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IN A DILEMA, SURE.

It is with a degree of satisfaction that we note Senator Tillman's change of heart with regard to the management of local dispensaries. In the session of the General Assembly of 1900, in the Senate, there was introduced "A Bill" looking to the reformation of the liquor management in this State, and for those counties adopting the dispensary system, a provision was made for the management to be by a board consisting of the County Supervisor, the Mayor of the town at the county seat in which a dispensary was located, and the Foreman of the grand jury. The Senator was opposed to this at the time, and charged it was a trick to turn the dispensary over to the Anti's, but since the lid has been lifted, and the stench arising from it has struck the nostrils of the Senator, he has reached the conclusion that the wet nurses for his baby have not been careful of its swaddling clothes, and unless a cleansing process is adopted the child cannot possibly survive its own filth, hence he wants to dismiss the present wet nurses, and is willing for the "trick to turn the dispensary over to the Antis to succeed. We are glad to see the Senator making concessions, and before the next primary it would not surprise us in the least if this distinguished father of the dispensary concedes, that, local option, as provided for in Senate bill, session 1900, providing for an election on "Prohibition, License, or Dispensary," is the best solution of this much vexed question.

In his Anderson speech the Senator read a carefully prepared manuscript, and among the suggestions he makes for the control of the system, is for the management of county dispensaries to be by a board composed of the Supervisor, the Mayor and some person appointed by the State board. He only differs with the bill referred to, as to the third member. The bill provides for the Foreman of the Grand Jury, but the Senator wants the third member of the county board to be appointed by the State board. It looks to a man up a tree as if Senator Tillman is making an effort to find a jumping off place, to desert his "baby." He cannot turn it over to a foundling asylum, nor can he leave it on anybody's doorsteps, the child is too well known, and its parent cannot deny its birthmarks; in this extremity there is only one exit to escape, and that is outright disinheritance.

We have read with considerable care the Senator's plan to purify the dispensary, which he proposes to suggest to the next session of the General Assembly, and, we presume if that body fails to adopt his suggestions, he will turn around and help to kill the dispensary. In our judgment, based upon present indications, it will not need the distinguished Senator's services to kill the dispensary; we believe the system is in extremis now, and will be killed as dead as a door nail in a large majority of the counties in the State whether the Senator aids or opposes. He just cannot stop the swelling tide, but he can throw himself in its way and he destroyed, as will probably be his fate, if he continues in his present course. Senator Tillman is a shrewd politician, and he can come near creating a popular issue to advance his individual interests: it would not surprise us to learn that the suggestions he makes to the General Assembly are deliberately and cunningly planned with the expectation of not being accepted. He suggests measures and plans, to accept, would mean stultification; hence, he has no idea the legislature will adopt his suggestions, and then he will take their refusal as an excuse to join in the popular demand for the destruction of the dispensary. He will beat his tom-tom to revive factionalism, and stir up the "wool hat boys" by telling them his oldtime enemies are after his scalp and, he will lull the anti-dispensary people to sleep by telling them that he could not stand for corruption, had tried to purify the dispensary, the legislature would not do it, and he is with them to kill it. This will be his scheme, in our opinion, until the next primary is over, if he succeeds himself, the dispensary will continue and he will have a legislature that will carry out his wishes, but if he fails to succeed himself he will find the dispensary a good place to dump his wrath. Every utterance the Senator has made since this agitation began, indicates the uncertainty of his footing. He talks and writes like a man caught in a prairie fire, if he goes forward there is fire, if he turns backward there is more fire, and his only chance is to lay down in a ditch and wait for the fire to pass over. If he undertakes to force the dispensary on the people he will be the victim of their wrath, if he deserts the dispensary, those who are satisfied with the present system will not take kindly to his throwing his offspring away, and leaving them with a disgraced responsibility, and the the anti-dispensaryites, will regard his coming over to them solely for votes to re-elect him to the Senate. To quote his own language applied to others: "He is between the devil and the deep blue sea," a fix a politician petted as Tillman has been, causes his pillow to feel hard, his bed to feel lumpy, and makes him have frightful dreams.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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The investigation of the dispensary now going on in Columbia shows that institution to be owing $560,369.28, and that it has bought undelivered liqour amounting to $299,679.50. There is $442.676.40 due to the school fund, which has not been turned over. According to our view of the statement the dispensary owes $247,077.34 more than it has stock in Columbia and in the county dispensaries throughout the State.

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The city council of Florence has determined to break up gambling in that city, and a few days ago the police raided an establishment, pulled a number of gentlemen, who were required to put up a forfeit of $50. each. Some forfeited and did not appear for trial. three of them, however, did appear and were let off with a fine of $35. a piece. We have no doubt that the arrest of these gentlemen will have a salutary effect in Florence, and hereafter the coon crap shooters will make themselves scarce. So far as we know there is no gambling in this town, but if there is the authorities should turn the screws on the gentlemen gamblers, especially. Arrest a few gentlemen, punish them severely and the gamblers who are not gentlemen will move on.

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Elsewhere we reproduce the proceedings in the New Brookland election fraud case, merely to show what has or can be accomplished by those who have the election machinery in their hands. Here in the little town across the river from Columbia in a municipal election the dirtitest kind of fraud is resorted to, and when detected, arrested, and convicted in a circuit court the Judge imposes a alternative fine or imprisonment. It does strike us, that in such a case a Judge makes himself partially responsible for crime when he imposes a sentence that men who can be guilty of such crimes could langh at. A fine of $1,000 or twelve months on the chaingang would have had a much better effect than the fine imposed. So far as we know this is the first election fraud case ever carried before a jury in this State, but that does not mean that our elections are free from frauds. We are morally certain that frauds were practiced in the primary elections, not only frauds, but the most degrading debauchery and bribery has been practiced, by big men too, who profess religion. It is a common belief that there are men who secure political preferment by the circulation of slanderous reports, misrepresentations, the use of money and whiskey, and the bribing of men to go from box to box to repeat, and then, if with all this, they cannot accomplish their purpose, by use of more money, they induce managers to swindle in the count, just as was proven in the New Brookland case. The only interest this case has to our readers, is that it may serve as a warning in future elections, and that if there is sufficient ground to believe a fraud has been committed, it is a duty to see to it that the guilty are punished.

It Made Him Shake.

I wish to say a word in praise of Dr. King's Improved Chill and Fever Tonic. I had chills for one year continually, and tried all the chill tonics I could get and also doctor's prescriptions, but all failed to cure. Part of one bottle entirely cured me, and have not had chills since. I recommend only King's. T. F. Howard. Sold by Dr. W. E. Browne & Co.

The Russian and Japanese statesmen now in session at Portsmouth, N. H., have before them a problem the settlement of which affects the civilized world. The matter of settling the disposition of Korea to the satisfaction of all parties will be almost as difficult as the agreeing on terms of indemnity and territory. The Japanese have the Russians at an advantage, but this position may cause her to overreach herself in her exactions, and bring on complications with other nations. If Japan takes full control of Korea, the interests of the United States and England might be affected, and then will come the squabble over treaty rights which Japan may not be willing to agree to. The United States is very much interested in this settlement as a very considerable portion of her manufactured product is consumed by China. Japan and Korea, and we believe that if a satisfactory settlement is made at Portsmouth the closing of the war between Japan and Russia will mean a strong demand for American products, especially cotton, and the present crop will bring a high price.

Brookland Fraud Case Ends in Conviction.

Lexington, Aug. 18.—In the court of general sessions today Geo. B. McCombs, ex-mayor of New Brookland, along with T. D. Mitchell, formerly town marshall, and M. L. Fox were found guilty of tampering with the election returns of the municipal election held in New Brookland on the 27th of last May.

At that time McCombs was the intendant of that town, and he stood for re-election, being opposed by Mr. J. S. Gunnell. The managers of the election appointed by McCombs were M. L. Fox and George I Busbee, who it was claimed, entered into a conspiracy with McCombs and Mitchell to declare the re-election of McCombs and his ticket regardless of how the ballots counted.

The election returns were so manipulated that McCombs was declared to be elected; Gunnell and his friends were satisfied that fraud had been perpetrated, and they contested the declaration of McCombs' election to the extent of having a warrant sworn out against the managers and Mitchell, which resulted in Gunnell's being declared entitled to the office of intendant.

McCombs, Fox and Mitchell were placed in Lexington jail under the charge of conspiring to cheat and defraud in town election. Mitchell is accredited with concocting the scheme to defeat Gunnell's election. This is the same T. D. Mitchell who divided honors with Halsenback as star witnesses swearing for defendant in the case when the slayer of N. G. Gonzales was was tried at Lexington two years ago.

After Mitchell was put in jail he wrote to Mr. Gunnell begging him for mercy, saying that he was willing to take his share of the outcome of the matter, and hoped Mr. Gunnell would see that he [Mitchell) did not have the whole burden to carry. Then he tried Mr. Gunnell's sympathetic nature, in the same communication, appealing to him, "Think of my little innocent children as you pass my house and go home and ask Mrs. Gunnell what you ought to do, and I am satisfied you will drop the indictment." In the same letter he admits his guilt in these words: "I will assure you all parties have repented fully for what part they have taken in the matter."

Mitchell's letter to Mr. Gunnell failed in its purpose. Mr. Gunnell in his reply spoke of Mitchell as Judas Iscariot, accused him of pretended friendship while he was scheming with others to defraud him out of the election. He stigmatized Mitchell as a traitor, and intimated to him strongly that he was a vile creature; told him plainly that he would not stop the prosecution but promised him to see that he got a fair trial.

Mitchell and his confederates have had a fair trial and have received justice at the hands of the jury who have convicted them.

Sixteen of the best citizens of the community of New Brookland testified at the trial just terminated to circumstances pointing to establish that fraud had been practiced in the municipal election, and that Mitchell was in collusion with the managers to cheat Gunnell out of the office. One of the managers would take the ballots out of the box, hand them to the other, who would call out the names to the secretary, the idea being to keep the count so as to be sure that McCombs would be ahead and at the sametime run the votes so nearly even that fraud might not be suspected.

Mitchell's part in the conspiracy was to keep a tab sheet separate from the secretary's, and every now and then to call out how the candidates were running and at least a couple of dozen times during the listing of the votes Mitchell's voice would ring out for the guidance of the managers the status of the count. For instance, when the votes would run so close as to put Gunnell maybe two or three ahead of McCombs, Mitchell would sing out "Eh, be God! Gunnell is two ahead!" This would give the clew to the manager who was calling out the ballots, and it would change, and the votes would then run mostly for McCombs, and Mitchell would call out "McCombs four ahead," or five ahead, as the case would be. This novel way of keeping tally worked successfully and at the end of the count McCombs was declared to be elected by five majority. The fraud was so palpable that it put the friends of Gunnell upon suspicion, inquiry and investigation.

After the managers finished counting the votes the ballot box was turned over to McCombs, who refused to deliver same to a committee who waited upon him and asked that the box be turned over to another committee for the purpose of recounting the votes. McCombs after his refusal to deliver the box or to have the votes recounted, took the box containing the votes to his house. What was done at his house that night is best told by Mr. Geo. Busbee, one of the managers, who turned what is termed "State's evidence."

He testified as follows: "On the 13th of May I was first approached by McCombs to be a manager of the election. Friday night before the election McCombs, Mitchell, Fox and I met and had a talk and agreement that I was to call the votes out and run McCombs ahead of Gunnell, regardless of how the votes read. I was to call McCombs' name where the vote was needed, although the ticket should read Gunnell. Mitchell was to stand outside of the railing and tally and call out to keep me posted and straight, so I could keep McCombs ahead of Gunnell. We declared McCombs elected, when as an actual fact Gunnell was elected, as Gunnell received a majority of the votes. We got this result of declaring McCombs the successful candidate by my calling out a vote for McCombs when it had been cast for Gunnell. After the count I met McCombs on the street. I handed him the box containing the votes and he took the box home with him. That night McCombs sent for me to come to his house. I went, and we changed the votes to correspond to the tally sheets We got new tickets and substituted them for the ones that had been voted, placing on each new ticket the name of McCombs in place of the ticket which had been voted and had the name of Gunnell on it. Mitchell's part in this revision and substitution was that he was to keep his eyes and ears open on the street and every now and then report to the manipulators inside the house whether everything was all right on the outside. Mitchell did as instructed."

The defendants when arraigned in court yesterday pleaded not guilty, and offered three witnesses besides themselves to prove their innocence.

Messrs. Sturkie and Martin represented McCombs and Fox. Mitchell had no counsel, and he conducted his own case. He examined and cross examined witnesses and addressed the jury in his own behalf. He tried to influence the jury to acquit him by resorting to matters outside of the record, but failed in his effort to inject politics into it. He appraised the jury of the fact that he had been a witness against the Gonzales side when Mr. Gonzales' assassin was being tried for the murder of N. G. Gonzales, and that his, Mitchell's, indictment was one of persecution and not prosecution; and that on account of his having been a witness as aforesaid. Dr. C. W. Barron of New Brookland, a brother-in-law of the deceased Mr. Gonzales, wanted revenge on him (Mitchell). His speech was made up altogether of inferences that Dr. Barron was the one pushing the prosecution and that it was directed solely against him.

At the opening hour of court this morning the jury handed up the following verdict: "We find the defendants McCombs, Fox and Mitchell guilty with recommendation to the mercy of the court."

Judge Ernest Gary sentenced each of the defendants to four months on the chaingang or pay a fine of $75 each. They were taken to jail.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
Clarendon County.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

Aaron Francis, Lawrence Francis, Stephen Francis, William Francis, Anthony Francis, Cheney Harvin, Agnes Williams, Prince Francis and Eliza Wilson, Plaintiffs,

against

John Francis, Daniel Francis, Isaac Jones, Junior, Salina Jones, C. O. Witte, Arthur Lynah and Edward H. Sparkman, the last three being included as trustees, Defendants.

SUMMONS FOR RELIEF. COMPLAINT SERVED.

To the defendants, John Francis, Daniel Francis, Isaac Jones, Junior, Salina Jones, C. O. Witte, Arthur Lynah and Edward H. Sparkman, the last three being included as Trustees:

You are hereby summoned and required to answer the Complaint in this action of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to the said Complaint on the subscribers at their office at Manning, S. C. within twenty (20) days after the service hereof; exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid the plaintiffs in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

John Francis and Daniel Francis will further take notice that the Complaint herein has been heretofore filed in the office of the Clerk of Court of Common Please for Clarendon County, South Carolina.

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