

THE GOVERNOR'S POWER

To Remove Officials For Lack of Duty, By Attorney General.

A Columbia special in the Charleston News and Courier dated March 30, says:

"The power in the hands of the Governor to remove peace officers for failure to enforce the laws is great, and there is much interest just at present in this matter because of the insistence of Governor Manning on law enforcement. The opinion rendered by the Attorney General on this matter at the request of Mr. Manning goes into the power of the Governor over mayors, constables, rural policemen and other officials. The opinion will be of State-wide interest just at this time. In part it is as follows:

"I am in receipt of yours of the 2nd of February in which you say, 'will you please give me your official opinion as to the power of the Governor to remove sheriff or other county officers; mayors, constables or other municipal officers, charged with the enforcement of the law.'

"In reply I will say that the Constitution, Section 27, Article 111, provides that officers shall be removed for incapacity, misconduct or neglect of duty in such manner as may be provided by law when no mode of trial or removal is provided in this Constitution."

"Section 538 of the Criminal Code of 1912 provides as follows:

"Section 738. Any county officer who is guilty of misconduct or persistent neglect of duty in office, or any person who appointed or elected, the duties of which he has not the capacity to properly discharge, shall, upon indictment and true bill after warrant, or after presentation of a grand jury and indictment and true bill thereon, be tried as for misdemeanor in office, and upon conviction, the office shall be declared vacant and the sentence shall be removal of defendant from office, and the vacancy shall be filled as when a vacancy occurs by death or resignation."

Section 545 and 546 of the Criminal Code of 1912, provides as follows:

"Section 545. Any public officer hereafter to be elected or appointed, whose authority is limited to a single election in a judicial district, who shall be guilty of any official misconduct, habitual negligence, habitual drunkenness, corruption, fraud or oppression, shall be liable to indictment, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not exceeding one thousand dollars and imprisoned not exceeding one year.

"Sheriffs and other county officers come within the provisions of the statutes quoted, and I am of the opinion that mayors and intendents come within the provisions of Sections 545 and 546 hereinabove quoted. It will be seen from a reading of these sections that an officer may be removed only after indictment and true bill after warrant, this removal being done by proclamation of the Governor.

"There is a provision also in the Code of Civil Procedure, Section 406, which gives power for the bringing of an action by the Attorney General in the name of the State upon his own information or upon the complaint of any private party, or by private party interested on leave granted by a Circuit Judge against the parties offending, when any person shall usurp, intrude into, or unlawfully hold or exercise any public office within this State, or when any public officer shall have done or suffered an act which, by the provisions of law, shall make a forfeiture of his office, in which case the removal is by judicial decree."

Thos. H. Peoples, attorney General, has given several opinions of State-wide interest.

The Attorney General holds that the shipments of brandy are in the same class with the shipments of whiskey, and that only one gallon a month may be ordered.

New Enterprise, For Rembert.

The Braun Mercantile Company, of Rembert in Sumter county, has been chartered by the secretary of the State. Capital stock will be \$2,000 and the petitioners are T. A. Bradley, of Rembert, and C. H. Yates, of Camden.

Smithville School House Burned.

Fire last Monday morning destroyed the school building at Smithville. It is said to have originated by sparks from the stove fire. The library, desks and most of the fixtures were saved. There was some insurance on the building.

THE HEARING AT COLUMBIA.

Seven Citizens of the County Called to Columbia to Testify.

Governor Manning Tuesday heard the return to the rule to show cause why Sheriff W. W. Huckabee, of Kershaw County, should not be removed from office for neglect to properly enforce the liquor laws.

Sheriff Huckabee was prevented from attending on account of illness, he having been ill for several weeks from an attack of grippe. Physicians certificates to the governor stated that he was unable to be present, but he was represented at the hearing by his attorney, Mr. L. A. Wittkowsky. After the hearing which consumed several hours and much testimony was introduced the governor took the case under advisement and will reserve his decision in the matter for perhaps a week or ten days. The governor had Attorney J. Fraser Lyon as his legal adviser.

Seven witnesses had been subpoenaed by the governor from Camden and surroundings to appear at the hearing. They were Messrs. James Team, J. H. Hammond, of Lugoff; Holly Hammond, of Boykin; Chief of Police A. G. Whitaker, Constable John T. Sinclair, Magistrate H. M. Fincher, and Dr. S. F. Brasington, of Camden. All of the testimony seemed to be unfavorable to the Sheriff, and one witness stated that he had even witnessed the officer purchase whiskey from a blind tiger. Other portions of the testimony cited numerous instances of where the sheriff had known of the existence of blind tigers and had not enforced the law against them.

Speculation is rife as to what the governor will do in case he decides to oust the present sheriff, whether he will appoint a successor or whether an election will be ordered to fill out the term. There have been many mentioned who will be candidates in case there is an election ordered.

New Advertisers.

Several new advertisers are using the columns of The Chronicle this week asking for your patronage. Following is the list and it will be well for you to read what they have to say:

The Twin Brothers—Specials for Saturday.

Team Tiller & Thurmond—Flour Mill.

A. R. Pearson—Sale of live stock and farm property.

U. S. Woolen Mills Co.—Special sale of Clothing.

Workman & Mackey—Seed Corn for sale.

H. L. Schlosburg—Easter Week Specials.

Must Count Mail.

Beginning with the first of April, the rural carriers will carry and keep account of every piece of mail that they handle during the month of April. This is to keep check on what is being done on the rural routes.

This order was received at the postoffice this week, and the carriers are now discussing the easiest way to carry out their instructions.

This is not new to the office here, as the same rule has been made before and reports have been made when ever ordered by the postmaster general. According to information received at the postoffice this morning, the order reads, that this report is to be made for one month in every period of four months each.

Death of Mr. Hawkins.

Mr. T. W. Hawkins, Sr., an aged citizen of the Pisgah section, died at his home Tuesday of last week and was buried the following day after funeral services at Pisgah church, services being conducted by Rev. T. L. Cole. Mr. Hawkins was one of the oldest citizens of that section, being past 85. He was a lifelong citizen of the community in which he resided and had the respect and confidence of everyone. He leaves two sons and other relatives to mourn his death.

Taking Course in Embalming.

Mr. C. E. Sullivan left Wednesday for Cincinnati, Ohio, where he will take an eight week course at the Cincinnati College of Embalming.

SENDS OUT NEW LIQUOR ACT.

Copies of Gallon-a-Month Law Sent Out to Sheriffs by Governor.

Copies of the gallon-a-month law, recently passed by the legislature of South Carolina, were sent out Monday morning by Gov. Manning to be placed with each of the magistrates in the state. Gov. Manning stated in his letter which accompanied the copies of the law that he hoped the sheriffs would see that the law was enforced.

The new law is as follows:

An act to regulate the shipment of spirituous, vinous, fermented or malt liquors or beverages into the State; and to provide penalties for the violation of this act.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the general assembly of the State of South Carolina: That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or company to ship, transport or convey any intoxicating liquors from a point without this State into this State, for the purpose of delivery, or to deliver the same to any person, firm, corporation or company within this State, or for any person, firm, corporation or company to receive or be in possession of any spirituous, vinous, fermented or malt liquors or beverages containing more than one per cent. of alcohol, for his, hers, its or their own use or for the use of any other person, firm, or corporation, except as hereinafter provided.

Section 2. Any person may order and receive from any point without the State not exceeding one gallon within any calendar month, for his or her personal use, of spirituous, vinous, fermented or malted liquors or beverages.

Section 3. It shall be unlawful for any railroad company, express company, corporation or other common carrier to deliver any package containing intoxicating liquors or beverages containing more than one per cent. of alcohol, to any person other than the consignee and in no case shall any railroad, express company, corporation or common carrier or person or agent of such railroad, express company, corporation or other common carrier be liable for damages for non-delivery of such liquor or package, until the consignee appears in person at the place of business of the common carrier and signs in person for the package.

Section 4. Any person obtaining any such package under false or fraudulent pretext of any kind or any agent of any common carrier delivering a package contrary to the provisions of this act shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not less than one hundred dollars, or more than five hundred dollars, or be imprisoned in the county jail for not less than thirty days, or more than six months, or both in the discretion of the court.

Section 5. It shall be unlawful for any intoxicating liquors or beverages to be stored or kept in any place of business or club room or house in this State whether for personal use or otherwise, and the liquor or beverages herein allowed to be imported, if stored, must be stored in the home or private room of the person or persons so ordering.

Section 6. Nothing in this Act shall prevent the shipment or transportation of alcoholic liquors or beverages to or from any dispensary authorized by the laws of this State to sell same, in the county of such dispensary.

Section 7. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Act shall be subject to a fine of not less than three months, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 8. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the sale or transportation of alcohol under and in accordance with the Statutes of this State, as contained in Criminal Code of 1912, Sections 799, 800, 802 to 812 inclusive. Approved February 20, 1915.

Easter Egg Hunt.

The children have not been forgotten in the egg hunt which never grows old. An Easter egg hunt has been planned for their pleasure and enjoyment. At 4-30 p. m. on Easter Monday the Young Woman's Church Society of the Methodist Church will entertain the little folks and the big ones too if they will attend at the Gerald yard on Broad Street. Dozens and dozens of eggs will be hidden by the bunnies, and among them will be a golden one, for which the lucky finder will be given a prize. An admission fee of ten cents will be charged for all over seven years. All under seven will be charged five cents only. Come and bring all of the children. A pleasant afternoon is promised all who attend.

FLOUR MILL FOR COUNTY.

Old Mill at Jordan's Pond to Be Put in Shape For Making Flour.

Messrs. Team, Tiller & Thurmond, of Lugoff, have had a representative of the Anglo-American Mill Co., of Owensboro, Ky., here this week looking over the old Jordan Mill site, preparatory to putting in an up-to-date flour mill. They will put in a 30-horse power water wheel and the capacity will be ample to take care of all the wheat grown in a radius of twenty-five to thirty miles of Lugoff.

The mill is located two and one-half miles of Lugoff and the proprietors say that if the distance is too great for their patrons to haul by wagons that the wheat can be shipped by the Seaboard to Lugoff and their wagons will haul to mill, grind and reload on cars at the railway station. This will be a great convenience for the grain planters of this and neighboring counties, many of whom had begun to fear that they could not get their wheat ground after gathering.

Mr. Thurmond, on whose property the mill is located, states that a great many people have the idea that they have not the land to spare to put in wheat, but he says they have ample time to raise a crop of wheat after corn and peas have been gathered from the land. They are all well to do farmers and it is certain that the mill will be able to take care of all grain planted in this section.

Among The Tourists.

Invitation are out by Mr. Krumholz of the Kirkwood reading: "At the Easter Evening Concert, Mrs. Thomas Key Clark will sing. On Easter Monday there will be the usual dance. You are cordially invited to attend both. 8:30 p. m."

Each year this is the first social event directly after Lent in which our town people participate, responding to the invitations which are much coveted, and is looked forward to in pleasurable anticipation.

The snow storm Wednesday morning was a great surprise and the golfers were much alarmed but at ten o'clock Mr. Ralph Peters and Mr. D. L. Armstrong were out on the Country Club links playing their usual morning 18 holes, and the afternoon players were out in full force.

The Kirkwood will remain open until April 15th. This week's arrivals are: From New York—Henry A. James, Ellery James, L. B. P. Gould, Lytleton Gould. From Brooklyn—Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Jadwin, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Beecher. From Buffalo, N. Y.—T. C. Tanke, Eugene Tanke, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Spaulding, Mr. Franklin Sidway. From Washington—Christian Hemmick and J. Hyland Huhns. From Boston—Miss C. S. White, Miss C. F. Tirrell. C. S. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. John Moir, Miss Moir and F. A. Moir, A. A. Lawrence, Mrs. P. W. Sprague, Miss Elizabeth Sprague, Miss Sallie Sprague. From Summit, N. J.—John R. Todd. Garden City, L. I.—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Peters and family. From Pittsburgh, Pa.—Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Shaw, Dr. and Mrs. G. M. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer Miller, Miss McGhea, Frank H. McGhea, Dwight L. Armstrong, Mary A. Robinson, Thomas A. Robinson. From Fairfield, Conn.—Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Burk. From Stamford, Conn.—Mr. and Mrs. Walton Ferguson, Miss H. G. Ferguson. From Hamilton, Ont.—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Young.

Arrivals at The Court Inn.

For this week those registered at the Court Inn are: Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Bender, Albany, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Alliston, Seattle, Wash.; A. Thomas, Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Kimberly, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Warner, New Haven, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Howell, Miss Howell, Hamilton, Canada; Edward S. Wilkinson, North Adams, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. Frederick G. Mathier, Hamford, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Hall, Jenkintown, Pa.; J. E. C. Hopkins, Jr., Port Deposit, Md.; J. M. Boyce, New York, City.

Arrivals at The Hobkirk Inn.

Arrivals for this week registered at the Hobkirk Inn are: B. F. Bourne, Cleveland, O.; Mrs. Wm. Cowie, Mrs. Thomas J. Malloy, Syracuse, N. Y.; Miss Lilla Whitcomb Davis, Miss Maude I. Parnell, New York; Julia O. Bolton, Cleveland, O.; Mrs. William H. Forbes, Mrs. McKay, Milton, Mass.; Dr. and Mrs. Edward W. Emerson, Concord, Mass.; Miss Lucia P. Wheatland, Topsfield, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Darnell, Atlantic City, N. J.

COMPARES THE ROADS.

Correspondent Says Same Old Sand is Found on Old Road.

Editor Chronicle: Probably a few lines in your columns occasionally would keep the attention of your County Commissioners and Supervisor on the public highways between Camden and Columbia.

The two roads leading to Camden were first surveyed with the idea of making one an automobile highway. After several trips over each road the Two-Notch, the one now in use was adopted. Although this road three miles farther than the old Camden Road was given the preference as it was along the S. A. L. railroad. Their argument was, in case an automobile broke down (which were not as reliable eight years ago) the driver would not have so far to walk to the railway station.

Last year the Supervisor of Richland County consulted with the Supervisor of Kershaw County in regards to claying the old Camden road or meeting at the line of Richland and Kershaw.

Yesterday while in Camden I came back the old road to see how the Kershaw side was, as Richland had fulfilled her agreement.

About six miles out of Camden this old Wire Road has been clayed and is in very good condition but farther on the road there is the same old sand as it was twenty years ago. In one place the road goes through a pasture and two gates have to be opened to get by. The sand is as dry as it ever was. Yesterday it being very dry the same old time pushing had to be done. Along the side of this road is Callee's day, which makes the best road bed we know of and in no place would necessitate more than one-half a mile hauling. The country is rolling and much prettier for scenery than the Two Notch Road.

After pulling through the sand beds of Kershaw on to the well clayed and well drained highway one certainly feels proud to know he is getting near his Capital City, and gets on Richland's clay soil sixteen and one half miles from Columbia and about twelve and one half miles from Camden.

This belt line to Camden would certainly be a great advantage to both counties. I hope you will agree with me and in some way keep this matter before your County Commissioners.

Trusting you will pardon my intrusion.

Yours very truly,

S. B. McMaster.

Swiss Bell Ringers.

The Swiss Bell Ringers will appear at the Opera House on the evening of April 9th under the auspices of the Reception Committee of the Lytleton Street Methodist church. This is a good, helpful and artistic company, and all lovers of good music will have an opportunity of having their taste gratified. This company is not unknown to Camden, having given a number here four years ago, and gave such satisfaction that its coming this time will be gladly greeted by the community.

General admission will be 25 and 50 cents. Reserved seats will be on sale at Zemp & Depass' and W. Robin Zemp's Drug stores.

Won Valuable Premium.

Mr. S. Walter Parker, of Camden, was notified by wire Sunday that he was winner of first prize in the "American Home Weekly" newspaper contest, a paper published at St. Paul, Minn. He turned in the largest number of subscriptions of any contestants in the United States, and was awarded first prize—a \$265.00 Indian motor cycle and 225.00 in cash. Considering that there were over three hundred contestants scattered throughout the United States, Mr. Parker is exceedingly fortunate, and it speaks well for his ability as a canvasser.

Sent to Alabama.

Joseph Dwyer a negro laborer, employed on the government building died Wednesday from pneumonia, after a short illness. He was working for Aig. Blair Construction Co. and the body was sent to Montgomery, Ala. for burial.

Killed Mad Dog.

Mr. W. T. Blackmon, of the Cassatt section killed a mad dog on his porch Wednesday night. The dog had attacked his bird dog and bitten other dogs in the neighborhood. Mr. Blackmon says the dog looked as if it was half starved and its tongue was swollen to a great extent. He also thought it wise to kill his bird dog.

BETHUNE NEWS NOTES.

Farmer Says He Intends to Raise What He Needs at Home.

Bethune, March 31.—Pauline, a little girl of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. West, fell in the fire on Tuesday afternoon and was pretty severely but not seriously burned.

It commenced snowing here Tuesday afternoon and by this morning it had fallen to a depth of three inches. By midday, however, the snow had almost disappeared.

A number of farmers in this section have finished planting corn and a few have planted some cotton seed. The thoughtful man will not be in too great a hurry, but will wait till the weather is favorable for planting both cotton and corn.

The following invitation has been received in Bethune: "Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Gardner request the honor of your presence to the marriage of their daughter, Julia Flake, to Dr. Clarence Lee Thomas, at home, 4 o'clock p. m., April 14th, 1915, Jefferson, S. C."

Mrs. L. P. Carter was taken to a Columbia hospital last Thursday for treatment. Mr. Carter, who has been in Virginia for several weeks, returned home last week and accompanied Mrs. Carter to Columbia.

With the adjournment of the District Conference here next month a protracted meeting will begin at the Methodist church, the pastor to be assisted by some minister who will attend conference.

Miss Dana McSween and Mrs. E. E. Stokes, the two old ladies in town who have been very ill for some time, are still very low and but little hopes are entertained for their recovery.

Mrs. J. W. Gardner, of Tiller's Ferry spent a few days here last week.

Mrs. Leonard Yarbrough and child, of Harsville, have been visiting in town for several days.

Mr. Al Rozler went to the Florence hospital this morning, where he will undergo a slight operation.

There is a great deal of sickness in this section at present, mostly pneumonia, and our doctors are kept busy. Mrs. Mary Shaw, Mrs. Elizabeth Tiller, Mr. L. B. Reddick, the family of Mr. W. C. Blalock, Jake Bethune, and several others are very sick at present.

Cliff Sullivan, a colored driver on one of the lumber wagons of Clyburn & Morgan, fell off the wagon on Monday and his back was broken in two places. The negro was taken to Columbia Monday night for treatment.

Mr. Sam Bradley, of Bishopville, was in town Tuesday.

There is one farmer in this vicinity who says that, in view of the low price of cotton the past season, he intends hereafter to raise everything possible at home instead of all cotton as heretofore. The farmer referred to is Mr. D. W. Barnes, of route one. Mr. Barnes says that this season he expects to cultivate more corn, oats, peas, and hay than usual. He will plant an extra quantity of sugar cane, ruta hoga turnips and sweet potatoes. He will purchase a canning outfit and put up a large amount of vegetables, fruit, etc. Mr. Barnes has a goodly bunch of nice hogs to kill next season and a number of fine pigs for the year after. This is living at home and boarding at the same place and lots of other folks would feel more independent and would be nearer their own boss if they would pursue the same policy. Says the Charleston News and Courier: "This is one year when every man who can do so ought to have a garden. If the bankers and merchants throughout South Carolina would urge this upon the attention of their customers, white and black, they could accomplish a fine work. It is so easy to grow vegetables and they are of so much value that no family should be without them. There would be far less sickness in rural South Carolina if all farmers saw to it that their tables were supplied with the chance of diet which fresh vegetables afford."

Noted Sociologist Dead.

Dr. Charles Richardson Henderson, professor of Sociology in the University of Chicago, died at Charleston Monday where he had gone to recuperate, from a nervous breakdown. Dr. H. Pratt Judson, president of the University of Chicago, who has been wintering in Camden left Sunday to be with Dr. Henderson, and accompanied the funeral party to Chicago. Dr. Henderson had gained an international reputation as a sociologist and many cablegrams of sympathy were sent him during his illness from distant countries.