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SOUTH CAROLINA ITEMS

Newsy Items Gathered From the Different Sections of South Carolina.

THE S. C. LEGISLATURE

After the introduction of new bills Tuesday, the reading of petitions, etc., Senator Sinkler's bill providing that the terms of office of county supervisors and county superintendents of education be made four years instead of two was taken up. It passed third reading with a half dozen amendments excepting certain counties from its operations and was ordered sent to the house. As a similar measure has already passed the house, it means that the bill will become a law, unless by some one of the peculiar "hooks and crooks" of the legislative game it should be killed in the final shuffle.

A few changes were made relating to the selling of alcohol by wholesale druggists and the disposal of wine for sacramental purposes to officers of the church. The debate lasted just a little over one hour, it being the desire of all interested to dispose of the question as quickly as possible.

The bill introduced by the judiciary committee framing a contract labor law passed the house Saturday and has been ordered sent to the Senate. The bill passed with less discussion than any bill on the calendar, although it is a measure affecting the entire State. The bill was framed by Messrs. Carey, Cotran and Frazer of the judiciary committee, ideas from other bills along the same line being adopted and the whole boiled down into one bill in order to save time and discussion. It is believed that the bill, should it pass the Senate and become a law, will accomplish much towards solving present labor conditions. It is given in full as follows:

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"Section 4. That any person who shall hereafter contract with another to render personal service of any kind to him and shall thereafter fraudulently or with malicious intent to injure the employer, procure advances in money or other things of value from him with intent not to render the service agreed upon and who shall thereafter, with like intent, fail or refuse to perform the service agreed upon, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor. Proof of the fact that the employer entered into the contract procured advances and failed or refused to complete the contract without sufficient cause to the injury of the employer, shall be prima facie evidence of the offense herein described and declared a misdemeanor."

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Verbal or Written.

"Sec. 6. The contracts referred to in this act may be either verbal or in writing; if in writing, they must be executed with the formalities required by section 355, criminal code, 1902; if verbal, they must be witnessed by at least two disinterested witnesses; and must be for a definite time, not exceeding one year.

"Sec. 7. That upon conviction in a court of competent jurisdiction of any person, charged with any violation of this act, the person so convicted shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50 and not exceeding \$100, or by imprisonment not less than 20 days and not exceeding 30 days for each offense.

"Sec. 8. Those contracts forbidden by this act shall not be construed to protect any of the parties to, or punish the violation of, any contract or matter connected therewith, where the inducement or consideration of such contract is money or other thing of value advanced to or for the employment of service thereunder. All such contracts are hereby prohibited and declared null and void.

"Sec. 9. That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

"Sec. 10. That this act shall go into effect immediately upon the approval of the governor."

It will be noted that the proposed bill prohibits contracts for more than one year at a time, and that under its provisions the employer can not hold the laborer under a new contract for money advanced during the preceding year under an old contract.

NATIONAL CONGRESS

Matters of Moment Considered and Disposed Of

That Special Message.

The Washington correspondent of the Charlotte, N. C., Observer writes his paper interestingly of the senatorial sentiment concerning the recent special message of President Roosevelt. He says:

The last message of President Roosevelt is still the most popular subject of discussion here. Members of Congress and newspaper men cannot forget it. Representatives Townsend of Michigan; Cockran, of New York; Hepburn, of Iowa, and others, spoke of it. Those Democrats who act or speak before they think applauded and cheered the now famous message as it was read, but the wiser heads of the party, men who know what such things will lead to in a campaign like the one now coming, have seen very little in the message to approve.

The North Carolina Senators, as well as others of the minority side, are quoted in the message in interviews in The Altmore Sun.

A Knockout Blow.

Senator Overman says:

"Sent to Congress just at this time and under the peculiar conditions existing less than a month after his regular annual message, as it is in many respects a reiteration of many things heretofore recommended in his message to Congress, the President evidently intended his special message as an answer to the many criticisms made of him since the panic and also as a knockout blow to those candidates for the Republican nomination who are out of line and antagonistic to his policies. Undoubtedly the President has in this, as in his other messages, rendered great service to the country in calling attention to many honest and needed reforms which have for a long time been advocated by the Democratic party."

"Both in the Senate and in the House Democrats have introduced bills along the line of these reforms which are recommended in his message—bills to prevent stock gambling, regulating the practice of injunction in the Federal courts, reform of the currency, relief for employees, for the control of railroads, etc.—all of which are now being considered by the committees to which they were referred."

Such as Few Men Can Write.

"The message is a great state paper, unusually strong and forcibly expressed, such as few men can write, but there is nothing especially new in it which other reformers have not advocated, and if it will have the effect of influencing his Republican friends in Congress to join with the Democrats to enact these reforms, into law he will have aided in doing great things for the country and in preserving the government of the masses, not the classes, for the many, not the few, and for the prevention of dishonest methods by corrupt corporations and stock gamblers. However, the interference of the general government with the rights of the States and tendencies toward centralization and paternalism which Democrats will fight to the last ditch. They will advocate these reforms along radical lines, which would give unbridled license and curtail the liberties of the people."

Indian Appropriations.

During the consideration of the Indian appropriation bill in the House of Representatives Mr. Townsend, of Michigan, delivered a speech in which he rehearsed the history of the Republican legislation, which he said, he did for the purpose of "disputing the unwarranted claims of our Democratic brethren."

It was not, he said, defending the present administration. "It needs no defense with the American people," he said. "Its record will illuminate the pages of United States history and mark an epoch in popular government." He declared that the student of the future would point to it "as the period when the people came into possession of their own by establishing as facts the heretofore theories of a republic, whereby Federal law is enacted for a class or financial condition, but for all of the people."

Defends Congress.

He said that the legislation of the last two Congresses had been charged with producing the lat financial disturbance and he undertook to refute the charge as untrue. He referred especially to the railroad rate legislation, and said that Democratic politicians, finding that the legislation was good, desired to appropriate it to themselves as a political asset in future campaigns.

Mr. Townsend defended the railroad rate law and declared that no single provision in it imposed anything which the very characters of the roads did not contemplate. He said that he who claims that rate legislation caused the panic or to any considerable extent contributed to it, begs the question in his desire to justify his opposition to the measure and to discredit an administration hostile to special interests and favorable to the government by law."

A REAL CALAMITY

Great Whitney Power Company in Hands of Receiver

MANY MILLIONS ARE TIED UP

The Mammoth Power Company on the Yadkin River Placed in Charge of a Receiver Monday by Judge Pritchard, on Allegations Presented by A. O. Brown & Co., of New York.

Asheville, Special.—Alleging that the Whitney Company, the \$10,000,000 concern building a mammoth power plant on the Yadkin river, thirty miles below Salisbury, is unable to meet and discharge its obligations which have already matured and those which are maturing, and that it is to the interest and advantage of all the creditors, A. O. Brown & Co., of New York, applied to Circuit Court Judge J. C. Pritchard for the appointment of a receiver of all the property of the defendant. The defendant company admitted the allegations contained in the bill of complaint and consented to the appointment of a receiver. Judge Pritchard, after hearing the complaint and the answer, granted the prayer of the complainant and appointed Hon. John S. Henderson, of Salisbury, receiver for the company.

A. O. Brown & Co., who made the application for a receiver and who are creditors for more than \$200,000 are composed of Albert O. Brown, G. Lee Stout, Lewis Genter Young, Edward F. Bueanan, Samuel C. Brown and Walter Rhee Whitman.

The Allegations.

The complaint alleges that the defendant company was chartered under the laws of North Carolina; that its capital stock is \$10,000,000; that it has outstanding obligations in notes and bonds to the amount of \$5,000,000; that it is unable to pay principal and interest on certain notes; that it is being threatened with suits and that on May 1st, 1908, a. m. an interest item of \$150,000 will be due, in the payment of which the defendant company will be compelled to default. It is also alleged that \$5,000,000 have been spent in developing the plant; that it is now nearing completion and the carrying out of the project is essential to the protection of creditors and bondholders.

In appointing Mr. Henderson receiver for the property, Judge Pritchard signed an order requiring that the receiver take full control of all the company's property and that until the further order of the court the receiver shall manage and operate said property as the defendant controls or operates, or has heretofore held or operated, and shall employ such persons and make such payments and disbursements as may be needful and proper and shall report his said actions to the court from time to time. The receiver is required to give bond in the sum of \$25,000. The defendant and each and every one of its officers and agents are required to transfer to the receiver all the property, assets, books, accounts and vouchers of the defendant company and are also restrained from transferring with any of the property of the defendant.

PRITCHARD REFUSES TO NAME RECEIVER.

Denies Petition of Fleischmann & Co. in Dispensary Matter.

Asheville, Special.—Pritchard in the United States circuit court denied the petition of Fleischmann & Co. of New York and refused to appoint a receiver for the South Carolina dispensary fund of \$300,000, against which there are alleged to be claims aggregating \$600,000.

The judge made his announcement during the afternoon session, after attorneys for the dispensary commission had presented their bill in answer to the sensational charges made in the Fleischmann petition, which was filed in this court a short time ago.

The answer alleges that the claim of Fleischmann & Co. is unjust and invalid and that there was collusion and conspiracy between the plaintiff and another firm to defraud the State and that the State was cheated out of a large sum of money in each of the claims made by the plaintiff; it also alleges that Fleischmann & Co. sold to the State a concoction with a mere trace of whiskey.

The answer declared false the allegation by Fleischmann & Co. that the commissioners were wrongfully withholding the money for their own individual interests. The answer denied as false and malicious the allegation in the complaint which referred to a conspiracy between Attorney General Lyon and the dispensary commission and demanded proof.

At the conclusion of the reading of the bill, a number of affidavits, on behalf of the defendants, were read and filed.

Shortly after the court convened for the afternoon session, Judge Pritchard announced from the bench that he would not appoint a receiver for the dispensary, as he felt that the funds are now fully protected. He directed the attorneys to confine their arguments to the question as to whether this court could assume jurisdiction, the point being whether or not this is a suit against the State. Mr. D. L. Rountree of Atlanta, for the commission, consumed the remainder of the afternoon session in argument to establish the fact that the State is an indispensable party to the suit.

Before the bill of the defendants was read, Attorney General Lyon of South Carolina replied to the allegations made by Fleischmann & Co. relative to the transfer of funds from the jurisdiction of the court, saying that the State of South Carolina was not running away, that the allegation was false. He read a concurrent resolution adopted by the house of representatives of South Carolina. In the course of the resolution it was stated that the Legislature of South Carolina in creating the dispensary commission did not consent to suits against the State for claims as a result of the dispensary muddle.

Receives Fractured Skull.

Gaffney, Special.—Thursday afternoon Will Havener, who was employed in the card room of the Gaffney Manufacturing Company, while engaged in assisting in the repairing of some part of the machinery, was caught by the belt and thrown to the floor with such violence, as to fracture his skull. He had been at work in the card room only a short time, but was an experienced mill operative. Drs. Tseedy and Pittman dressed his wounds, and he will doubtless recover. In order to stimulate competition among the farmers, the Merchants and Planters' Bank of Gaffney, will give a cash prize of \$50 to the farmer in Cherokee county who raises the most corn on one acre of upland this year. This is a commendable undertaking on the part of the bank, and it will doubtless have the effect of causing more corn to be raised in the county than ever before, as large numbers of farmers will compete for the money.

Death of Mrs. Sallie Klugh.

Cokesbury, Special.—Mrs. Sallie Klugh, wife of the late Mr. W. C. Klugh, of Corona, and stepmother of Judge Klugh, died at the home of Mr. J. S. Klugh, at Corona, on Monday night, very suddenly. She complained of feeling badly while at the supper table. She went to her room, where she died in about one hour. The interment was at the family burial ground, near Corona. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. E. C. Dibble. She leaves surviving her two sisters, Mrs. Jane Austin of Cross Hill and Mrs. Nash of Fountain Inn. Mrs. W. H. Palmer of Cokesbury attended the funeral.

Hotel Camden Overhauled.

Camden, Special.—The people of Camden and the traveling public are very much pleased with the new management of the commercial hotel here. In the days long ago this historic property was quite famous, but in recent years it has undergone various managements without marked success by any. Mr. R. J. Lindsay, an experienced hotel man of Salisbury, has taken charge and under his progressive management he is making Hotel Camden one of the best commercial-houses in the State. Mr. Lindsay has many friends among the traveling men, who will remember him as proprietor of the Mount Vernon at Salisbury.

Hampton Is Visited By Disastrous Fire.

Hampton, Special.—One of the most disastrous fires that has ever visited Hampton occurred Sunday night between 10 and 11 o'clock, totally destroying the building, presses and nearly all of the material of the Hampton County Guardian, owned by ex-Governor Miles B. McSweeney, the offices of Robt. R. Sizer & Co., owned by Senator W. S. Smith, two small stores and two small dwellings, all on Lee avenue, the principal street. The loss is estimated at \$10,000. About half of this is covered by insurance. The fire originated in one of the small buildings and its origin is unknown.

Kershaw Municipal Election.

Kershaw, Special.—The municipal election held here Monday resulted as follows: Col. L. C. Hough, mayor, E. M. Estridge, R. L. Sewell, J. M. Carson, H. E. Reese, wardens.

Columbia Young Man Hurt in Winsboro.

Winsboro, Special.—Elmore C. C. Stocker, a tinner working on the new skyscraper, was on a scaffold about 15 feet from the pavement. He stepped off the scaffold onto the brick work, which gave way, and he fell to the cement pavement. He fell on his feet and his ankles were badly hurt and his back was wrenched.

Reuben Dye Found Dead.

Columbia, Special.—Reuben Dye, colored, was found dead Wednesday night about 11:30 o'clock at his home on Blossom street. It was at first thought that he had died a natural death, but after an investigation had been made this was found to be not the case. The body was taken to an undertaking establishment where an examination was made. Owing to some suspicious circumstances surrounding the case four negroes were held for further investigation. They are G. W. Walters, Sarah Dye, the wife of the dead man, Rosa Hall and Lula Robinson.

Mr. Clawson Finding Gold.

Fort Mill, S. C., Times.

Mr. T. W. Clawson, owner of the gold mine property in Gold Hill, has recently taken from the mine a number of valuable nuggets and it is believed that the owner has been struck with good luck. It is reported that the nuggets will pay out very profitably. It is understood that Mr. Clawson will in a short time organize a stock company, install new machinery and carry on operations on a much larger scale.

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A band of men, waiting at the corner, suddenly sprang toward the open carriage, in which the family were driving to the palace and leveling carbines which they had concealed upon them, fired. The King and the Crown Prince, upon whom the attack was directed, were each shot three times and they lived only long enough to be carried to the marine arsenal, nearby, where they expired.

The royal family were returning from Villa Vicosa, where they had been sojourning and were on their way from the railroad station to the palace.

The cold-blooded murder has sent a thrill of horror throughout the country.

At the first blush it would seem as though the assassination was the work of anarchists. Nevertheless, the stirring events of the past few weeks has prepared the people for some startling culmination. The discovery of plot after plot, as well as the discovery of many secret stories of weapons and ammunition, had demonstrated the existence of a determination on the part of a large body of the Portuguese to overthrow the present condition and proclaim a republic.

Premier Franco, the dictator of the Kingdom, hastened to the palace, protected by a squadron of cavalrymen, and there he conferred with the Queen and high officials of State on what immediate action should be taken. It is understood that Queen Amelia will be kept during the absence of King Manuel, who is now in his 19th year.

The only striking response to the tragedy was the complete and unhesitating silence in which Lisbon is wrapped.

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Call Extended Mr. Martin.

Rock Hill, Special.—The Rev. Chalmers Frazier of Kershaw preached at the First Presbyterian church Sunday and after the service presided at a congregational meeting, held for the purpose of calling a pastor. By a perfectly unanimous vote the Rev. Alexander Martin, now serving the Westminster Presbyterian church in Charlotte, N. C., was called to the pastorate of the Rock Hill church.

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