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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The General Assembly of South Carolina met yesterday and will probably be in session about forty days. The State constitution adopted in 1895 provides that after the first three sessions from its adoption legislators cannot remain in session longer than forty days and receive pay for their services, so that it is reasonable to suppose we will not have longer than a forty days session. It might seem that inasmuch as this is campaign year our lawmakers would want to be as economical as possible and have a very short session, but in the general growth, the general progress and development of the State things are widening, and more legislation in detail is necessary. And then the Legislature usually possesses a number of men who are prone to talk on everything that comes up, and others who have a lot of pet and petty schemes which they want to get through, so that many days are drawn out and the full length of time allowed is usually consumed.

Clarendon is fortunate in having representatives who do not talk unless they have something to say, and when once they have spoken, their positions are well known, so that if a long session is drawn out Clarendon's representatives will scarcely be blameable. There are no extremely vital, burning measures demanding legislation at this session, and yet there is one question which seems paramount to all others and which should receive careful thought and attention and that is the liquor question. The corruption which has been exposed and the scandals growing out of the State Board of Control seem to demand that some measures will have to be adopted to remedy the law regarding the sale of liquor. Two bills on the liquor question have been introduced at this session, both quite sweeping in their character and both providing for the abolishment of the State Board of Control, one by Mr. Winkler of Kershaw county and one by Senator Appelt. We have not seen Mr. Winkler's bill, but we are inclined to think that if Senator Appelt's bill were adopted it would do much towards alleviating the many evils growing out of the present system. It provides for submitting to the voters of each county the three questions of prohibition, dispensary and license, and in that way the will of the people in each county is arrived at. In those counties, like Marlboro, for instance, which are and always have been for prohibition, they are allowed to have prohibition, and are not made to have the dispensary rammed down their throats anyhow. Those counties which want dispensary, as at present, may have it, except that the screws are tightened up all along the line in the enforcement of the law, the plans being more stringent than those governing dispensaries at present. Then in those counties like Charleston, where the people are going to have whiskey anyhow, law or no law, they may do so under bond and a heavy license, after sellers get the approval of a majority of all the voters in the ward in which they want to sell. In this way even the whiskey element is enlisted in behalf of enforcing the law. The requirements in detail for the enforcement of the law are very stringent, after the counties decide what they want, and there is no doubt but that its adoption, carrying the abolishment of the State Board of Control, into which it seems impossible to keep scandal from creeping, would be a vast improvement and a step higher in the line of general morality. The people are disgusted with this liquor question. They have read about it until now when they read of another liquor scandal it is nauseating. Let the Legislature take hold of it and do something, and it doesn't matter how tight they slap the screws on in whatever measure they do adopt.

Followers of the fashions are never a rule behind them.

It is considered in New York a pretty hard thing to "pull the leg" of Richard Croker, but he got it broke while mounting a horse in England the other day.

Things seem to have gotten quiet in Cuba. General Wood has been appointed Governor and he has appointed his cabinet, all of them Cubans. A list of their names reads like the labels on a lot of cigar boxes.

It is right amusing to run through our exchanges and see the advice some of them insist upon offering to Governor McSweeney, especially since it is probable that he will be a candidate for re-election this summer. Governor McSweeney is in a position to look down on all sides of public matters, and so far he has impressed us as being pretty level headed. Unless he makes some slip up between now and the election we think he will be a hard man to beat.

The annual message of Governor McSweeney which we give to our readers to-day is a strong paper and is worth a careful reading by every citizen. It is well written and deals in a plain, practical, common-sense and business like manner with all of the State's matters. During the short time that the Governor has been in office he has not only familiarized himself with every department of government, but being a practical business man himself he is in position to see the needs of all the State's interests from a business point of view and make wholesome and sound recommendations to the General Assembly. The message shows marked progress in manufacturing, agriculture and along many other lines and says that harmony and good will prevails throughout the State.

The United States, through Secretary Hay, has just succeeded in getting along all the European countries, except Italy, to agree to what is known as an "open door" policy towards China. In other words it about means that the other countries were getting the "door open" first towards gobbling up China's territory, and while the door was being opened and before the other countries walked in, our great and good country wanted to be in position to walk in along with the rest and be there when all the great nations sat down to the feast of devouring China. But the United States in her Philippine policy and England in her Boer conquest policy each seem to have wallowed something which does not agree with them. If they should each decide to tackle a slice of China it is to be hoped that the thing will not be so indigestible.

When England opened war on the Boers in South Africa it was thought that she would make short work of the two little republics, and in fact it was said that General Buller's victories would be like a grand dress parade. But the past few weeks have noted several crushing defeats to the English forces and the lowering of General Buller to a secondary place among the English Generals. Cid General Joubert, Commander-in-Chief of the Boer forces, and who at first was thought to be too old to do any good fighting, has proven himself to be a veritable Stonewall Jackson, and while it seems uncertain where he came from, yet one thing is certain and that is that if he had the number of troops England has in the field that great country would not be in the fight long. England already has more troops in South Africa than Wellington had when he whipped Napoleon at Waterloo, but this bids fair to be the dearest war both in money and lives that she has ever engaged in. Providence is not always on the side with the heavy artillery.

Judge Buchanan created a sensation in Spartanburg last week when he gave a petty jury a fearful rasping for not being able to come to an agreement and render a verdict in the case of Meares, the professor in a deaf, dumb and blind school, on trial for seduction. The jury was out something like forty hours and during that time were recalled by the judge and asked if there was any point of law which they could not understand. Replying to the contrary, Judge Buchanan told them that they should come to a verdict, and when he finally recalled them the second time and ordered them to return a mistrial he took occasion to rake them down in a manner that was perhaps never heard in a court house in this State before. He compared them to silly school boys, who were sitting there, willing to violate the oaths they had taken to come to a verdict and were putting the county to four or five hundred dollars expense each day, and charged that it was just such conduct as this which was responsible for so much miscarriage of justice. As to the propriety of making the remarks which Judge Buchanan made, that is a question left entirely with him, but there is no doubt but that he spoke a lot of truth in his little raking down address to the jury. As a rule the courts and the solicitors do their duty, but one or two irresponsible jurors who do not appreciate the weight of an oath often obstruct the cause of justice and

bring disrepute upon the entire court. It would be impossible to remedy such an evil by legislation, as it is out of the question to legislate morals into the people, but the jury commissioners could do a great deal by refraining from putting in the jury boxes the names of persons who first of all have not some intelligence and next some little moral convictions.

Some Generals blame it on the nukes, and others on the guides, but Buller had the pluck to take the responsibility on his shoulders. Pity Otis doesn't do likewise.

How's This! We offer one hundred dollars reward for any case of catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & Co., Props., Toledo, O. Dr. J. C. HARTMAN, 151 N. E. St. (Chestnut) for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm. WALKER & TRACY, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. WALKING, KINMAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Testimonials free.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Santee Sitings.

Editor THE TIMES: As you never hear anything from this part of the moral vineyard, I will drop you a line. One week of the New Year has passed and news is scarce on Santee. We have had some cold weather, but it did not keep two old bachelors from a certain X Road from taking the snow to Santee. Misses Annie and Kate Briggs, of Silver, spent several days visiting their cousin, Miss Bertha Briggs, who came from school at Edgefield to spend the holidays. We have a new telephone line in this neighborhood, so you see we are coming out. It is a new thing with us. A certain married man close by, was experimenting with a woman's hair, and she was suffering and I will never be without this splendid medicine again. For sale by the R. B. Loryea drug store, Isaac M. Loryea, Prop.

A man never has real trouble until he has a son big enough to wear his clothes.

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A Woman's Letter.

Coolidge, Ky., Aug. 20, 1898. New Spencer Medicine Co. Since writing you in July, I have continued to use Benedicta and am surprised at the results. Before using the remedy I suffered from womb troubles and a weak stomach, but the three bottles of Benedicta has completely cured me. It is a great medicine for delicate women. Mrs. H. R. GILBERT. Sent by R. B. Loryea.

The trouble market is easy, and it can always be borrowed at low rates.

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From Girlhood to Womanhood.

Don't let your daughter have a wrong message into womanhood. The greatest crisis in every girl's life is at this stage when the menstrual functions are being established, and she should have every provision made for establishing this period properly, without which she can never become a perfect woman. Mothers, teach your daughters to confide in you. Explain their condition to them and watch over them as you would the most delicate plant, and as this most critical age draws near commence giving her GERSTLE'S Female Panacea. It will establish the menstrual functions, restore the strength and give life and energy to the entire being. Price \$1.00 PER BOTTLE. Sold at The R. B. Loryea Drug Store, Isaac M. Loryea, Prop.

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What suffering from falling of the womb, whites, painful or irregular menses, or any disease of the female system, a man may sympathize with, but he cannot know the suffering, or patiently borne, which robs her of beauty, hope—the happiness of this suffering really is needless.

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will banish it. This medicine cures all "female diseases," quickly and permanently. It does away with humiliating physical excruciations. The treatment may be taken at home. There is not continual expense and trouble. The sufferer is cured, and stays cured. The Wine of Cardui is becoming the leading remedy for all troubles of this class. It costs but \$1 from any druggist.

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I have secured the services of Mr. J. S. Bell, a first class machinist, and we are prepared to repair all kinds of machinery, and we are also in shape to do all kinds of plumbing at reasonable prices.

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R. L. BELL, MANNING, S. C.

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The Germania Brewing Company, of Charleston, S. C., have made arrangements with the South Carolina State authorities by which they are enabled to fill orders from consumers for shipments of beer in any quantity at the following prices:

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