ex-Governor Evans to go to Washington to collect the direct tax matter which is due by the government to the people of the coast counties. Several gentlemen have undertaken this work and it seems they have not been able to accomplish much, and because Ex-Governor Evans has undertaken the work, his political enemies are abusing and flinging all kinds of mean and contemptible slurs at him. They may continue this sort of thing as much as they like, but the people will not be lulled to sleep by professions of peace while the bushwhacking continues. These same papers are loud in their professions of peace and unity and at the same time they lose no opportunity to strike at certain public men who have many friends among the people. Governor Ellerbe is no novice in the State's affairs and he is possibly the best qualified man to judge the fitness of a man for the position he appointed his predecessor to; had he appointed some old time politician who is waiting for something to turn up, a great deal of praise, no doubt, would have been given him by the now complaining papers, but no, he appointed a man who he knew was well qualified for the work and in whom he had confidence. Our new Executive cannot please everybody nor will he try to do so, but if he continues as he began he will be the most popular Governor the State has had in years—not with the politicians, but with the people.

We received a letter from a Charleston business man commending our editorial in THE TIMES of last week about the State Board of Control not patronizing home industries, and his letter urges us not to cease until our home industries are given fair treatment. There is no doubt about it, the Germania Brewing Company has piles of money invested in the city of Charleston and to keep their plant in operation they necessarily give employment to a great many people, all of whom are taxpayers of the State of South Carolina. Now the State has taken charge of a traffic, and we believe by doing so it has done a great deal towards arresting the evils of liquor drinking, but it has also crippled one of its largest manufacturing industries. When the Dispensary law was first enacted we understood that the home breweries and distilleries were to have the preference against all others, but this has not been carried out. The Charleston brewery has sold very little goods

drinkers testify that the Georgia beer is unfit to drink and is getting worse at every shipment. We hope with the newly organized board a different state of affairs will exist and goods will be handled for the merit they have. If the board continues discriminating against the home manufacturers it will give color to the suspicion that there is a secret somewhere, which will not bear turning the light on. We want the State to give encouragement to every industry within her borders.

The General Assembly has filled the vacancies on the State Board of Control, and from the character of the men composing the board, we are satisfied there will be a strict business management. The Dispensary management in the past has been the subject of much adverse criticism and whether just or unjust, suspicion of wrong-doing by some individuals formerly connected with the Dispensary has been created in the minds of the people; but, with all the suspicion and insinuations of rottenness, there is one man connected with the institution who has conducted himself in such a manner as to hold himself above suspicion. We speak of Col. J. T. Gaston, the superintendent and acting commissioner. Col. Gaston has had active charge since the resignation of Commissioner Mixson, and he has proved his thorough fitness for the place. We hope the Board of Control will recognize Colonel Gaston's qualifications by re-electing him.

The recent decision of the United States Supreme Court in the dispensary matter does not give the opponents of the law as much comfort as they had hoped, because the constables continue making seizures as if no decision was ever rendered. As we understand the case, Judge Simonton enjoined certain constables from seizing liquor and he went further and signed a general injunction against all the constables, sheriffs, etc. The Supreme Court sustained Judge Simonton in his injunction against the officers mentioned by name in his decree, but required him to modify the decree as to the rest. A constable not having been individually enjoined can go right ahead and seize without incurring the displeasure of the court and without being made subject to contempt proceedings.

The Hampton Guardian of last week contained the picture of its editor, and yet the people are taxed to prevent crime.

When you come to town to attend court, call at the Times office and renew your subscription.

The "Jim Crow," or separate coach question is evoking considerable discussion throughout the State. There appears to be a good deal of sentiment against the measure, while a majority, no doubt, favor the scheme. We believe the railroads should provide suitable cars for both races and if they pay the same fare they should be entitled to accommodations alike, but if there is nothing more done we think the railroads should have a smoking car on every passenger train, so that a person not able to pay first-class fare will not be subjected to offensive smoke in the second-class car. As a general thing colored people ride in second-class cars, and many of them do not like smoke, but because the roads do not provide a separate coach for smokers they are made to submit, and they do submit rather than force themselves in the first-class car where they know their presence is obnoxious.

The recent controversies among prominent officials, in our judgment, the precursor to a big cloud-burst. There is a black cloud gathering about the State house and before the next primary it will burst with a fury never before heard of in the political history of the State. The sharp tactics of shrewd manipulators will not be able to keep from the public their guilty practices, and when the light does penetrate the darkness which we are certain exists, a righteous indignation will assert itself among the people, and some men now growing fat at the public crib, will be glad to seek shelter in the retirement of their private homes. Is there "anything rotten in Denmark?" Time will tell. There is either something radically wrong at the Capitol or honest men are being most basely slandered.

The New York Chamber of Commerce proposes to give a dinner to President Cleveland upon his retirement from office, to show their appreciation of his services to their business interests. The compliment is deserved, for no man ever filled the Presidential chair that labored more faithfully and zealously for New York's business interests. And as soon as he finishes picking his teeth after the New York dinner, he should be wine and dined across the water by the bankers of London, whose business interests he also faithfully and zealously labored for. The masses of the people will not give Mr. Cleveland a dinner to show their appreciation for him, but they will quietly rejoice that he is out, just the same.

The Legislature has passed a law to require railroads to carry bicycles as baggage for passengers. This is very good for the wheelmen, because it saves them some money, but we doubt the justice of the law. If a bicycle rider is to have the privilege of carrying his wheel on the train without charge, then why not go further and permit a lady to carry her sewing machine or piano, or allow a farmer to take his horse and wagon. The railroads should be treated fairly.

We venture the assertion, that before Governor Ellerbe has finished his term of office he will want a committee of investigation to ascertain the interest certain men are taking in Dispensary matters. This committee should not be made up of members of the Legislature, but from his contingent fund. About three of Pinkerton's finest would furnish a report which would either wipe out all suspicion or put into the penitentiary some very conspicuous characters.

Congressman McLaurin, in his speech in Congress last week, indulged in some severe criticisms of the Supreme Court, and was particularly severe on Judge Shiras, the man who changed his mind and caused the income tax to be declared unconstitutional. The representatives of other States beside those of South Carolina are criticizing the Supreme Court these days, since Senator Tillman broke the ice.

The war between the Comptroller General, the Secretary of State and the land agents continues without abatement and we have been unable to cipher out who has the right end of the string. All of these gentlemen think they are right, we do not doubt, but nevertheless, the people have not received any enlightenment from their long winded and complicated newspaper communications.

The News and Courier's daily accounts of the battleships of Charleston are certainly the finest kind of journalism, and the management deserves great credit. Each issue of the paper is worth preserving and we have no doubt but what thousands of copies are being put aside every day.

Congressman McLaurin is preparing himself to debate the tariff question and his constituents may look for a speech that will take the country by storm.

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Larry is Getting Old. It is the rarest thing now to see a mulatto baby. This shows that the morals of the South are improving. Mixture of the races is frowned down upon more and more every day.—Piedmont Headlight.

Answer to "Justice" on County Government Law.

As a member of the Board, I demand that you explain yourself fully and satisfactorily for the edification of the people, the remark that you made last week in THE TIMES, saying: "The way it has been done in this county is a disgrace to a civilized community." I do not know if your reflection is on Supervisor, Board, or both. But I do know that you have publicly made a very grave assertion, and I demand, as one of the members, that the whole thing be brought to light. Let the people know in full the disgrace that has blotted a "civilized community" and not leave them to make just any surmises they may from an assertion made in such strong language. The Supervisor and his Board were congratulated by many of our best citizens on the good and economical management of the county affairs. In speaking of the law you say "it is an improvement, and it would be difficult to pass a better one. With a few amendments (from your wise brain) it would be perfect." Hearken, ye Legislators, to this wise sage, who, with a few "amendments" can make a law "perfect" and allow him the privilege of amending all laws of any importance before they are passed and save your county from being run in such a way that it is branded by "Justice" (he could have more properly signed himself "Wisdom") as "a disgrace to a civilized community." As you seem to think you know exactly how the county affairs should be conducted, I suggest that your name be sent at once to the Governor and you be recommended as a most suitable man to serve on the Board.

By your superior knowledge, you would be of great assistance to the Supervisor and other members. With your "suggestions" they would have use for a legal adviser; and possibly the county might be run in such a way that it would not be "a disgrace to a civilized community."

MEMBER COUNTY BOARD.

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