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The Ransom-Manning Bill.

Synopsis of the Bill Designed to Reform the Dispensary.

The Original Measure Was the Work of Senators Ransom, of Orangeburg, and Manning, of Sumter, but in the Final Form, as Reported Back From the Committee, Were Embodied the Suggestions Of Others.

The bill popularly known as the Ransom-Manning bill, because it was the joint work of Senators Ransom, of Orangeburg, and Manning, of Sumter, being the fruit of the matured thought and labor of these two men; who conscientiously believing that the dispensary system properly and honestly conducted, under the conditions prevailing in the State, not only the best, but the only practical and satisfactory means of controlling the liquor traffic and minimizing the evils that attend the use of any and all alcoholic liquors as a beverage, sought to frame a law that would purge the State Dispensary of the corruption believed to exist therein and so hedge about the management with restrictions that the opportunity for graft and dishonesty in the purchase of liquor and other supplies, which has as it should not only permitted, but appeared to be inevitable, would be impossible.

Senators Ransom and Manning, with the same object in view, viz to make the dispensary as nearly as possible a graft-proof business institution, which which, under the exercise of the proper power of the State should control and regulate the liquor traffic, which is conceded by all to be an evil that of necessity must be regulated and curtailed.

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Upon being referred to committee in the regular order the bill was given thoughtful consideration and a rigid and patient analysis. The result of the committee's consideration was a substitute bill, which embodied the distinctive features of the original bill, but being used as a frame work, and also the ideas of the committee and others who had made suggestions looking to the perfection of the proposed new dispensary law.

Among the suggestions thus embodied in the bill was one made by Senator Tillman that liquor be purchased from United States bonded warehouses exclusively.

This substitute bill, which was in fact the committee's bill, although built upon the Ransom-Manning bill as a foundation, was still popularly known as the Ransom-Manning bill, and by that title it is yet known.

This is the bill that the House of Representatives rejected and practically refused to consider at all, after the effort to force the Morgan (House) bill through the Senate had failed. This is the measure that is now the leading issue in the State campaign, and which is the dispensary plank in the platform of Mr. Richard L. Manning in his campaign for Governor.

Occupying as it does so important a place amongst the issues of the campaign, a synopsis of the bill will be both interesting and instructive.

Section 2 repeats Section 556, which creates the State Board of Directors and thereby abolishes that board, the three members of which are hitherto with the management of a \$3,000,000 business and remit only \$100 a year apiece. This is one of the most important, as well as sensible and necessary reforms contemplated by the bill.

The next section (4) is the most striking feature of the bill, and one that has attracted the greatest amount of public attention. It provides that no liquor shall be sold or purchased at any dispensary, except as authorized by the board of directors of the dispensary. It also provides for the creation of a commission on the 1st day of August, 1907, to investigate the operation of the dispensary system.

The commission is required to advertise for twenty days, commencing the first day of March in each year, or on some other day, in each of the cities of Columbia, Charleston, Orangeburg, Sumter, Aiken, and Florence, for bids to supply the kinds and quantities of liquors required for sale by the State dispensary during the ensuing year.

The bills must be sealed, and without mark to distinguish them one from another, and put in express within ten days of the last advertisement to the State Treasurer, in whose custody they remain until opened on March 31st, in public by a committee of three citizens, appointed by the Governor on or before March 20th. Contracts are to be awarded by this committee to the lowest responsible bidder for the several kinds of liquor and other supplies required. The members of the committee are to be paid \$10 each per day and five cents mileage for each mile actually traveled, and they are ineligible for re-appointment.

All bidders are required to give good and sufficient bond as a guarantee of their faith for the performance of the obligations in the event of securing a contract.

The contract is to be approved by the Attorney General and the amount of bond shall equal 30 per cent of the estimated cost of the liquor or other supplies to be purchased.

The kinds of liquor that shall be purchased are the following: Pure cologne spirits, or denatured alcohol, 95 per cent, from government bonded warehouses; Two stamp whiskey, 40 per cent proof from the bonded warehouses of the United States, with the endorsement that the State shall buy the whiskey on the warehouse certificate, and shall pay the revenue thereon; and all pure, or nearly pure, and without admixture of any other ingredients, shall be purchased in the way in which is provided by the commission.

The bill provides for the purchase of liquor by the commission, as indicated, and the bidders for the different varieties of whiskey shall indicate not less than twenty different brands of whiskey present in this State that is less than one year old as shown by the warehouse certificate. A record of all bids shall be kept in book provided for that purpose.

The bill also provides that the State board of directors shall include whiskey one year old, whiskey three years old, whiskey five years old, and other whiskeys of the ages designated in the bill. The bill also provides for the purchase of liquor by the commission, as indicated, and the bidders for the different varieties of whiskey shall indicate not less than twenty different brands of whiskey present in this State that is less than one year old as shown by the warehouse certificate.

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required for the business. Such blending shall be done upon a formula that shall be posted in the commissioner's office, subject to personal inspection by any citizen. The liquors thus mixed or blended shall be designated by the signs, XX and XXX, and the age of the whiskey mixed with the cologne spirits shall constitute the basis, to wit: Whiskey one year old with the proportion of cologne spirits used, shall be designated as XX years old and five years old, and so on.

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face evidence that the dispensary law is being violated, and a penalty of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 for any violation of the law. The bill also provides for the purchase of liquor by the commission, as indicated, and the bidders for the different varieties of whiskey shall indicate not less than twenty different brands of whiskey present in this State that is less than one year old as shown by the warehouse certificate.

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Announcements.

Private terms of the bridge and all required to be filed by County Clerks for County offices can be procured from the County Clerks, or at The Chronicle office.

SUPERVISOR.—At the solicitation of a number of my friends, I hereby announce myself a candidate for Supervisor of Kershaw County, subject to the rules governing the Democratic party. If elected, I will give my undivided time and attention to my duties. F. Dixon.

Mr. Editor.—Please announce Mr. M. West a candidate for the office of County Supervisor. Mr. West's knowledge and experience with county affairs eminently qualifies him for this position. Buffalo Township.

Mr. Editor.—We hereby announce Mr. M. B. McLeod a candidate for the office of County Supervisor. Mr. McLeod is one of our most successful and progressive business men, and if elected all his energies will be devoted to the best interests of the county. Many Friends.

TREASURER.—At the solicitations of friends I hereby announce myself a candidate for reelection to the office of Treasurer of Kershaw County. D. M. McCaskill.

SUP. OF EDUCATION.—I hereby nominate Mr. W. B. Turner for reelection to the office of Sup. of Education. Mr. Turner has given entire satisfaction, and is to be commended for his fearless discharge of the duties of the office. His many friends will be gratified to see him re-elected. Eastern Kershaw.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Superintendent of Education of Kershaw County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. R. W. Hammond.

CLERK OF COURT.—We hereby announce Mr. F. C. Hough a candidate for Clerk of Court in the approaching primary election. Many Friends.

At the solicitation of friends, I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Clerk of Court, and pledge myself to abide the result of the Democratic Primary election. G. W. Moseley.

AUDITOR.—We desire to present the name of Mr. W. E. Russell, the efficient and faithful Auditor, for reelection, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary. No more suitable candidate could be chosen for this important office. Many Friends.

Mr. Editor.—We take pleasure in presenting the name of Mr. P. T. Bruce for Auditor of Kershaw County, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary. Mr. Bruce is well known throughout the county and has discharged every trust committed to him faithfully and efficiently. Many Voters.

MAGISTRATE.—Please announce Mr. H. M. Fincher as a candidate for reelection to the office of Magistrate in DeKalb Township. Many Voters.

At the solicitation of a number of my friends I hereby announce myself a candidate for Magistrate of Buffalo Township, subject to the rules governing the Democratic party. If elected, I shall discharge the duties of the office in the future as in the past—to the best of my ability. Ames West.

The many friends of Mr. James T. Truesdell announce him as a candidate for reelection to the office of Magistrate in Northern Kershaw County, in Flat Rock Township, at Westville.

LEGISLATURE.—We hereby present the name of Hon. John G. Richards for reelection to the Legislature. Mr. Richards needs no introduction to the people of Kershaw County, having served as an important position. Mr. Richards will make for Kershaw County in the future what he has in the past—a fearless and impartial representation. Mr. Richards merits the confidence and support of the voters of Kershaw County. Many Friends.

Mr. Editor.—We desire to present the name of Mr. D. M. McLeod as a candidate for the Legislature from Kershaw County. Mr. McLeod is well known throughout the County and will make a safe and conservative Representative. Having already served the County he is familiar with the duties of a Representative. Many Friends.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the House of Representatives, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary. Mr. J. Kirkland.

FOR THE SENATE.—Mr. Editor.—I have been out of politics for the past twenty years, and had hoped to remain in private life. But in response to my friends throughout the county I have consented to announce myself as a candidate for State Senator under the rules of the Democratic party. In doing this I pledge myself to do my duty in everything as I have always done. L. L. Clyburn.

Mr. Editor.—We take great pleasure in presenting the name of Mr. W. R. Hough before the people of Kershaw County as a candidate for the Senate. Mr. Hough is well known throughout the county, having served us faithfully in the past. He is a young man of sterling business integrity and high character, and ably represent the interests of the people in the Senate. Many Friends.

PROBATE JUDGE.—Mr. Editor.—We announce Mr. J. B. Phelan as a candidate for reelection to the office of Probate Judge. No more faithful or deserving man can be found for this position. Many Friends.

Editor Chronicle.—We desire to announce Mr. Allen Deas as a candidate for the office of Probate Judge. Mr. Deas is an old Confederate Veteran and was known throughout the county, and if elected will discharge the duties of the office satisfactorily. Many Friends.

State Summer School for Colored Teachers.

The State Summer School for colored teachers will be held in Columbia at Benedict College from July 28 to Aug. 25. Board of the college will be eight (\$5.00 dollars). Rail Roads give a rate of one fare plus 25 cents.

This promise to be a good school and the colored teachers should make every effort to attend.

W. B. Turner, Supr. Ed.

July 12th, 1906.

Notice.

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April 27, 1906.

Primary Election Notice.

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, the 14th day of August, 1906, a primary election of the Democratic party will be held for the purpose of nominating a U. S. Senator, a Congressman from the 5th District, State and County Officers.

The polls will open at the several clubs polling places at 8 o'clock a. m., and close at 4 o'clock p. m. Tickets and ballot boxes can be obtained by applying to the undersigned at his office on Saturday, August 25th and not later than noon of Monday, August 27th.

The following are the names of the managers of election: Ransom—A. B. McLaurin, Maxey Fitz, G. W. Hixson; Westville—D. G. Fletcher, T. A. Campbell, Frank McDowell; Flat Rock—D. W. Joy, C. J. Nunnery, J. N. Mayfield; Aiken—T. R. Kirkley, J. H. Crow, H. T. Horton; Edley's Mill—M. W. Hough, R. W. West, M. T. Raley; Camden—H. L. Smyth, S. W. Johns, W. E. Barlow; Camden Quarter—E. E. Sil, John Owens, T. R. Gibson; C. S. W. W. Croston, J. S. Barnard, J. S. Coulburn; Camden Cotton Mill—B. T. Haisty, J. J. Murray, Samuel Hillson; Sact Pond—A. Kelly, J. R. Dinkins, R. W. Sutton; Edley's Mill—J. P. Ross, C. B. Netter, J. M. Thornton; J. K. Hill—L. P. Thompson, J. B. Neff, E. L. Jones; Twenty Creek—Wm. Rabon, John D. Peak, H. R. Ray; Antioch—J. S. Brown, T. P. Brown, J. D. Sinclair.

Switz Creek—J. J. Rush, A. H. Boykin, Jr., J. L. Ivy; Sandy Grove—H. S. Thompson, H. L. Watkins, S. S. Stokes; Buffalo—M. A. Shaw, G. S. Sewell, J. J. Gardner; Beaver Dam—Benson Jackson, Ed. Bass, John Carey; Harmony—J. M. Butler, H. S. Stinson, Willie Pascoe; Shamrock—H. T. Johnson, P. L. McNaughton, A. M. Horton; Crossed—L. W. Wats, F. R. Horton, W. E. West; Russell Place—G. F. Hammond, J. G. Casson, P. B. Hammond; Pine Tree—Archie Young, Wade L. Stokes, F. J. Tidyman; Edley's Mill—E. L. McCoy, J. K. D. Kay, G. B. McCoy; Waterloo—L. E. Alford, T. R. Goodale, W. F. Russell, Jr.; Presidents of clubs not having report, will please send in their list of managers at once. C. W. Birchmore, Secretary.

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