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ENDED AT LAST

The Dispensary Winding Up Commission Gets Through Its Work

AND MAKES ITS REPORT

The Board Expresses Satisfaction That the State Dispensary Has Been Wound Up and Is Now a Thing of the Past, After Giving the Details of Their Doings.

The commission appointed by Governor Ansel under an Act of the legislature to wind up the affairs of the old State dispensary has drafted its final report to the Governor, and is now in the hands of the printer, and will be laid on the desk of the members of the legislature in a few days. The report is an exceedingly interesting one, and the commission has apparently made a fine business showing. The total net money result is \$453,464.56, of which \$275,000 has been paid into the State treasury, \$80,832.80 is on hand in cash, \$22,631.76 due by counties, and \$75,000 is real estate, this being the summary of the business from the time the commission assumed charge on February 16, 1907, up to January 12 of the present year. And more is to come from overpayments amounting to over \$200,000.

The commission has realized grand total receipts of \$974,585.55, of which \$56,936.36 is interest earned by deposits of funds in the banks of the State at 4 per cent. The total amount paid out was \$393,753.75, including the \$275,000 turned over to the State treasurer. On merchandise account a gross profit of \$12,024.86 is shown, while on capital account of \$400,000 there is a net loss of only \$4,189.76.

The supply account shows a net loss of \$33,286.42, which loss is accounted for in running the dispensary several months, using those supplies in supplying the various dispensaries for goods sold to

The "conscience money" from old creditors, who counts on the books, \$39,500, "the attorney per cent commission" could recover on

The litigation courts was but this whiskey

DON'T LIKE THEM

BILL TAFT SPEAKS OF DEMOCRATS AS YELLOW DOGS.

Objects to Minority's Selection of Members for Committee to Probe Hallinger-Pinchot Row.

Zach McGee in his Washington letter to The State says President Taft not only disapproved of putting Henry T. Rainey and Ollie James on the committee to investigate the interior department but he is hot about it, and he calls the two Democrats "yellow dogs." A number of newspaper men and others were in the office of the president's private secretary when the president walked in.

"What is the news about the investigation?" asked the president.

"You ought to know, Mr. President," replied one of the correspondents. "They have been calling on you."

"Yes," said the president, his face glowing, "but they can not persuade me to accept two yellow dogs. I do not propose to play a game with a dog." This committee to investigate the interior department and the conduct of Secretary Hallinger is to consist of four Republicans and two Democrats.

The question being asked is, "Is Mr. Taft afraid that Messrs. James and Rainey might make political capital out of the investigation?"

The only possible way they could make political capital would be to find something discreditable to the administration. If Hallinger has nothing to his discredit, not even a "yellow dog" could make capital out of it.

NEWLY MARRIED BRIDE

Seeking a Divorce From Her Old Preacher Spouse.

A special dispatch from Spartanburg says after having married less than a month's time, Mrs. Noble James Barnett, wife of Rev. George W. Barnett, a pastor of the Baptist church, has sought a divorce for his best class entertainment.

REFORM NEEDED

The State Asylum for the Insane is in Bad Condition.

SHOULD BE REMODELED

Many Improvements Urged, and the Sanitary Arrangements Said to be Deplorable and the Institution Very Much Overcrowded—A Majority and Minority Report Filed.

Last year the General Assembly appointed a special commission to investigate the conditions at the State Hospital for the Insane. On this commission were appointed Senators Christensen, Hardin and Bates, and Representatives Carey, Harrison, Sawyer and Dick. The committee has been diligent in its work and research. Days were spent in taking testimony and studies were made of other hospitals for insane. Much of the results of this inquiry is placed before the people in the reports released a few days ago.

The committee is entirely at variance in the most essential feature, what should be done to further alleviate conditions? There are two reports, one signed by Senators Christensen and Bates and Representatives Harrison and Dick. The other report is signed by Senator Hardin and Representatives Sawyer and J. P. Carey. The reports are so entirely at variance in point and suggestion that there is but one way to get the varying views, and that is by reading both reports, which are very long and voluminous.

Without placing the blame on any particular person, the majority report states that the evidence shows: That fifteen patients of one ward were bathed in the same water in a bath tub.

That the foulest water closet, cesspools of wide soil, which were in a state of decay on January 15th were not repaired until January 15th.

Whereas the Barnwell County Teacher's Association has by the will of Divine Providence lost a devoted member and co-worker, J. E. Chan-

ENDS LIFE WITH ACID

HARD PRESSED BANDIT SWALLOWS A DEADLY POISON.

Unknown Man Shoots Jeweler, Probably Fatally, and When Pursued Takes Deadly Capsule.

Frederick Boettcher, a Brooklyn jeweler, was sandbagged and fatally shot in his store late Thursday afternoon by an unknown man, who ended his life by taking a capsule of carbolic acid before he could be locked up. Boettcher identified his assailant as a man who come to his store not long ago and looked at some diamond rings. It was on this plea that the stranger entered Thursday presumably with the intent of robbery.

When the jeweler started to come from behind the counter, the stranger pulled a chamois bag, filled with sand and shot, from his coat pocket and struck him a crushing blow on the head. As Boettcher reeled the man fired a shot, which took effect behind the jeweler's left ear. The shot brought Mrs. Boettcher down from her apartments over the store and the man fled, leaving one revolver in the store and throwing another away as he ran along the street.

Hard pressed by the police, who had been attracted by Mrs. Boettcher's screams, the would-be robber was seen to raise his hands to his lips and swallow hastily. In a moment more he was under arrest and though apparently suffering, he walked back to the store where Boettcher identified him as his assailant.

The prisoner was taken to the police station and preparations were begun to search him. Here he collapsed and died before medical assistance could be summoned. An examination by a surgeon later showed beyond doubt that he swallowed a quantity of carbolic acid.

From home raised corn. Such a demand will greatly benefit the country, both in increasing the demand for corn and in stimulating interest in the important subject of improving and again bringing to being the old-fashioned grist mills, which have now almost disappeared from our streams."—Greenville News

GHASTLY CRIME

Two Women and One Man Found Murdered in New York's East Side.

KILLED WITH HAMMER

The Man Was a Prosperous Young Italian, and One of the Women Was His Wife and the Other Was Probably His Wife's Mother—Robbery Was Motive.

A triple murder was revealed in an obscure flat in the heart of New York's East Side, at No. 10 and 20 Montgomery street, at dusk Thursday. Two women and a man are the victims, and the manner of death was horrible. Gagged with silk handkerchiefs and their heads crushed with a hammer or axe, they were left bleeding and fully dressed on the floor with a whimpering bull terrier as companion for the dead. Robbery was the motive, or else it is another case of the Black Hand.

Salvatore Scalpone, a well-to-do young Italian barber, his wife and a middle-aged woman, believed to have been Mrs. Scalpone's mother, are the victims. His failure to appear at his shop started an investigation, which resulted in the recovery of the crime. Policemen, summoned by the janitor of the apartment, entered the locked flat by way of a fire escape.

In the kitchen Scalpone's body was found. It was tied to the door, the fact battered beyond recognition and lying in a great smear of blood. Near his master stood the whining bull dog, cowering and blood spattered. The animal had paced aimlessly from body to body, sniffing one and then the other, staining the floor crimson with his foot-prints.

WITH ALL GRATITUDE I URGE

I thank my good true friends for their generous patronage the past twelve months and pledge my very best service to them in the coming new year.

NINE CAR LOADS

of the Best Horses and Mules that experienced judgment could select and the dollars in hand pay for have been received and handled by me this season, giving absolute satisfaction in quality and price to every purchaser.

OUR NEW CARS

Just received

BOLL WEEVIL PEST

HAS COTTON PLANTERS TOO FRIGHTENED TO FIGHT.

Dr. Knapp Urges Farmers to Take Heart and Combat Blue Devil's and Insect Pest.

Boll weevils have cost the United States untold hundreds of thousands of dollars in the destruction of the cotton crops, but most of it is to be charged against the "bluff" that the insect puts up, or rather, the fear that its approach inspires.

According to Dr. Seaman A. Knapp of the department of agriculture, the average cotton planter was defeated before he ever began to fight the pest. Of all the drawbacks that confront the cotton planter, Dr. Knapp is convinced that pessimism is the worst. He said so plainly and emphatically at Memphis Wednesday in an address on the weevil and the evils that follow in its train.

"The first and most serious of these," he said, "is the wave of discouragement and pessimism in advance of the weevil. Many honest but mistaken men affirm in advance of the weevil, that cotton can not be successfully made where the weevil appears. Immediately the bankers and the merchants withhold credit. Labor is compelled to leave. The farmers do half work and frequently abandon a portion of their crop. This frequently results in a loss of 20 per cent before the weevil has done any damage."

This "beaten-in-advance" attitude, Dr. Knapp went on to say, resulted in the humiliating surrender of planters and their "throwing up of the sponge" in the second year, with the result that the weevil is permitted a free territory in which to ravage and multiply and the crop falls to 25 per cent of its average.

"Much of this loss is failure to plant, and to cultivate," he said, "with an earnestness."

FATAL LEAPS

Fire Causes Panic in Philadelphia Shirt Waist Factory.

FIVE LEAPED TO DEATH

Men and Women Frightened by Blaze on Fourth Floor of Building Forget Fire Escapes and Window Ropes and Jump to Ground Below, Five Being Killed.

At Philadelphia five persons, four girls and one man, leaped to their death a few days ago in a panic caused by a fire in the four-story factory building at 208-10 Chancery street, near Second and Walnut streets. Five others received injuries from which they will probably die, and many more or less seriously hurt.

The dead are: Morris Pessau, aged 25 years, fractured skull.

Clara Swart, aged 18, crushed by fall.

Ida Greenburg, aged 20 years, burned and crushed.

Rebecca Kaufman, aged 13 years, fractured skull.

Elizabeth Chackin, aged 16 years, burned and crushed.

The probably fatally injured are: Rebecca Chackin, aged 14 years, fractured skull, internal injuries and burns.

Hyman Belokin, aged 25 years, both legs and arms broken and probable internal injuries.

Sarah Cohen, seriously burned and probably internally injured.

Philip Kolos, arm and both legs fractured.

Unidentified colored woman, over come by smoke and flames.

Nearly all of the dead and severely injured worked in the shirt waist factory of Mrs. Chackin, which

8.30 a. m. to 6 p. m. Persons living away from Barnwell will please make appointments before coming. By so doing they will be sure of immediate service and avoid appointments.

LANDS FOR SALE. Now is the time to buy. Lands will never be cheaper, and sure to increase in value. BUY NOW. 555 Acres, Rich Land Township, Barnwell County. One half in cultivation balance

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