

GOSSIP OF THE CAPITOL

State Officials to Make Few Recommendations to General Assembly--Some Proposed Work for the Legislature.

(From The Columbia State)

All State officials are working on the annual reports of the various departments for the year, and the indications are that there will be few recommendations. A majority of the State officials have come to the conclusion that suggestions made to the general assembly do not receive very much consideration unless pushed, and therefore they will this year have little to say.

Income Tax.

Comptroller General Jones has been wrestling during the year with the enforcement of the income tax law and the amount collected is just about the same as last year. A revised list of taxpayers has been sent to several of the counties, and a few additional names have been reported. For several years Mr. Jones has recommended to the general assembly the abolishment of the law or that provision be made for its strict enforcement. The legislature has practically ignored these suggestions. The recommendation will be repeated this year.

Tax Levy.

Estimates are soon to be furnished the comptroller general by the heads of departments to make up the estimate for the expenses of the government which will be furnished the ways and means committee. It is estimated that approximately \$1,000,000 will be required this year, and this will mean a State tax levy of about five and three-fourths mills, the same as last year. Under the existing conditions it is necessary to borrow about \$500,000 annually for the actual running expenses of the government. This money is borrowed at a very low rate of interest by the State financial board.

Money Needed.

The State treasurer needs some money. About \$500,000 will be required to meet all of the necessary expenses of the State by the end of the year. Part of this amount will be used to pay up the notes of which the loan of \$500,000 is made up, and a large amount will be needed for the interest on the State debt. The county treasurers are sending in the State tax money very slowly, and all are urged to pay up as soon as possible. The collection of taxes was begun on October 15, and only about \$75,000 has been received so far. R. H. Jennings, the State treasurer, will soon prepare his annual report to the general assembly. He will very probably send in his report without recommendations.

New State Capitol.

The question of enlarging the capitol is being generally discussed. The plans for enlarging the State house were prepared by A. W. Todd, a member of the house from Charleston. The plans contemplate the expenditure of about \$1,500,000 during the next three years.

Room Needed.

All State officials realize that more room is needed for the various departments. Under the present conditions the offices of the railroad commission, insurance department and department of education are not located in the State capitol. During the session of the legislature the offices of the State department of agriculture are moved to another building. Conditions in the supreme court room are crowded, and more room is needed in that department for the office of clerk, where the records of the court are kept and in the library.

Much Progress Shown.

The report of the secretary of state R. M. McCown, will show that approximately \$27,000,000 in new capital has been invested in South Carolina during the year. The office fees this year are several thousand dollars in excess of last year. The statistics from his office shows that Greenville county leads in the matter of new capital invested. He will devote a chapter of his report to the control of certain corporations. This section of the report will be announced later.

Elections.

Much of the time of the general assembly will be taken up with the election of several officers. There will be elected a chief justice and associate justice of the supreme court several circuit judges, three directors of the State penitentiary, insurance commissioner, trustees of the various State institutions where vacancies occur, a State librarian. A number of candidates for the various places have already been mentioned.

Whiskey Sale.

Mr. H. Mobley, State dispensary auditor, is going to issue his annual report on the sales of the dispensaries in six counties of the State. Mr. Mobley estimates that the sales for the year will approximate \$2,000,000.

It is estimated that the operating expenses will amount to about \$100,000.

Reports.

There will be several interesting reports filed with the legislature by legislative commissions. It is said that the report of the State dispensary commission has been completed and will be transmitted to the general assembly through the governor. The asylum commission will also make report as to the work for the year at State Park. The commission was authorized to expend \$200,000 during the year to relieve the congested condition at the State Hospital for the Insane. More than 2,000 acres of land has been purchased near the city for about \$50,000, and work on the improvement of the place is progressing nicely. It is expected that the general assembly will make provision for the future development of the property.

College Reports.

The report for the year on Clemson college has been completed by Dr. W. M. Riggs, the president, and is in the hands of the State superintendent of education. This report will be announced in a few days. The annual report of Winthrop College has also been completed. The reports will show that both institutions have passed through a most successful year. The report for the University of South Carolina will also be sent to the legislature. This report will show that excellent work has been done during the year, and that the usefulness of the institution to the State is increasing.

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Among all the great big dailies I love it best of all.
And cheerfully unfold it, and read each item through;
How they fill my heart with gladness though they simple seem to you.
Bill Hogan's just married and Aunt Eliza's got the grip.
And Hen Davis and his daughter is on an auto trip.
How many great big taters was raised on Seranton's farm.
And how little Mandy Starbird is singing like a charm.
How Ralph Parker's awful busy a'fixing up his shed.
And Dan Duffy's old horse Nero is numbered with the dead.
How Jake Horn and his son Willie 's yarding in the logs
And Ned Hudson's still a-drinking and going to the dogs.
And I see the Chester homestead has passed to other hands
And the children, all that's left of them, now live in other lands.
There was one among their number that was once quite dear to me,
And I used to think--Well, never mind, I found 'twas not to be.
Oh, the coming from the old home of that little weekly prize,
Though sometimes it brings a sadness and a teardrop to our eyes.
How lovingly we read along each item to the end,
An echo from the old home, so like an old time friend.
How useless seems the struggle for stock and bonds and cash.
Oft times they lose their luring and all the lot seems trash.
How freely we would give them all to be a boy once more
And come in again to mother, in through the open door.
--Selected.

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Chains
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Tie Clasps
Cigar Cutters
Fobs
Match Boxes
Cigarette Cases

Silver, Cut Glass, Etc.

Silver Toilet Sets
Silver Dep. Ware
Water Pitchers
Glasses
Dishes
Sugar and Cream Sets
Coffee or Tea Sets
Spoons
Knives and Forks
Olive Dishes
Bowls
Pitchers
Brassware
China, Hand Painted
Pottery

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Change in Schedules, effective 12:01 a. m. Sunday, Nov. 26, 1911.
Westbound Trains. Eastbound Trains.
Main Line--Spartanburg Division--Spartanburg-Augusta.
N. B.--The following schedule figures are published only as information and not guaranteed.

| 3 | 1 | Stations | 2 | 4 |
|----------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|
| 4:20 p m | 7:15 a m | Lv Augusta Ar | 12:10 p m | 10:25 p m |
| 4:48 | 7:44 | Martinez | 11:40 | 9:55 |
| 4:57 | 7:53 | Evans | 11:32 | 9:47 |
| 5:08 | 8:05 | Woodlawn | 11:19 | 9:34 |
| 5:25 | 8:28 | Clarks Hill | 11:04 | 9:19 |
| 5:35 | 8:33 | Modoc | 10:53 | 9:08 |
| 5:43 | 8:41 | Parksville | 10:43 | 8:59 |
| 5:54 | 8:52 | Plum Branch | 10:34 | 8:48 |
| 6:05 | 9:03 | McCormick | 10:22 | 8:36 |
| 6:21 | 9:19 | Troy | 10:04 | 8:18 |
| 6:32 | 9:30 | Bradley | 9:53 | 8:07 |
| 6:42 | 9:42 | Verdery | 9:42 | 7:56 |
| 7:01 | 10:01 | Greenwood | 9:25 | 7:39 |
| 7:20 | 10:20 | Coronaca | 9:08 | 7:20 |
| 7:37 | 10:37 | Waterloo | 8:52 | 7:04 |
| 7:47 | 10:47 | Cold Point | 8:42 | 6:54 |
| 7:55 | 10:55 | Maddens | 8:35 | 6:47 |
| 8:10 | 11:10 | Laurens | 8:20 | 6:32 |
| 8:28 | 11:28 | Ora | 8:05 | 6:15 |
| 8:35 | 11:35 | Lanford | 7:56 | 6:08 |
| 8:40 | 11:40 | Enoree | 7:51 | 6:03 |
| 8:56 | 11:56 | Woodruff | 7:35 | 5:47 |
| 9:08 | 12:08 p m | Switzer | 7:22 | 5:34 |
| 9:14 | 12:14 | Moore | 7:16 | 5:28 |
| 9:24 | 12:24 | Roebuck | 7:07 | 5:19 |
| 9:40 p m | 12:40 p m | Ar Spartanburg Lv | 6:50 a m | 5:02 p m |

Greenville Branch--Laurens-Greenville.

| *55 | 52 | Station | *51 | 53 |
|----------|----------|------------------|----------|-----------|
| 8:10 p m | 2:35 p m | Lv Laurens Ar | 8:20 a m | 1:45 p m |
| 8:28 | 2:54 | Barksdale | 8:03 | 1:29 |
| 8:34 | 3:01 | Gray Court | 7:57 | 1:22 |
| 8:38 | 3:05 | Owings | 7:53 | 1:17 |
| 8:50 | 3:17 | Fountain Inn | 7:40 | 1:05 |
| 9:07 | 3:30 | Simpsonville | 7:29 | 12:50 |
| 9:12 | 3:42 | Mauldin | 7:17 | 12:38 |
| 9:30 p m | 4:00 p m | Ar Greenville Lv | 7:00 a m | 12:20 p m |

*54 and 55 are daily except Sunday.
ERNEST WILLIAMS, G. P. A., August 26, Ga.
A. W. ANDERSON, SUPT., August 26, Ga.

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| *54 | 53 | Station | 52 | *55 |
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| 8:20 a m | 2:12 p m | Lv Laurens Ar | 2:12 p m | 7:55 p m |
| 8:44 | 2:35 | Clinton | 1:50 | 7:35 |
| 9:32 | 3:20 | Newberry | 12:56 | 6:44 |
| 9:50 | 3:34 | Prosperity | 12:42 | 6:26 |
| 11:15 | 4:55 | Ar Columbia Lv | 11:15 | 5:00 |
| 11:15 | 4:55 | Ar Columbia Lv | 11:15 | 5:00 |
| | 6:20 | Ar Sumter Lv | 9:41 | |
| | 10:00 p m | Ar Charleston Lv | 8:15 a m | |

*Trains 54 and 55 run solid between Greenville and Columbia daily except Sunday. These trains stop at Garvias St. Station, while train 52 and 53 go to Union Station.
Solid through trains between Greenville and Charleston via Laurens and Columbia.

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