

SOCIAL CLUBS IN THE STATE.

Many of Them Simply Places for Keeping Liquor.

Since the first of the year twenty-five "social clubs" have been chartered by the secretary of state. Taking the "social club" in its generally accepted term, it means that although South Carolina will be dry in name, nevertheless in reality it will be very wet and it is very improbable that any of the thirsty will suffer. These "social clubs" are located in all sections of the State, especially in Columbia and Charleston. The "social clubs" are supposed to have a number of members and a few lockers on the wall; however, it is not very much trouble for a man to gain admittance and buy any kind of a drink that he desires.

A well known South Carolinian said to-day in speaking of the "social clubs": "South Carolina will herald to the world to-morrow that it is dry, yet it is possible for anybody to buy a drink in many of the towns of the State, and Columbia and Charleston are wide open, as the common expression goes. Now, it seems to me that it is up to the officers to get in behind these men in charge of the 'social clubs,' and if we are to have prohibition, let's have it straight."

Mr. J. T. Gantt, when secretary of state, in his report of 1906 to the legislature, says: "I would suggest that you would adopt some measure that would correct the abuse of the privilege of incorporation by certain clubs or social organizations which notoriously use their charters to cloak the illegal sale of liquor. I am advised that this office acts in a ministerial capacity in granting charters, and that, except in the case of railroad corporations, no authority is attempted by law to be given to reject any application for a charter for any purpose whatsoever, when the requirements of the law are complied with. I would suggest that you confer the power upon this office to refuse to grant a charter to a club or social organization, in the event that the chief State constable files an affidavit that he has reason to believe the applicants intend to violate the dispensary law."

The legislature took no action upon the above suggestion.

The "Social Club" Act.

The following is the act passed by the legislature under which the "social clubs" are chartered:

"Section 1. Be it enacted by the general assembly of the State of South Carolina, the secretary of state is hereby authorized and empowered to issue certificates of incorporation to any church, college, school, lodge, society, company or other association, having no capital stock divided into shares, but holding or desiring to hold property in common for religious, educational, social, fraternal, charitable or eleemosynary purposes other than for the insurance of life, health, accident or property.

"Sec. 2. Any lodge, church, college, school, society, association or company organized for the purpose aforesaid, may after giving at least three days public notice in one or more newspapers published in the county in which the organization is perfected, file in the office of secretary of state, a written declaration signed by two or more of the officers or agents elected or appointed to supervise or manage its affairs, setting forth, first: The names and residences of the petitioners; second, the name of the proposed corporation; third, the place at which it proposes to have its headquarters or be located; fourth, the purpose of the proposed corporation; fifth, the names and residences of all the officers, managers, trustees, directors or other officers or agents of the proposed corporation at the time the application is made; such other information as it may desire or the secretary of state may require."—Columbia special to Augusta Chronicle.

Forty-five Millions Spent Annually for Fertilizers.

The editorial statement that four Southern States spend annually \$45,000,000 for fertilizers is well worth the thoughtful attention of every farmer, for fully one third of this is spent for nitrogen. Fifteen millions of dollars for what every farmer can get without money and without price, and can make a profit in the getting! It is a sad commentary on the farming of the South that this vast amount of money is absolutely wasted every year by farmers in but four States.

If the Government levied a tax of that amount on the four States, what a howl would go up. And yet the farmers alone pay this needless tax simply because they depend on the fertilizer man and fail to farm right. The cost of the crops in the four States is increased by this amount, all of which might be saved, and is saved by farmers in other States who have learned how to get their nitrogen free of cost.—Progressive Farmer.

SOUTH UNJUSTLY TREATED.

Senator Smith Says Conferees Have Behaved Very Badly.

Washington, Aug. 5.—Senator Smith, of South Carolina, speaks of the tariff bill as a sectional measure. He calls attention to the fact that binding twine, which is used by the Western farmers, is on the free list, while cotton bagging, used by the Southern farmers, is on the dutiable list.

Cotton bagging, he said, was placed on the free list in the senate. Senator Aldrich accepting the amendment without protest. In fact, he said, the senator from Rhode Island gave the Southern senators to understand that he would stand for the amendment in conference. But it seems, he added, that Senator Lodge was strong enough to kill the amendment.

If the Southern senator had had any idea that the conferees would be any idea that the conferees would in conference have treated the South in such a fashion they would still be debating the tariff bill.

The South Carolina senator said such treatment of the South was a rank discrimination against one section of the country as in favor of another.

No Jobs for Democrats.

Washington, August 4.—Applicants for positions as supervisors of the census in South Carolina should apply to L. W. C. Blalock and J. G. Capers. For some time The News and Courier correspondent has made repeated efforts to ascertain what line of policy Director Durand, of the census bureau, would follow with regard to the appointment of census supervisors in the South, especially in South Carolina. Mr. Durand has apparently been as much in the dark as any one else, but gradually little by little his plans are unfolding.

To members of the South Carolina delegation in congress, who have impertuned Mr. Durand for some indication as to what he would do, the latter has been exceedingly stingy with his information. To-day, however, it is learned through one of the South Carolina members that Democrats are to fare very poorly when the appointments are made, if, indeed, any at all are recognized; that all applications, must have the Blalock-Capers "OK" before they will be given consideration; and that lastly, in counties like Beaufort and Charleston, where there is a large negro population, the latter are to be rewarded with appointments as enumerators in many of the sections where the negroes outnumber the whites.

Representative Patterson, who saw Director Durand to-day about the matter, informed the director that it would not do to appoint negro enumerators, and he further informed him that so far as the white people of Beaufort and other counties in South Carolina are concerned, they would not stand for it. It was then practically decided that negroes should work only in negro sections and white men in white sections. It came out in the interview that Capers and Blalock would probably advise all applications before final action.

Mr. Capers has acted with considerable courtesy to the members of the delegation who have approached him about the matter, taking into consideration the fact that he could hardly be supposed to fall in with their plans for the appointment of Democrats. There is no fault, therefore, with him.

From all over South Carolina applications for these places are pouring in, but no appointments would be made, this correspondent was today informed, before October 1.

PATRICIDE RELEASED ON BOND.

Mississippi who Killed His Father Pleads Self-Defense.

Quitman, Miss., August 7.—Ollie Williams, charged with the murder of his father, J. C. Williams, several weeks ago, was released on bond after preliminary hearing to-day. Williams pleaded self-defense and testified that his father had threatened to kill him on several occasions. Several of his sisters and brothers said that the elder Williams required them to sell whiskey and made their home a resort for drunken negroes.

Signs Tariff Bill.

Washington, August 6.—President Taft at 5:06 o'clock this afternoon signed the tariff bill at the capitol soon after the senate had finally passed the measure and both houses had adopted the concurrent resolution making shoes made partly of calf skin, dutiable at 10 per cent. The house adjourned sine die at 5:38 p. m.

President Taft issued a statement to-night subsequent to signing the new tariff bill, declaring that while the measure is not by any means perfect it is a sincere and honest effort to carry out platform pledges and embodies a real revision downward.

WOMAN CUTS NEGRO'S THROAT.

Hotel Porter Enters Lady's Room and Receives Wound at Her Hands.

Gainesville, Ga., August 6.—Edwin Matthews, colored, night porter at a local hotel, early this morning had his throat cut by Mrs. Mamie Lawson for entering her room through a window.

Mrs. Lawson arrived last night from Jefferson, Ga., and was assigned to her room, Matthews being directed by the night clerk to perform this duty. Later, Matthews knocked on the door and asked to enter to see about a key, which he did.

Mrs. Lawson became uneasy after the negro left, and fastened her door securely, the negro having acted queerly.

Between 1 and 2 o'clock this morning she was awakened by some one sitting on the side of her bed. She instantly grabbed a knife, which she had placed under her pillow, and cut the negro's throat, inflicting a serious wound.

Matthews was then carried to the county jail, where he was kept until 3 o'clock this afternoon, when Sheriff Crow carried him to Atlanta for safe keeping, intense feeling having been engendered by the negro's action.

In the Cause of Good Teeth.

Rude dentistry was practiced at least two centuries before the opening of the Christian era. Scientific dentistry is a development of the last century. Proper appreciation of the teeth is a quality yet to be thoroughly cultivated among the masses, even of civilized nations. There is fresh and startling proofs of its lack in the report following the recent examination of nearly 500 school children from the tenements of New York.

Only 14 of these young pupils were found with sound teeth. There were 2,808 unsound teeth among the 486 children. But 25 of the lot had received dental attention in other form than by extraction. The boys and girls examined were of the number who have applied for permits to leave school and go to work. Assuming that they fairly represent in their dental conditions the larger part of the humbler school army, a tremendous field is revealed for the work of the philanthropic clinic and for a campaign of education among parents.

Bad teeth are not bad for themselves alone. They influence the general health and affect depressingly the vitality of their possessors. In Germany insurance companies find it well to look after the mouths of their clients. Among the best physicians everywhere the importance is now understood of taking the teeth into consideration in the work of diagnosis and prescription.

The truth cannot be too urgently and persistently spread that care of the teeth is even more important to the physical welfare than it is essential to personal cleanliness.—New York World.

McLendon's Suspension Approved.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 5.—S. G. McLendon, chairman of the State railroad commission, who was removed by Former Gov. Hoke Smith, stands suspended, the house late this afternoon adopting the resolution of suspension by a vote of 129 to 40. The senate had previously taken similar action.

While Gov. Smith removed McLendon for the latter's alleged favoritism to the railroads, a legislative investigation committee developed the fact that McLendon had been dealing in street railway bonds. This is declared to be in violation of the law.

McLendon, it is stated, will appeal to the courts in an effort to retain his position on the commission.

Post-Hole Digger Used for Killing.

Butler, Ga., Aug. 5.—As a result of a dispute over a small business transaction between renter and land owner Tuesday afternoon near Butler, M. C. Daniel, aged 60, was slain by A. J. Peacock, a young farmer, about 25 years old, who interceded for his father, T. J. Peacock.

The implement used was a post-hole digger, with which A. J. Peacock struck McDaniel one blow over the left eye, causing death in about two hours.

T. J. Peacock and McDaniel were brothers-in-law and neighbors, and their families have been the best of friends for many years until Tuesday.

At the time of the trouble McDaniel was engaged in helping the older Peacock put up a wire fence with the assistance of the latter's son and other members of both families, including the wife of the man killed, all of whom witnessed the unfortunate occurrence.

At the inquest held conflicting statements were made by the witnesses. The coroner's jury, in arriving at a verdict, placed the blame upon young Peacock, who surrendered to the sheriff of Taylor county and is now in jail awaiting commitment trial.

All parties are prominent farmers.

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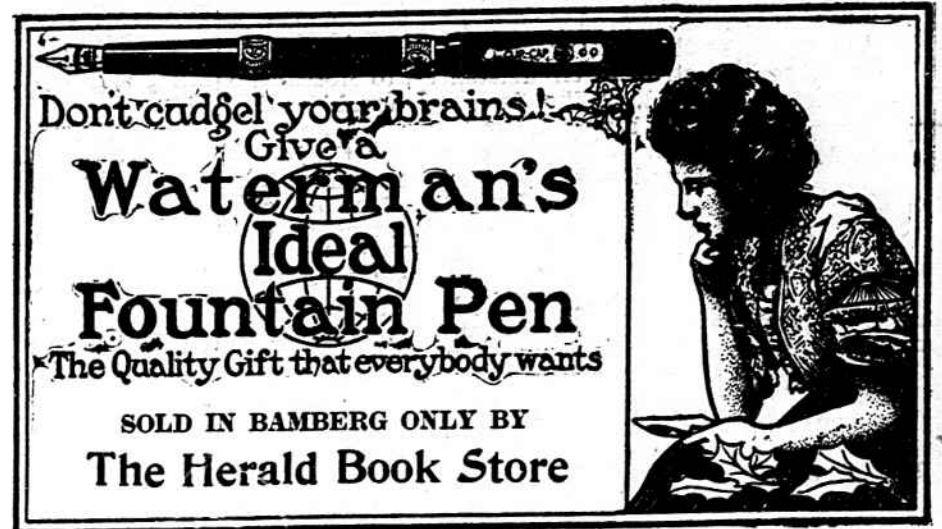
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