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Attacked at a Farmers' Meeting

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SMITH PROTESTED.

The President of the South Carolina Southern Gotton Association Objected to Politics Being Brought in a Farmers Rally. Several Fine Speeches Made.

Tuesday of last week was cotton growers' day in Dillon. The 500 sturdy sons of the soil who gathered there to hear the distinguished gen-tlemen who had been invited to make addresses before the county conven- the effect that the prohibition victory people. tion and exchange ideas on the culture of cotton and other crops pecu liar to the South, representing every section the old Swamp Fox County, but the bulk of the crowd came from raignment of Senator Tillman's course upper end of the county, or what anown in local parlance as "new anty territory." The gathering was unio? In that the crowd assem dispensary champion. day in Dillon. While Mr. McLaurin bled at the big school auditorium and in his speech made no statement of as composed of men of every walk in life-bankers, merchants, farmers, manufacturers, and professional men -with here and there a politician.

The committee on entertainment had selected well and it seldom falls to the lot of a town as small of Dillon to have such a galaxy of distinguished orators within its borders in a single as representing the sharpest antagonday. There was Ex Senator Mc ism to the Tillman dispensary idea Laurin and Col. Knox Livingstone, of Bennettaville; the Hon. F. H Hyatt fight by becoming a candidate for the and Col. F. H. Weston, of Columbia; the Hon. Richard I Manning and the Hon. E D. Smith, of Sumter; B, P.

THE LIQUOR LAW the most corrupt institution that ever interesting details concerning his cursed a State. This announcement work, of its discursgements and its cursed a State. This announcement was greated with shouts of applause. MCLAUBIN APPLAUDED. He went MCLAUBIN AFFLAUDED. "Instantly the doorways and wir-dows became crowded and men leaned forward in their seats to catch every word that fell from hislips. Although a delightful breeze was sweeping the vast auditorium the Ex Senator di-vested himself of his collar and tie, which he quietly laid on the table beside him. Twice the chairman called time on him but the last time he was told that his time was up. Messrs Weston and Hyatt sprang to their feet simultaneously and gever-ously offered him five minutes each of their time. His arralgnment of Till-

their time. His arraignment of Till- fined to the south, and thirdly, man and the dispensary was severe this combination gave us a great and cocasionally some staunch sup monopoly. Mr. Smith made a telling porter of the institution would speech and he must have been gratiarise and quietly walk out of the hall. ded at the reception given him. Mr. McLaurin argued strongly that In the afternoon the speakers were

the people could not hope to escape from the dispensary through legisla-tive action and that therefore the done up in style. Champagne, fine policy should be to vote it out by cigars and camaraderie made pleascounties. The protest of the election ant moments go rapidly by and gave in Pickens county, he declared, was finishing touches to a hospitable merely a ruse of politicians to prevent | welcome to a fine town and to a fine

there would otherwise have in coun-DISPENSARY INVESTIGATION. ties where elections are pending. The Er Senator was unsparing in his ar-

and at times he showed considerable People Who Charge Corruption Have feeling in his references to the chief

Submitted No Testimony. The state dispensary investigating ing. The court appointed Mr. L. D.

committee will get down to work on Tuesday, August 8. The first session his personal political plans and did will be at Spartanburg. Spartanburg son. The State had only a few wit-is chosen because it is thought it will nesses. Very little time was consumnot commit himself in any way, there are many who believe that he expects save expenses and the committee ed in examining them. The young to be active and aggressive in the finds that it has a tight hold there on lady and her little sister were very fight against the dispensary and in witnesses and has already material positive in their identification of the favor of prohibition by counties. enough to begin work. They say that this will inevitably The purpose is to do what work is crime in a clear, convincing manner. place Mr. McLaurin in the forefront,

necessary at Spartanburg and then There was no hesitation. These were move to Columbia, where the public the only eye witnesses. The young investigations are to be continued as lady is not yet 16 years of age and her long as there are witnesses available sister but 10. who know anything. The idea of the The ground rail of the testimony

committee is to meet wherever it will was the search for a negro of Nelson's At the conclusion of his speech Mr. be cheapest to handle the inquiry. McLaurin was loudly cheeled and sev-

Hamer, of Hamer, and Congressman J. E. Ellerbe, of Seller's. Each of rostrum and grasped his hand. It Hay, said Wednesday that it was very lady immediately after the assault. disappointing to see people on the

BARNWELL, S. C., THURSDAY, JULY 27, 1905. HYDE RESIGNS. POISONED FLOUR **UNSAFE BOILER** THIRTY YEARS He Declares That a Powerful Organi Shipped To China And Results In sation is Against Him. On the American Gunboat Ben-Humber Of Deaths At Hard Labor in the Penitennington Exploded Friday. tiary for Attempted Assault As Asserts that Every Time His As-Will Not Only Hurt Trade in That curacy Has Been Questioned It Commodity But in Others Has Been Bustained. -The Story. ON A LITTLE GIRL The resignation of John Hyde, The Washington correspondent of statistician and chief of the bureau of the Columbia Record says a report just statistic of the department of agricul received in the United States shows ture, was banded to Secretary Wilsen Tuesday of last week and promptly accepted. Willett N. Havs, the as-sistant secretary of agriculture, has At New Sumter About Ten Days Ago. that American flour shipping interests in China are likely to receive a heavy Took the Jury Nine Minutes to Deblow soon, unless something is done to correct a report that American flour men are sending poisoned flour there. The business of shipping flour to some sections of China, especially to Amoy been placed in charge of the bureau cide the Fate of the Fiend temporally and will continue to ac pending the investigation of the cot ton scandal and until a competent Who Deserves to be Hung and Changchau, is enormous. Last year it amounted to \$353,502, and the statistician is found. for the Crime. HYDE'S LETTER. year previous to \$285.294. Not long The following is the text of Mr. sites a certain shipment of flour was A special dispatch from Sumter to Hyde's letter of resignation and Sec-The State says the jury declared Jesse sent from Hong Kong, and out of that retary Wilson's reply thereto: Washington, D. C., July 18, 1905. shipment somewhere between thirty Nelson guilty of assault with intent and forty people have died as a result of having eaten a poisonous mixture. All sorts of rumors have been spread to ravish after nine minutes' deliber-Dear Mr. Secretary: During the last ation, on Thursday afternoon. Judge R O. Purdy sentenced Nelson to 30 years at hard labor in the South four years, or since I succeeded in making the crop reports of the de partment reasonably accurate and corbroadcast, and anti foreign agitation has received a great impetus. Carolina penitentiary. The sentence respondingly valuable to the agricul. This shipment, which was sent from to begin at the expiration of his sentural and commercial interests of the Hong Kong to Amoy, was consigned by the terrific explosion, which lifted to native importers and was distribut- part of the deck and compelled the tence to the Clarendon county chain country, my administration of the ofgang, which will be July 6, 1910. fice I have the honor to hold has been ed in the ordinary course of business. The case was called Thursday, mornbeaching of the ship. constantly under fire from one side of and to all appearances was not differthe market or the other. Five time it ent from many shipments which had accident was lying in the stream, just has been investigated and on every oc. been made before. The first trouble off the Commercial wharf, at H street. Jennings to defend the prisoner. Maj: Marion Moise assisted Solicitor Wilcasion I have been vindicated. In Jan came at a Chinese restaurant where a The war ship had received orders from son. The State had only a few wit-

uary, 1903, I was awarded \$2,500 dam ages in a libel suit against a prominent firm of cotton brokers by a jury of their own friends and fellow citi zens. These results have been very prisoner. They told the story of the gratifying to me, but I have the highest medical authority for the statement that the continued fight upon me has already, considerably shortened my life. At the present time it is an accepted fact that a powerful and the first of a few fights it is an accepted fact that a powerful organization is bent upon bringing about my retirement, by one mans general appearance-the clothing position I hold is worth the fight necessary to its retention, and the or-

man who was eating a meal became suddenly ill and in a few moments died. The keeper of the restaurant, ford to meet the monitor Wyoming being accused of having adulterated and convey the monitor to Mare is-

ever the flour had been shipped the Columns of water were forced high or snother. Now, I do not think the Chinese died like so many dogs. In into the air. Changchau, a city of 1,000,000 inhab- A dozen or fifteen men were blown

THIRTY-NINE DEAD. Capt. Lucien Young, in Command, Was Ashore at the Time. The Vessel is Almost a Complete Loss, and

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it Was Necessary to

Beach Her.

Thirty-nine members of the crew of the United States gunboat Bennington were killed and nearly 100 sallors were injured, some fatally, at 10 o'clock Friday forenoon by a boller explosion that disabled the vessel, in San Diego harbor, Ca'. Fif seen sailors are missing. There were more than 250 men aboard the war ship when the accident occured and many man were hurled or forced to jump into the sea

The Bennington at the time of the the flour with poison, agreed to eat land navy yard, San Francisco. Steam some of the bread in order to show was up and everything was in readithat there was nothing the matter ness for the departure of the Benwith it. In the course of a few hours he nington, when the starboard forward The story spread rapidly, and wher- steam rise above the Bennington.

itants, the result has been to almost overboard by the force of the terrific

to tell and they told it so well that those who listened went away benefitted. The addresses were remarkable for their force and logic and depth and breadth of thought and the audience showed its appreciation for each individual effort by frequent County outbursts of applause. chairman Stackhouse presided and the meeting was opened with a very elo-Rev. J. D. Croul,

HAMER AND MANNING SPEAK.

The first speaker introduced was the Hon. B. P. Hamer, who felt high- the limit on their cotton if it was ly complimented in being asked by his home people to speak on such an important subject. Mr. Hamer said that this is distinctively a commercial age and every class of people was or frequently interrupted with applause ganized except the farmer and particularly the "cotton tot." He held that thorough organizition would enable the strong to help the weak and that there should be a fixed price at which to sell cotton, that is, a price for those with obligations and a price for those in urgent need of money. Mr. Hamer strongly advccated the ware house system and pointed out that with the cooperation of the cotton and oil mills, ware houses could be successfully and economically run. Mr. . Hamer is a practical man and his talk being along practical lines was well received. His remarks were greeted with prolonged applause. The Hon. R. I. Manning, who was next introduced, urged the necessity. of thorough organization among the farmers. Mr. Manning's speech was spirited and at times eloquent. His earnestness appealed to the audience and he was frequently interrupted with applause. He believed in the bonded ware house and urged the farmer to hold his cotton and borrow money whenever the price was so low that it did not pay him to sell. Mr. Manning made a good impression on his audience and at the conclusion of his remarks was followed by the Hon. John L. McLsurin. Just here a genuine sensation was sprung, which created a furor in the audience.

THE DISPENSARY INTRODUCED. Mr. McLaurin had been speaking but a few minutes and had paused after an eloquent and touching description of the horrors of the reconstruction period, when a young man walked rapidly across the front of the Cotton Association. He informed the stage and handed him the following audience and the committee that they note:

"Senator: At our committee meet-"Senator: At our committee meet to grant any privileges they might of one second on the cotton question, baving read much on the subject and having read much on the subject and of Southern farmers, and as your the tragedy is not known. Mrs. tistican in the department of agriculof the hour with us is, and will be for sary."

the immediate future, dispensary or Just here a curious phase of "meetno dispensary, and if you have no while Mr. McLaurin was speaking, he made is: "He has ruined my home ment about his case. He returned to happy to contribute in any way his your views on the subject. What do that the splendily representative auyou think of the dispensary law as it dience was entirely in sympathy with the same thing again." is written on the statue books of this him. There was no mistaking the State, as it has been, is, and probably loud, ringing applause that constantby those in authority."

with him, although there was a large sprinkling of strong dispensary advocates in the crowd. and fraud and not fiering the com

The speech has been the talk of the

THREE MORE SPRECHES. The next speaker was Mr. F. H. Weston, of Columbia, who discussed the Cotton Growers' Association from the banker's point of view. Mr. Weston is a strong and vigorous speaker and easily held the attention quent and touching prayer by the of the audience. He advocated the building of bonded ware houses and

United States Senate in 1906.

mittee may be addressed or he may told the farmers that they would have information will be given to the comno difficulty in borrowing almost up to mittee. He thinks it unfair to the properly housed. He referred elothings and not offering to help prove quently to the period of reconstructhe charges. tion and pointed out the independence of the Southerner of today. He was

and loudly cheered at the conclusion situation and the work done, was to gratis. of his talk. arrange to borrow additional money. Mr. F. H. Hyatt caught the audi ence with a series of original anecdotes. He begged pardon for branching off on good roads, but just coulda't talk before such an audience without telling his hearers of the manifold advantages of good roads. He advised sponge or borrow money with which planters to make their farms attracto push the work and pay the expentive and keep the boys at home and wound up with a strong argument for the diversification of crops.

Congressman J. E. Ellerbe was introduced and briefly reviewed the ranted in arranging for additional money on the ground that it is necwork of the Association thus far. He said he felt that a great deal had been essary and that what money has thus accomplished, but that the work had far been spent has been conservately only begun. He referred to the recent rise in the price of cotton as an indication that the South had at last caught the ear of Wall street speculy done. lators. If so much had been accomplished in such a short time the possibilities of success could not be eraggerated. Mr. Ellerbe was received Wednesday, met what purported to be his duty, though many people at with prolonged applause. PRESIDENT SMITH'S CONDEMNATION. hearse driven from the morgue by an friends. As a judge he must rige above Several speakers followed McLaurin undertaker, who, when he saw Mo the opinions and feelings of his fellow before Mr. E. D. Smith, president of Nelus, nearly fell from his seat. man. He held up the terrible punishthe South Carolina division of the When he recovered he turned his ment the boy must receive and said Southern Cotton association, and the horses around and drove back to the this should serve as a warning to white last speaker, was introduced. Another morgue. The body had been sent and black that to do right was the

President Smith made flery denuncia. | cured. It looked like him, and his against one of his own race in the upunder the auspices of the Southern whose body they have. A Georgia Tragedy.

George Wright, city passenger and were met here not to discus politics. ticket agent at Rome, Ga., for the though he did not question their right Southern railway, was shot and killed

have been provided for.

The committee feels that it is war-

Met His Funeral.

He Ought to Know.

Supervisor Owens told of his escape stump and in the pulpit denouncing from the Clarendon county chaingang the dispensary and charge corruption last Thursday. Nelson was the first witness for the

committee, he said that evidence or and Mayesville, except to get water at information that is offered the com. the Betts mill. He denied the attack mittee will be fairly dealt with, and on the young lady and said he had the committee is anxious to get any never seen her until carried before her tips it can. Any member of the com- on Monday.

Jim Taylor was sent for so that the be advised at Camden S. C., and the jury might see the difference between the two. \*

Mr. Jennings certainly did his duty. committee for people to be charging He reviewed the testimony carefully. I am, He wanted the right man punished to the limit of the law, but ask the jury The chief work of the committee to be sure and convict the right one. today, in fact about the only thing He spoke earnestly and forcefully. The that was done other than canvass the negro received a high class service

Solicitor Wilson laid bare the facts. The committee was voted \$3.000 He spoke of the proud record of old out of the dispensary funds when it Sumter county. The citizens are law-began work. It has spent nearly all abiding. He mentioned two or three of this money, but the committee borrible crimes, aggravating in the thinks that it has now gone so far extreme, but the majesty of the law Maj. Marion Moise's speech was very eloquent. The court house was pack-

ses of the witnesses it is expected to ed when he began to speak and close summon, and the other expenses that attention was paid to his argument. Judge Purdy's charge to the jury charges made against the integrity of relieved soon. was short and explicit.

have been brought to my attention im-The jury retired at 6 13 and at 6.22 reached a verdict of guilty. Before passing sentence the judge said he knew the boy's father and the result of the investigation the les. The beginning of Nelson's trouble, people of the state want it thorough. like all other boys, was when he wondered away from home, getting from. under parental influence. He had no to bring your work to an end. doubt of the prisoner's guilt. If he had Thomas McNelus, of Hazelton, Pa., he would set aside the verdict as would be his own funeral. It was only a New Sumter were his warm personal

sensation was at once sprung. Ad. from the Retreat hospital labled, by only safe course in life. He had senvancing to that part of the stage some mistake. Thomas McNelus, tenced to life imprisonment the other congenial the work had been to him, where Mr. McLaurin was seated, who had recently been discharged as day a black man for the same crime nowithstanding its laborious charac-

Nelson is about 19. He was sentenc ed at on July 6, 1904, by Judge Aldrich to s'x years on the chaingang for dence today, is extremely touching. ] assault and battery on an old colored woman.

E. S. Holmes, former assistant sta- extremely kind to me as I stated in having many able speakers who will of Southern farmers, and as your Wright is prostrated. She was ill, ture, who was dismissed for selling As regards the investigation now having many able speakers who will president I do not intend that this follow you here today. For that purpose shall be side tracked even feared, will cause her death. The counsel relative to the inv stigation new, Mr. Hyde said that he had calmind you that the burning question for the miserable, damnable dispen- grand jury returned a true bill charg- of the cotton leaks. It is understood culated to assist in every possible way ing murder to Sanford. Acting un- that he will take his dismissal from in getting to the bottom of the case, der advice of his attorneys Sanford the department to the courts. and that even now he was out of office ment about his case. He returned to happy to contribute in any way his aid in the investigation. ington late Wednesday.

# A Mad Woman.

State, as it has been, is, and probably will be, as long as it is a law executed by those in authority." In the rest manifested in all he had to say. It was coupling clear and upmistakable of the rest manifested in all he had to say.

whatever satisfaction it can derive any port. Hundreds of small store was looking at the Bennington when from my withdrawal from the unequal keepers and bakers have small stocks the disaster occurred, says he saw hustruggle. If any of my friends think of goods on hand which they are un man bodies hurled over a hundred feet that I ought not to retire under fire. able to sell on account of the fact that upward! The air was clouded with mittee evidence or suggesting it to defense. He retold the story that he I would have them remember that the people are afraid to buy imported smoke, which enveloped the ship. there is never a time when I am not under fire. I have the honor therefore to tender you herewith my resignation of my appointment as statistician and chief of the bureau of statistics of this department. With much appreciation of the un-

years to build up. Unless the present aboard. iform courtesy and kindness you have trouble can be done away with, there shown me and of the many tokens of will be a permanent loss, for Chifese confidence I have received from you, consumers will again become accus tomed to purely native food, and the Most respectfully, yours,

John Hyde. MR. WILSON'S REPLY.

Mr. John Hyde, Statistician, Department of Agricul-

ture.

Very truly, yours,

After Sixty Years.

JAMES WILSON,

Dear Sir: I am in receipt of your resignation as statistician of this de- that the packages of poison were partment. In accepting it, I cheerfully broken, and the flour was thus affecttestify to the ability with which you ed. The duty on morphia is very high, have discharged the heavy and diffi | while that on flour is only 5 per cent. that it must either throw up the was upheld and the outlaws punished. cult duties of the office since you were ad valorem. Whatever the truth about first appointed. The accuracy of your this matter my be, there is no doubt the mob quickly dispersed. The negro reports has been recognized by the of the fact, as stated, that American public generally, and I am glad to be interests in the flour shipping busiable to testify, with regard to the ness will be materially affected unless the bureau of statistics that no facts

## Fell Three Theusand Feet.

Daniel Maloney, who made numer plicating you in any way. I am familiar with your devotion to your ous successful ascensions with Prof.

cast off an immense burden from about, then essayed a deep dip. Sudhis shoulders. He had fully intended denly the machine swerved, hesitated. to resign some time during the com- and then turned over. It righted iting autumn, he said, and therefore he self, sank down a considerable distance. had only advanced his resignation by and turned over again. Maloney was a few weeks. Mr. Hyde spoke of how clinging desperately to his seat. and was evidently endeavoring to regain control of the aeroplane, but all his ter, and expressed regret at having to efforts were in vain, Again the aerop tion and condemnation of the effort friends mourned him as dead. The country. He then sentenced the boy part "from the efficient clerical force lane turned in the air, the wings came to inject politics at the meetings held authorities are now trying to discover to 30 years in the peniteptiary." "Their together, and the man and the machine loyalty and their personal regard for plunged straight downward, while the myself," he said "of which I had evi horrified spectators gazed helplessly. Bugned in Hotel.

> burned to death in a fire which de in Charleston and working at the navy stroyed the Depot Hotel Wednesday yard for some time. live. The secretary has always been morning. The dead are: Mrs.A. Hoffman and baby; Robert Johnson, expressman; Gertrude Stetsher, Rebecca Herman, James Hunt. There may be other bodies in the ruins. The fire was caused by the explosion of a gas tank used for illuminating." Mrs. Hoffman was owner of the Hotel. She and her baby and the other victims were burned to death in their rooms.

# Three Hanged.

At Memphis Tenn., Toots Taylor, M. Miles and Major Mills, three negro murderers were hanged Friday. Taylor and Mills a

stop the receipts of foreign flour from explosion. Capt. Wentworth, who bread and flour. The loss to these When the haze cleared away only a little merchants, while considerable, few men cou'd be seen on the decks, amounts, as a matter of fact, to noth- while a number were floundering in ing in comparison to the enormous the water. A boat was lowered from loss of profits which will accrue from the vessel's side and most of the men loss of business which has taken many in the water were picked up and taken

# Mod Kills Negro

At Newbramfels, Texas, & mob Thursday night battered down the ground gained there by Americans at. doors of the county jall and lynched ter many years of effort and labor will Sam Green, a 16 year-old negro boy be entirely lost. who attempted criminal assault at

There is no explanation of the this place Tuesday night on the 1trouble, but it is probable that Ohin. year-old daughter of William Karbach. ese merchants made an effort to smig-gle in morphia in sacks of flour and outskirts of the town. The mob could not break into the cell where the prisoner was kept, so the leaders thrust their guns through the opening of the steel walls and fired three shots. The negro sank to the floor dead and protested his innocence to the mob, but during the day had confessed his guilt to the sheriff.

Hard to Play On.

The experiences of George B. Cortelyou, chairman of the republican national committee, during the recent work and with the untiring efforts Montgomery's scroplane, Tuesday fell campaign were many and varied. expended, and that whatever may be mother, and they were good old dark- you have made to render the bureau of 3,000 feet to his death at Santa Clara With keen relish he tells of one that the highest service to the growers, Col. Maloney made an ascension from came under his notice. A country manufactures and consumers of farm the grounds of the Santa Clara Ool. club about to give a parade was debat-products in our country, and I regret lege. About 2 000 persons watched ing as to the number of transparencies that falling health should compel you with interest the machine as it shot to be had in line. It was about upward from the college garden, at settled that twelve would be the proper tached to a huge balloon. At a height number, when an old fallow with his of 4,000 feet Maloney cut loose from trousers tucked in his boots arose and Mr. Hyde said that be felt he had ast off an immense burden from about, then essayed a deep dip. Sud

### Killed by Live Wire,

Samuel James, a white carpenter. 40 years of age, unmarried, was killed Wednesday by coming in contact with a live wire at the Charleston navy yard. James was employed by the New York Continental Jewell Filtration company on the dry dock. He was on a scaffolding when he came in contact with the wire. The wire burnt him around the neck, causing death instantly. The inquest was held Thursday James was a native At Wabash, Mian., six persons were of Baltimore. He has been residing

#### Stronger Than Ever

General Batianoff, commander of the Third Russian Manchurian army recently declared that the Japanese were unable to advance, both on account of the strengthening of Bussian positions and because they have not fully recovered from their own loss at the battle of Muken. "Never during the whole war" he said "has the Russian army been so strong in evry respect as at present. The anese know this and therefore they wish for peace.

### The Widow's Mite.

shall have very few recollections of my eight years work that will not be highly gratifying to me as long as 1

