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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1908.

A very large part of the citizenship of South Carolina will run for office this summer.

The act providing for two new judicial circuits was another useless expense for which the legislature is responsible.

We are glad to note that Senator J. B. Black voted against excessive appropriations and also against raising the tax levy.

We believe it would be a first-rate idea to have every lawyer in South Carolina debarred from holding office. Newspaper men as well.

The Herald cannot publish the names of all the candidates for the United States Senate in this week's issue, as our space is limited.

It will cost the State \$5,000 to elect a successor to Senator A. C. Latimer, and this is the unexpired term only for which the legislature will hold an election. United States Senators come high.

Cole Bleas is all right in many respects, and his course in the Senate during the recent session of the legislature has made many people think more of him as a public servant than they did before.

Cole Bleas did not rise to a question of personal privilege after the letter of Lewis W. Parker in reference to the whiskey agent of Lanan. Bleas has not said a word since that we have heard of, and his silence looks mighty suspicious to some people.

To be entirely frank, we regard the recent session of the legislature as the worst held since we can remember. The body did absolutely nothing for the relief of the tax payers, but to the contrary created new offices and made extravagant appropriations. Taxes will be the highest in many years, in fact since the days of Radical misrule and corruption.

Judge Robert Aldrich, at his first term of court in Conway addressed the grand jury as to enforcing the law, and said that juries did not do their duty some times. We know of no attorney who has made greater efforts to keep juries from doing their duty at times when it was against his clients, and we trust he will now lend all his influence to having the law enforced. He certainly will have a great deal to do along this line to repay for his past efforts at having the guilty go unpunished.

The Broad Axe, the prohibition paper which suspended publication some years ago when the dispensary scheme did away with the barrooms, will resume publication at Sumter. Mr. Joel E. Brunson will edit the paper, and Mr. Edwin F. Miller will be business manager. The paper will be published weekly at a subscription price of \$1.00 a year. It is issued solely to advocate the cause of State prohibition, and that it will be an interesting sheet is certain. In view of the campaign this summer, all will want to read the Broad Axe, for Mr. Brunson is a forceful writer.

Won't the people of the town of Bamberg pay nice taxes next year? Our school taxes will be ten mills, divided as follows: three mills for school house bonds, four mills for school purposes and replacing the new building, and three mills constitutional tax, making a grand total for schools alone of ten mills. The State levy is 5 1/2 mills, and adding to this the county levy of three mills and town taxes of eight mills, will make the citizens of Bamberg pay taxes of 26 1/2 mills. We don't mind paying taxes when we get anything for it, so we are not complaining about the school levy, but there was no use for the legislature to create new offices, raise salaries, and make extravagant appropriations.

Maybe the proposition to pay members of the general assembly a flat salary of \$200 a year will save money after all, for it is to be hoped the sessions will be shorter and not so much time wasted in passing bills which prove expensive.

What earthly use will an insurance commissioner be to South Carolina? Yet he is to get a salary of \$2,250 a year and expenses. This office was created by the recent session of the legislature, and is merely another instance of what the general assembly calls economy.

The bill of Mr. Miley to require mutual insurance companies operating in this State to put up bond for \$10,000, was passed by the Senate and is now a law. It will do much to rid the State of wild cat mutual insurance companies, such as have been operating in this county and not paying their losses.

We have no disposition to find fault with our legislative delegation for raising salaries of county officials, for no doubt all our public servants are worth the increase. But we do think the supervisor's office should be raised as well. This officer now gets \$800 and it is the understanding he is to give his whole time to the county. He has to keep a horse and buggy and often is out in all sorts of weather visiting the chain gang and looking after the roads all over the county. To leave the salary at \$800 is out of proportion to the others and it is the most important office in the county.

The legislature has set a bad precedent in relieving the former State treasurers from liability on their bonds for the theft of State bonds by clerks employed in the office. Certainly these officials should have been held responsible for the acts of their clerks. Does not the law hold railroads and other corporations responsible for the acts of their employees? Most assuredly, and corporations have to pay heavy damages oftentimes because of the acts of their agents and employees, even though they have disregarded the rules of the companies. The action of the general assembly is favoritism of the worst kind.

CLAIMS HE WAS WHIPPED.

Greenville Man Secures the Arrest of Chain Gang Overseer.

GREENVILLE, February 22.—Having been informed that a warrant for his arrest had been issued, H. P. Dill, overseer of the Greenville county chain gang, surrendered to Magistrate Stradley. The warrant was sworn out by Sidney J. Bouknight, a white man who recently completed a sentence on the gang, and charges Dill with assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature. Mr. Dill waived the right of a preliminary hearing, and was released on a justifiable bond for his appearance at the next term of the court of general sessions.

About one year ago Bouknight was convicted of bigamy and was sentenced to serve twelve months on the county gang. Bouknight claims that he was taken ill shortly after going to the gang, and that he was unable to do any work. He says that he was repeatedly whipped by Dill on this account, and says that he carries the stripes around his body. He further claims that the more he begged for mercy the more he was whipped, and that Dill frequently applied the lash to his naked body until the blood ran down his back.

It is understood that Mr. Dill does not deny whipping the man, but says that it was necessary for him to apply the lash to get any work out of him. When Bouknight pleaded sickness, Dill had the county physician examine him, and he reported that there was nothing at all the matter with the prisoner. Mr. Dill says that he then whipped him and made him work.

The lawyers for the prosecution claim that even though Bouknight was not ill and refused to work, the law does not justify his being whipped by the overseer of the gang. It is generally understood that this method is used in all of the counties, but the lawyers for the prosecution claim that this is in direct violation of the constitution.

The case is an interesting one, and some legal points will be raised by it. If Dill is found guilty the lawyers for the prosecution say that the whipping post at the State penitentiary will have to be abolished, for it would be as much a violation of the law to whip a prisoner at the penitentiary as it would be to whip one on the gang. This is the first time in the history of the State that a case of this kind has been brought, and the results will be watched with interest.

Shooting in Barnwell.

BARNWELL, Feb. 22.—News has just reached here from Kline that Velpoe Hogg and Bill Creech had some disagreement, which ended in Hogg shooting Creech, the bullets passing through the thigh. Both gentlemen are members of good families. The shooting took place about 5 o'clock p. m.

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NEGRO KILLS CONSTABLE.

Mr. R. R. Brunson, of Dillon, Shot to Death while Making an Arrest.

DILLON, Feb. 23.—Constable R. R. Brunson was shot and almost instantly killed near here this afternoon by a negro whom he was attempting to arrest. The weapon used was a pistol, and three bullets entered Mr. Brunson's body, each inflicting a wound sufficient to cause death.

Mr. Brunson had a negro under arrest and was driving along a public highway when he met another negro for whom he also had a warrant. He was in the act of leaving his buggy when the negro in the road pulled his pistol and began shooting. The first bullet entered the constable's heart, but he had strength enough to re-enter his buggy and request the negro prisoner in the buggy to drive rapidly towards a physician's residence. The wounded man died, however, before the buggy had proceeded many yards.

Mr. Brunson was a native of Chesterfield county and had been living in Dillon about five years. He held the position of chief of police of Dillon up till a few months ago, when he resigned to take the position of constable under Magistrate Fore. He was a fearless officer, and his death is deeply regretted. He leaves a wife and several small children who were dependent upon him for support.

Mr. Brunson's slayer is a chunky black negro about five feet high and weighs about 135 pounds. When he made his escape he was driving a gray mule to a top buggy. Governor Ansel has offered a reward of \$100 for the negro's capture, which has been supplemented by a liberal private subscription.

Ill Man Fights Bulldog.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Battling for his life with an infuriated bulldog, Douglas Hudson Riker, a publisher, ill with pneumonia and too weak to scream for help, was found unconscious, hours afterward, lying across the lifeless body of the dog, which he had smothered with a blanket. Taken ill shortly after his return to Brooklyn a few days ago from Florida, bringing North with him the dog which had been presented to him there, Mr. Riker was confined to his bed partially encased in surgical wrappings.

Left alone after he had fallen asleep, he awoke to find the dog standing on his chest. Trying to push the animal away, it snapped at him. Repeating the attempt, Riker found himself engaged in a fierce struggle with the animal. He seized it by the throat when it sprang for his throat. With both hands engaged he could not ring his call bell and practically voiceless from his illness, he was unable to call for help.

Riker's strength had almost given out when in the struggle some of the bed became disarranged. This interfered with the dog's movement. Given the idea, the sick man pushed the dog's head into the bed clothing. He succeeded in winding the blanket about the dog and took hold of him and rolled on top of him. When he had gained the final advantage he fainted.

He was found unconscious some hours later, and was revived and told the story. He was greatly weakened by the struggle, and is now reported in a critical condition.

CHIEF OF POLICE KILLED.

Fayetteville, N. C., Officer Dies Trying to Make Arrest.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Feb. 23.—Jas. H. Benton, chief of police of Fayetteville, N. C., was shot and killed early this afternoon by a negro. The murderer, Sam Murchison, was captured an hour after the crime and despite three distinct efforts to lynch him, was safely lodged in jail. Tonight, at the direction of the governor, the local militia company surrounds the jail, though no further trouble is apprehended.

Murchison quarreled with one of his own race today and shot his antagonist, inflicting a slight wound. Chief Benton started out in search of Murchison and after a few words the negro drew his pistol and shot the officer through the head. Jack Crosswell, an 18-year-old lad who was nearby, though unarmed, made a determined effort to capture the negro, but he snapped his pistol at the boy and ran. He fired one shot at a citizen who attempted to stop him and was wounded by one of three shots fired by Charles Benton, 17-year-old son of his victim, who took his father's pistol and started in pursuit of the murderer. Murchison continued his flight to the outskirts, when, after 30 policemen and many citizens had hunted him for an hour, he was overhauled. En route to the jail the attempts were made to take the prisoner from the officers and the last time he was struck over the head with fists and sticks by angry citizens, though no serious injury was done him. Young Benton's shot inflicted a serious wound in the groin.

An unusual circumstance of today's tragedy is that it is the second time within a year that Fayetteville has lost a police chief at the hands of a desperate negro. Less than a year ago Chief of Police Chesson and one of his officers were shot by a negro desperado.

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