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LEGISLATIVE DOINGS.

Our Solons are all well and talking vigorously at this writing and fighting lustily at \$4.00 per day, with no fear of their landlady's bills disturbing their dreams. The Appropriation Bills are on and the State Fair gets \$2,400, THE ADVERTISER to the contrary notwithstanding. The Legislature having refused to appropriate any moneys for the Atlanta show, Gov. Evans got up one of his own, consisting of the Dispensary mostly, in most interesting and luxuriously fixed up jugs and other so-called "packages," and went over to Atlanta with twenty thousand mollah, borrowing \$6,000 from the banks, as it were to pay the piper. There was a hard fight over fixing this up, the lion-like Williams, (Leon), of Edgefield, standing hip and talking like a little man against such a precedent of abuse of power. An ingenious turn—what a noble talent, cunning, the genius of Reynard,—was given the matter when it was resolved to buy the exhibit and send it on to Chicago for the summer Cotton States Show. If it ever gets back from Chicago, then these Westerners are not the thirsty souls that we usually encounter down this way in our droughty arid atmosphere. The Lake up there may liquify their swallows and neutralize the cravings that beset the hot Southerner. Then again sending out tempting display of liquors among the youth of that pure people may corrupt the whole coming generation and a worse sin than slavery and war will be on the skirts of us poor secessionists and lynchers. But our \$6,000 is up the spot. Townsend, the ex-radical, spoke up for the purchase and the honor of the State. Probably our handy young Attorney General hinted the artful dodge, and this we surmise from that Napoleonic twist by which he saved \$103,000 from the liquor traffic and saved us from being clean busted and as completely used up as a poor tenant farmer with a lean on his crop and a mortgage on his sweet tater patch.

The State Colleges get about their usual allowance, Walt Whitman, of Union, to the contrary. We want our readers to understand our position clearly on these high educational institutions. The College at Columbia, at Clemson, at the Citadel at Charleston are useful schools, especially for the poor; and we desire to see the State making it practicable for people of moderate means to give their bright and promising sons a chance for higher education. Thus, while we are appropriating nearly a million for the common schools, to higher education one-fifth as much is no extravagance and is but sensible and right. Besides, these higher schools are open to every boy in the State. Of course "we have the poor with us always" and the time will still be that some poor man or woman hardly able to eke out a support will be unable to do without the labor of her children daily to secure bread. It will be a long while yet before we attain Eutopia and the dream of Plato, that the republic is disgraced, where an idle man, a pauper, or unfortunate of any sort should be found. The true position is that as many children as possible should be aided by the State to get primary education, and higher education should likewise be encouraged, if we hope to compete in the race of power and population with the States and nations of the earth.

Laurens city has leaved to issue bonds to float an old debt of \$3,000 and this is a convenience for the present, and a like measure will in all likelihood be the same to the next generation when they are slapt on the shoulder and reminded of the little trifling obligation. But may be they shall have free silver, don't you know, and the stuff shimmer on trees. So there may be luck in leisure—as well as convenience.

Hereafter railroads, it is probable, can only charge for passenger fares not exceeding three cents a mile. There was a stout debate over an income tax, a Mr. Pollock championing the measure. This colloquy between him and Mr. Patton:

Mr. Pollock said if he was shown a country devoid of millionaires and pauper she would show a happy people. Mr. Patton suggested that there was only one such country.

Mr. Pollock:—"What—France?" Mr. Patton:—"No—Heaven."

Mr. Pollock spoke for hours at an expense to the State of several hundred dollars. Mr. Pollock hails from the East, but should not be mistaken for one of the wise men. However, he should be classed among the innocents.

The levy for Laurens will be as follows: For State 4 Mills; for county 2; rail roads 3; add to this the constitutional school tax, 3 mills. The Temperance people attacked the Dispensary law with a bill providing that liquors should only be sold for medicinal, mechanical and church purposes, and not to make a profit. They were beaten horse, foot and dragons, the Solons remembering that the Dispensary pulled them out of a hole deeper than the lowest depths, enabling them to hold on till the ideas of March and round the long course to the quarter stretch at \$4.00 per diem. The repeal of the free pass law passed by the House was squelched by the Senators, and now the whole lay out must buy tickets as ordinary mortals. The matter of free tickets to the Charleston free lunch counters should be looked into. While there has been much talking, the "gold bug" has not been so busy as it has been.

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ure that the Laurens delegation has not filled the Journals with unnecessary measures nor taxed the State with much mounthing. Their home constituency will thank them. At this writing the 7th of this month has been agreed on for adjournment. The sessions began on the 14th of January and will cost more than a cool thousand a day. In the meanwhile the whole State clamors for an adjournment, a short session and economical being needed if ever, and strongly urged by the Governor in his message, THE ADVERTISER agreeing with him on this one point.

County School Commissioners are hereafter to be called county School Superintendents. The State will have a school depository in each county.

An admirer of Rev. Sam Jones, Evangelist, desired to turn over the hall of the house to the preacher one night last week. Jones goes armed to the teeth and loaded down with shot and shrapnel for liquor vendors and erring ways of legislators, and on that proposition one Carroll got the floor and talked out the time to adjournment, holding the floor; thus, having his name coupled with the great Evangelist he may leave "foot prints on the sands of time."

When the terrapin bill came on for action the "citizen" was very much interested; he did not know that there was a "commissioner of terrapins." Berkeley, of Charleston proposed to send up a thousand pound cooler as a kindergarten object lesson for the mountain members—Anderson, Pickens and Oconee. Greenallice he excused, as having a fair hack at the free lunch on board the Sapho last week—the Greenville members know all about the Saphic ode—and sometimes they speak in Greek. Fish, ducks, terrapins absorbed a large share of last week's debate. Our "citizen" is all abroad and our readers will sincerely sympathize with him. A Mr. Burns, who we believe hails from the Tenorite cliffs of Oconee don't want the cost of partition of intestates lands to cost over fifteen per cent. of the value. How beautiful for the snap fraternity and the Court officers of Oconee if they have plucked the pigeons of that region at that figure. It is a burning shame that Mr. Burns has not before this reached the theatre of his reforms.—Mr. Burns sympathizes with "the poor women and children." Mr. Burns certainly never heard of Judges Wallace and Hudson who didn't allow women and children robbed when they were on the bench. It is sad news from the mountains, whence we expect all purity and noble examples of fair dealing.

Senator Fuller, of Laurens, introduced a very sensible resolution, to take all but \$30,000 of the privilege tax from Clemons and give it to the dear girls at the Winthrop College.

On next Saturday is fixed for closing up the show—and we will have but one more opportunity to deal with our Statesmen. Our great complaint is, that they have taken up too much time in gab; while they have passed little needed legislation, we trust they have done little harm except in the matter of eighty thousand dollars of the peoples money which they have spent.

Mr. Breeland of Berkeley, complained to the House that Dennis the Senator of his county cursed him vigorously to the shame of the army in Flanders. The House took advice from their great lawyers who reported that there was no constitutional interdiction against that sort of vulgarity and Breeland must resort to the forum of conscience and public opinion for satisfaction.—There is danger of his own name being "Dennis."

Getting out of the Woods. J. W. Bowden, member national committee, S. C., American Silver Party, has issued an address calling for immediate organization independent of the old parties. These, the address denounces as enemies of the people and plutocratic.

Bowden is the whilom editor of the Alliance organ of this State, now a statesman out of a job. The movement will be embarrassing to brother Tillman and other leaders and following. They must now choose which mistress they will serve—under which banner they will enlist. The issue is forced and it will be out of the question to pose as democrats and coquette with the populists, silverites and other parties. In one respect it will be fortunate for Benjamin—he may be forced into one or the other ranks and find out where he is at.—Hitherto he hails to the East, he hails to the West, he flaps his wings over the cuckoo's nest—never falling however to feather Benjamin's nest. For any others in this State holding themselves as democrats it would be fortunate. As matters now stand the outside world regards this State as the blind followers of Tillman, the following under the denomination of Tillmanites, and the platform of principles—Tillmanism. Bowden's movement may locate us all and has an honest merit.

Senator Tillman is reported visiting New York. We need not worry. The gold brick dodge won't work with Benjamin. Wall Street, however, should be on its p's and q's.

SCHEDULE C. N. & L. R. R.

The new schedule on the Columbia, Newberry & Laurens Road went into effect last Wednesday and runs as follows: No. 52. Passenger from Columbia, arrives at Laurens 1.35 p. m. No. 53. Passenger, leaves Laurens for Columbia, 2.00 p. m. No. 2. Mixed, from Columbia to Laurens, arrives 3.30 p. m. No. 1. Mixed, leaves Laurens for Columbia, 6.30 a. m. No. 3. Local freight from Laurens to Columbia, leaves 9.30 a. m. No. 4. Local freight from Columbia to Laurens, arrives 6.00 p. m.

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Broxton Bridge. That horror of horrors, the murder of a negro boy and his old mother in Colleton county, December last culminated in the trial and acquittal of the accused, four white men, for the murder of the woman. The verdict was rendered on Tuesday night last. It is a disgraceful verdict, reflecting on the civilization of that section of the State. The indictment is still pending against the parties for the murder of the man. But it will be a blunder if the Solicitor does not enter a nolle prosequi in the case. One crime is enough at a time—even the small matter of murder—let no temptation to perjury be thrown in the way of twelve christian gentlemen of the best people in that county, to blacken the reputation of the State. The evidence adduced on the trial last week was strong as proofs of holy writ, so far as may be judged from reports. The Solicitor did his duty manfully and ably in the teeth of a distardly public sentiment. The character of the populace may be judged by the fact that it undertook to overawe the witnesses and allowed the Solicitor and Judge to escape outrage and insult. In 1879 White, a white man and fully as respectable as the very gentlemanly gentlemen who have been vindicated by a Colleton jury was convicted and hanged for the killing of a negro boy. Spartanburg jurors should pass on the Bronson case. By no means proceed with the farce. It costs something to play court.

The Wrong Metal. Some admiring constituent has sent to Ben Tillman a silver pitchfork with which he now practices prodding his letters in opening them. The admirer should have selected gold as the metal. Tillman was born with a silver spoon in his mouth, cultivates his thousands of acres, enjoys the siren lowing of cattle upon a thousand hills, has had salaries of thousands for years and gold would have been in closer affinity to his conditions. Tillman's speech alone is silver.

The ADVERTISER is not apt to quibble over small matters. But there are two things, you three things the Legislature has done that we regard totally inexcusable. One, the payment of the six thousand dollars to Governor Evans expended on the Atlanta business. Second; the appropriation of two thousand and four hundred dollars to the private arrangement, called the State Fair; and last but not the least the taking of near two hundred thousand dollars from the Dispensary School funds by a dodge worthy of Quirk, Gammon & Snap, that lovely firm of attorneys, we read about.

The verdict of the jurors in the case of the Broxton Bridge lynchings indicates a brutal want of conscience which threatens the very foundation stones of Christian civilization.—Columbia Register.

All right, except—the styling of this incident a lynching. When an entire community has been aroused by some dastardly outrage and inflict death unlawfully, the case may rise to the dignity of a lynching. This was a cold blooded murder by a half dozen brutes—a private secret enterprise.

The fines imposed on the blind tigers are paying the expenses of the Courts, they say, and this is an argument in support of the dispensary. And so, we should arm our rich men with Winchester and have them commit assaults, and slaughter their neighbors that the Courts might impose heavy fines upon them and thus enrich the State.

Mr. Pollock wants a country without millionaires (very good), and nobody poor, (better still). But the philanthropical Lycurgus should reflect: that the poor of the State maintain our dispensary which pays our taxes.

Evangelist Moody is in Charleston. The excursion of the General Assembly came a week too soon. Something is always going awkward in poor old South Carolina.

Committee Reports are unanimously in favor of Latimer and McLaurin holding their seats against McLean and Wilson, republican contestants.

Even the Abbeville Press and Banner crieth aloud: "Come home, gentlemen."

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NOTICE TO Executors, Administrators, Etc. Executors, Guardians, Administrators and others, acting in a fiduciary capacity, will please take notice that the law requires them to make their annual returns from the 1st of January to the 1st of March. O. G. THOMPSON, Judge Probate of Laurens Co. Dec. 2, 1895—4—t

SOUTHERN RAILWAY. Condensed Schedule in Effect FEBRUARY 23rd, 1896. STATIONS. Daily No. 11. Lv. Charleston 7:30 a. m. Ar. Columbia 11:30 a. m. Ar. Prosperity 12:30 p. m. Ar. Newberry 12:35 p. m. Ar. Ninety Six 1:00 p. m. Ar. Greenwood 1:50 p. m. Ar. Red Bank 2:30 p. m. Ar. Abbeville 3:00 p. m. Ar. Bolton 3:15 p. m. Ar. Anderson 3:45 p. m. Ar. Greenville 4:35 p. m. Ar. Aikens 5:00 p. m. STATIONS. Daily No. 12. Lv. Greenville 10:30 a. m. Ar. Piedmont 11:00 a. m. Ar. Union 11:21 a. m. Ar. Anderson 11:00 a. m. Ar. Bolton 11:40 a. m. Ar. Ninety Six 12:00 p. m. Ar. Greenwood 12:25 p. m. Ar. Red Bank 1:00 p. m. Ar. Newberry 1:30 p. m. Ar. Prosperity 2:28 p. m. Ar. Columbia 3:00 p. m. Ar. Charleston 3:00 p. m. Daily No. 13. STATIONS. Daily No. 14. Lv. Columbia 8:00 p. m. Ar. Charleston 11:10 a. m. Lv. Columbia 8:00 p. m. Ar. Abbeville 12:00 p. m. Lv. Columbia 8:00 p. m. Ar. Union 12:50 p. m. Lv. Columbia 8:00 p. m. Ar. Ninety Six 1:40 p. m. Lv. Columbia 8:00 p. m. Ar. Greenwood 2:30 p. m. Lv. Columbia 8:00 p. m. Ar. Red Bank 3:20 p. m. Lv. Columbia 8:00 p. m. Ar. Abbeville 4:10 p. m. Lv. Columbia 8:00 p. m. Ar. Bolton 5:00 p. m. Lv. Columbia 8:00 p. m. Ar. Anderson 5:50 p. m. Lv. Columbia 8:00 p. m. Ar. Greenville 6:40 p. m. Lv. Columbia 8:00 p. m. Ar. Aikens 7:30 p. m.

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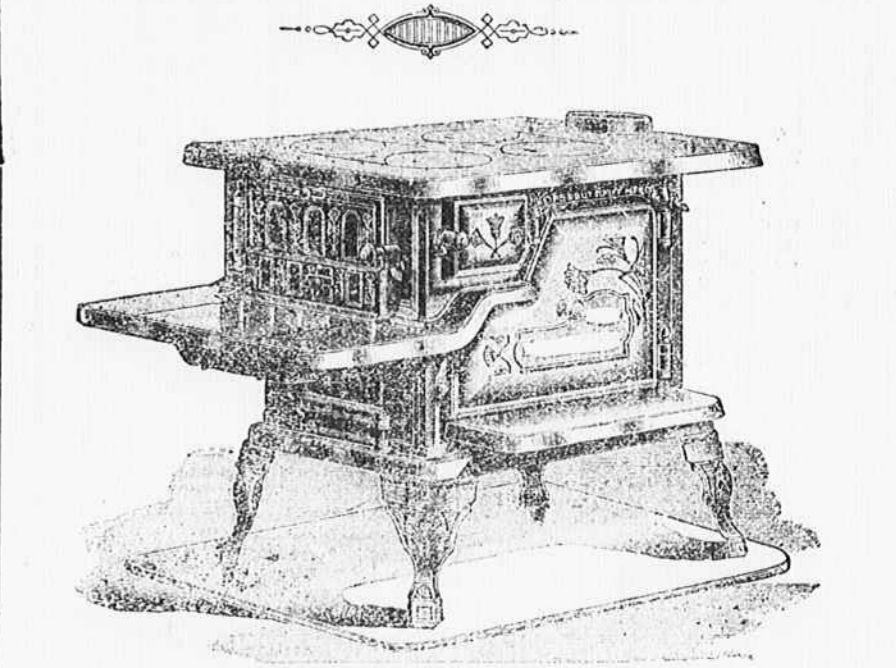
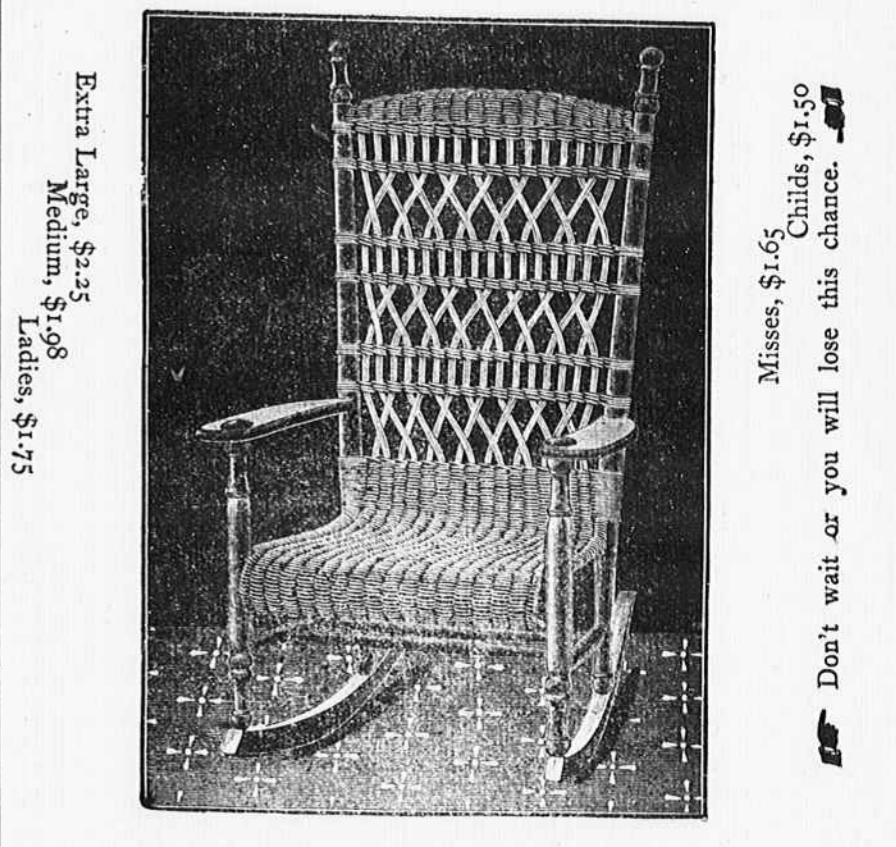
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NOTICE. All persons selling pistols and cartridges &c., in Laurens county must pay their license at once. R. P. ADAIR, County Supervisor. Jan. 25, 1896—25— \$25 REWARD. The above will be paid for the delivery of Arch Johnson, alias Chalmers, an escaped convict, to the Laurens chain gang, Laurens, S. C. He escaped Dec. 31, last. Johnson is a negro, 45 years old, five feet 10 inches high, ginger-colored, nearly bald, upper eye teeth missing, hair inclined to be straight, turns his feet outward walking and has a drawing accent. R. P. ADAIR, County Supervisor. Jan. 13, 1896,— NOTICE. AT a regular meeting of the County Board of Commissioners, held 1st Monday in January, 1896, it was ordered that the license for Peddlers and Tankers will remain the same as heretofore. By order of R. P. ADAIR, County Supervisor. J. A. MADDEN, School Commissioner L. O. Jan. 14, 1896.