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## APPROPRIATION BILL CARRIES \$2,384,499.02

Important Measure Sent in  
by Chairman Liles

## FEES AND LICENSES REDUCE THE TOTAL

Bill Provides for a Tax Levy of 6 1-2  
Mills, Which is to Cover All State  
Government Expenses, Less than  
Last Year.

Columbia, Jan. 29.—The general appropriation bill went into the House today and Chairman Liles has the distinction of having introduced this most important measure earlier than it has ever before been presented. The committee members, Chief Clerk Malcolm Miller and Mr. J. C. Townsend, chief clerk of the engrossing department, all worked with persistency to get the bill into the House today so that it could be ready for consideration on Monday.

The essential point of the bill is that it provides for a tax levy of 6 1-2 mills, which is to cover all of the expenses of the State government. Notwithstanding the very heavy demands the appropriation bill shows a net reduction in the total of \$79,260.80.

It will be interesting to note how continuously the appropriation bill has hung around the two million dollar mark. These figures will be interesting:

1914	\$2,213,675.54
1915	2,463,759.82
1916	2,384,499.02

It is very much easier to undertake to make reductions in an appropriation bill than it is to accomplish this.

Chairman Liles in a talk with the newspaper men after the introduction of the bill had this comment to make:

"The committee has faithfully endeavored to serve the best interests of the State. We did not appropriate in accordance with our desires, but we believe we appropriated as the condition of the State's finances justified. The most careful consideration has been given every item and we feel sure that the actual needs of every department and every institution have been supplied, and we think we have provided funds for extension and improvements where the needs for such were great. The work of the committee has been absolutely harmonious. All differences were settled in the committee room and we are ready to stand by our work. I cannot speak too highly of the faithfulness of the members of the committee. It has been a day and night job since January 11. We are hopeful that the results of our efforts will prove satisfactory to the people of the State. It will be noted that for ordinary State purposes we have appropriated less than \$2,000,000. The amount for pensions and for the improvement of the State Hospital for the Insane increases the total as shown. We have carried out the resolution of the committee to keep the amount raised by levy within \$2,000,000 and have reduced the levy one-half mill."

The appropriation bill is a very long document, consisting of forty-two itemized sections, but the following recapitulation will show where the committee expects the State to use its funds:

Section 2, governor's office	\$ 16,830.00
Section 3, Secretary of State's office	6,920.00
Section 4, Comptroller General's office	9,500.00
Section 5, Insurance commissioner's office	10,595.00
Section 6, State Treasurer's office	8,600.00
Section 7, Superintendent of Education's office	15,340.00
Section 8, Adjutant General's office	23,831.56
Section 9, Attorney General's office	6,045.00
Section 10, Railroad commissioner's office	15,800.00
Section 11, Public schools	298,500.00
Section 12, State Librarian's office	2,559.03
Section 13, Public buildings	2,470.00
Section 14, State electrician and engineer	23,005.00
Section 15, Catawba Indians	7,500.00
Section 16, Department of agriculture, commerce and industries	4,000.00
Section 17, Judicial department	106,670.00
Section 18, Health department	48,816.25

## MRS. ADDIE FEATHERSTONE DIES IN GREENWOOD.

Mother of Hon. C. C. Featherstone and Sister of Mr. J. H. Sullivan and Mrs. W. A. Clarke.

Mrs. E. Addie Featherstone, mother of Hon. C. C. Featherstone, died in Greenwood Saturday. She was a frequent visitor here when the Featherstones were residents of Laurens, and had numerous friends who learned to know and admire her for her many admirable qualities. She had other relatives here also, being a sister of Mr. J. H. Sullivan and Mrs. W. A. Clarke. The following account of her death occurred in the Greenwood Daily Journal of Monday afternoon:

Mrs. E. Addie Featherstone died at the home of her son, Mr. C. C. Featherstone, on Cambridge street, Saturday afternoon at 6 o'clock after a long illness. The body was sent to Anderson Sunday afternoon and interment was made in Silver Brook Cemetery in that city.

Mrs. Featherstone was 75 years of age and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Washington Sullivan, of Laurens county. Her husband was Mr. J. C. C. Featherstone who passed away at Anderson several years ago. After the death of her husband and a daughter she moved to Greenwood and made her home with her son, who is the only surviving member of the family.

Besides her son she is survived by two brothers, Mr. George W. Sullivan of Williamston and Mr. J. H. Sullivan of Laurens, and three sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Garlington of Anderson, Mrs. Mary H. Goodjohn of Williamston and Mrs. W. A. Clarke of Laurens.

Mrs. Featherstone was one of the best known and most beloved women of this section of the state. She was a member of the Methodist church and had taken much interest in its affairs.

The following acted as pall bearers: Messrs. G. Cullen Sullivan, W. M. J. D., J. E. G. M., and W. H. Sullivan and Brooks and George S. Goodjohn. The services were conducted by Rev. L. P. McGee of this city, and Rev. J. W. Speake, of Anderson.

Section 19, State board of medical examiners	3,000.00
Section 20, Tax department	91,879.76
Section 21, University of South Carolina	97,051.01
Section 22, Winthrop Normal and Industrial College	117,695.78
Section 23, The Citadel, the military college of South Carolina	40,500.00
Section 24, School for the Deaf and the Blind	50,393.33
Section 25, State Colored Industrial and Mechanical College	15,009.09
Section 26, State Hospital for the Insane	117,000.90
Section 27, South Carolina Industrial School	37,000.00
Section 28, State Penitentiary	7,150.90
Section 29, Other charitable and penal purposes	3,100.00
Section 30, Chief game warden's office	4,332.00
Section 31, Historical commission	4,550.00
Section 32, Interest on the bonded debt	260,013.92
Section 33, Elections	48,285.90
Section 34, Expenses common to both houses	499.78
Section 35, The Senate	18,765.00
Section 36, The House of Representatives	35,052.20
Section 37, Engrossing department	6,644.00
Section 38, The Medical College of South Carolina	31,800.00
Section 39, State warehouse commissioner's office	10,000.00
Section 40, State board of charities and corrections	8,445.00
Section 41, Miscellaneous	136,307.37
Section 42, Pensions and Confederate Infirmary	360,000.00
Total	\$2,384,499.02

It is to be noted that the margin over \$2,000,000 is raised from fees and license charges ordinarily paid into the State treasury by the insurance and other departments.

No new buildings are provided for. The University of South Carolina did not get its law school building. Winthrop failed to get its new dormitory. The item for the State Hospital for the Insane shows a decrease of \$42,000, but this decrease is made to apply to the building and improvement work and the maintenance fund is increased.

Under the head of the department of agriculture the expenses are to be paid out of the fees collected through that office in connection with its various inspection taxes.

## MANNING PRAISES NIGHT SCHOOL WORK

Governor Sends Special Message to Legislature Together with Letters From Laurens County Pupils.

Columbia, Jan. 28.—Governor Manning sent a special message to the general assembly today in which he urged that the members give attention to the appeal of the pupils of the mill night school at Laurens. More than a score of letters from the pupils were embraced in the message. The pupils have been attending the night school at the Laurens mill village.

"I ask that you read these letters," said the governor. "Money spent in providing educational facilities for the people is an investment which will bring a rich return in an educated citizenship. The work that is being accomplished in these night schools already has proven its value and I commend it to your favorable consideration."

The pupils of the school made strong argument in their letters for continuance of the school.

One of the pupils, a man, said: "We are having a night school at the Laurens mill schoolhouse. We are receiving benefit out of it. We have arithmetic, spelling and letter writing and would love to have a night school during next winter and I hope you will help us to get an appropriation for a night school during next winter."

"We have had a night school for 12 nights," said another pupil, "and it has been a great benefit to us. We want to get a teacher for a night school during next winter. It would be appreciated and a larger number would attend."

Excerpts from other letters are:

"I have learned a lot in this time. It has been a great benefit to me and other people who could not read and write."

"I have learned a lot since I have been going to school."

"It has done a lot of good."

"There are about 75 people attending in all and I think if the state would furnish the money to hire a teacher they would take an interest in coming."

"We can't thank the teachers enough for coming over here and helping us to learn to read and write."

"We have had a night school here for 12 nights. Some of us who are grown have learned to write our first letters. We want three or four months of night school next winter."

"I want you all to make a move for us people here concerning a night school. We are interested in one and asking you representatives to appropriate money to run four or five months next winter, so all will appreciate it, and a teacher who is prepared for the work and one who will take interest in teaching us people a better success in life."

## CONSIDERING SOLICITORSHIP.

H. S. Blackwell, Esq., of this City, Will Run for Solicitor if Cooper Does Not.

H. S. Blackwell, Esq., well known young lawyer of this city and at one time a representative of the county in the lower branch of the Legislature, states that he expects to enter the race for solicitor of this circuit in case Mr. Cooper does not offer for reelection. At this time Mr. Cooper is being strongly urged to enter the race again for governor, but has given no definite statement as to his plans, so it is not known whether or not he will offer again for his present place. The circuit is composed of Abbeville, Greenwood, Newberry and Laurens counties.

Mr. Blackwell was raised near Due West and has a wide family connection in Abbeville county, besides a smaller connection in Greenwood county. He has strong friends in Newberry county, so with these advantages in his favor at the outset he expects to make a strong race.

## Selected as Senior Speaker.

Mr. Edwin Moseley, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Moseley, of this city, who is a senior at Wofford college this year, has been signally honored by being selected by the faculty as one of the four senior speakers at the commencement exercises in June. Mr. Moseley has made an enviable record during his college course, ranking very high in his class besides taking a five year course leading to the M. A. degree in four years.

## ENTERPRISING FIRM TO ENLARGE BUSINESS

Clardy & Wilson to Add Gents Furnishings to Their Line and Open New Store Room.

The enterprising firm of Clardy & Wilson, which has specialized in shoes and haberdashery for the past several years and which has enjoyed a very lucrative business, have decided to expand their operations by adding a varied line of gentlemen's furnishings. To meet the demands of their enlarged business they will occupy, in addition to their present quarters, the store-room adjoining them now occupied by Mr. H. Terry and which is owned by Mr. Wilson.

Mr. H. Terry, when asked about the contemplated changes yesterday, stated that he had several locations in the city in view, but that he had not yet closed any contract for any certain place. However, as his lease will not expire for some little time yet, he will have considerable time in which to make his plans for the future.

## MADE INTRUDER PRISONER.

Wiss Fuller, White Farmer near Mountville, Effectually Stops Raid on His House.

Wright Fuller, a young white farmer from the Mountville vicinity, was brought to the county jail Thursday morning by Deputy Sheriff Owens and Rural Policeman Sullivan, following a difficulty which had taken place at the home of Wiss Fuller, another farmer of that section, the night before. Wright Fuller, when he reached Laurens, was considerably bruised and banged up from the effects of the night's happenings. He was placed in jail in default of bond.

It appears that Wright Fuller and a friend, Clarence Smith, went to the home of Wiss Fuller Wednesday night considerably the worse for drink. Conversation waxed warm and Wright Fuller used objectionable language in the presence of the family. Objection was made to it by Mr. Fuller, whereat Wright Fuller became enraged and accompanied by his friend, left the house. He returned later with a shotgun to Wiss Fuller's home, making dire threats against Wiss Fuller. The latter, hearing the approach of the intruders, made his way around the house with his own gun and attacked Wright Fuller unawares. He felled him with the gun, then overpowered him and dragged him into the house where he tied him to a bed-post. Being thus secure against further attack, Clarence Smith not taking any interest in the latter proceedings, the alarm was given and word sent to the sheriff's office for officers to come down and make the arrest. Wiss Fuller stood watch by his prisoner the remainder of the night and until the officers came to relieve him the next morning.

Clarence Smith, who was arrested as an accessory in the crime, was released on bond. Wright Fuller is still in the county jail.

## BUYS TODD, SIMPSON CO. STOCK.

Owings & Owings Will Continue the Business at the Same Stand for the Present.

The stock of goods of Todd-Simpson Company, which was bought by Messrs. John Well and James Todd has been resold to the firm of Owings & Owings. The new owners have announced that they will continue to run this store as a branch of their present business and for the present it will remain at the same stand. The business will be in charge of Mr. J. R. Ellis, who has been with Todd, Simpson Company for a number of years and who is an experienced merchandise man. He will have as his assistants Messrs. Otis Huff and Walter Rutledge.

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## BUYS GASOLINE TRACTOR.

A small size gasoline tractor, crossing the public square Thursday afternoon, attracted much attention from passersby and particularly those interested in farming. The tractor was bought through the Brooks Hardware Company by the Messrs. Senn, who live several miles from the city beyond Watts Mills. The tractor is one of the 20 horse-power variety that is coming to be so popular all over the United States and will be used for breaking up land, sawing, ginning and other purposes. The purchasers are practical farmers and looked thoroughly into the feasibility of tractor farming in this section before buying. While there have been more or less experimentation with larger tractors in this county before, this is the first small tractor bought in this vicinity. They have been on the market only a few years. The total cost of the machine is around \$700 and is expected to do the work of a number of horses.

## Improving Interior.

J. D. Sexton & Son, the local contractors, have taken the contract to remodel the interior of Fleming Bros.' jewelry store by removing the partition near the rear end of the building and extending the metal ceiling decorations to the end of the building. At the same time, the ceiling will have fresh sills put in place to give a stronger support to the second floor. The work will be undertaken at once.

## S. C. CONGRESSMEN OPPOSE LABOR BILL

Byrnes, Nicholls and Ragsdale Take Active Part in Uphill Fight Against Child Labor Bill.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Representative Byrnes, Nicholls and Ragsdale took an active part in the fight on the Keating child labor bill when it was before the house this week, all making speeches against it. Mr. Nicholls made his maiden speech, and made a good impression.

The arguments used against the bill by the South Carolina members were that it was unconstitutional to begin with, and that it was neither needed or desired by the cotton mill operatives of the South, who would be the people most affected by it. They said they had received many petitions from the mill operatives protesting against the bill.

Representative Howard, of Atlanta was one of the advocates of the bill. In course of his remarks he criticized the South Carolina members for their stand, and intimated that the labor laws of Georgia were better than those of South Carolina. "The strong arm of the law protects the children in Georgia," he said.

"I am glad to hear that the strong arm of the law protects somebody in Georgia," retorted Mr. Byrnes, and this brought down the house.

Then Mr. Ragsdale got in a word and invited Mr. Howard's attention to the fact that no governor of South Carolina has ever treated by a mob, and the house seemed to enjoy his thrust, too.

Mr. Howard did not attempt any reply.

Messrs. Byrnes and Ragsdale offered a number of amendments, intended to cripple the bill, but all of them were rejected, as the sentiment of the house is overwhelmingly for the bill as it stands. The bill will come up again next Wednesday, and may be passed on that day. Its ultimate passage by the house by a large majority is conceded, but there is no such certainty as to what the action of the senate will be.

The bill seeks to prohibit the employment of children under 14 years in mines or manufacturing establishments, and to prohibit the employment of children under 16 years for more than 8 hours a day, or at night.

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## Pneumonia Remedy.

The weather that has prevailed during January and gives promise of prevailing for some time yet to come has been variously described as "good pneumonia weather," "grippe weather" and several other kinds of weather. Thinking of it as "good pneumonia weather" Mr. H. Terry has dug up from his "files" a practical receipt or "home remedy" for this disease. He states that it has wonderful curative qualities and its worth has already been proven. It was given him by a friend some years ago. Here it is:

Mix equal parts of spirits of turpentine, camphor and carbolic acid and shake well. Then apply it in this manner: Take a thick flannel cloth and grease it with lard. Saturate it with the liniment and apply at the chest. Keep well saturated with both grease and liniment. Lay the receipt away for future reference.

## Miss Flora Wilson.

Miss Flora Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wilson, of the Shiloh section, died Thursday at the home of her parents and was buried at Friendship church Saturday. The pall bearers were six uncles. She is survived by her parents and several brothers and sisters. The death was a peculiarly sad one, the young lady just being in her teens and a pupil at school.

## WILL COOPER RUN FOR GOVERNORSHIP?

Question Repeatedly Bobs Up in Columbia

## COOPER SILENT ON THE SUBJECT

Although being Urged on Many Sides to Enter the Race and Advised by Others to Stay Out, He Gives no Intimation of What He Intends to Do.

The question of whether Solicitor Robert A. Cooper will run for Governor this summer is again being agitated, and no one will be able to decide that question until Mr. Cooper makes a statement himself about the matter, wrote W. F. Caldwell, the Columbia correspondent, in the News and Courier Monday. This talk was heard from last summer, but appeared to quiet down. However, that it is again being agitated is evidenced by the following, which appeared in a recent issue of the Anderson Daily Mail:

"On returning from Columbia today Anderson citizens who had spent some time around the halls of the General Assembly declare that the 'Robert A. Cooper for governor' sentiment has come boldly and strongly to the front again, and they firmly believe that the Laurens solicitor will be in the race when the gong rings.

"The Cooper sentiment is general throughout the State, according to information that has radiated into Columbia from all sections, and it is growing stronger. Great pressure is being brought to bear on him, and there seems to be no doubt in the minds of many but that he will be a candidate this summer. The race will then be a three-cornered one, with Governor Manning asking reelection and Mr. Blease and Mr. Cooper," declared one of the Columbia visitors.

"Now since Mr. McLaurin has been re-elected State warehouse commissioner it is practically certain he will not make the race for governor. He recently intimated that he would run, should he be defeated for reelection as commissioner."

There can be no doubt that there is something in all this, but just how much is largely a matter of individual opinion. Some of those who are urging Mr. Cooper to run for governor are "sore" on Governor Manning and still others, according to all signs and some additional information, and affiliated with the Blease faction, and are whispering this information into Mr. Cooper's ear, hoping to get him into the race to split the Manning vote, and thus give Mr. Blease some chance, as they figure that a solid vote behind Governor Manning leaves absolutely nothing but certain and swift defeat for Mr. Blease in a race between he and the governor alone.

Of course, Mr. Cooper is a very popular man, but it is significant that a great many of his real friends, those who are interested in Mr. Cooper's political future, and are sincerely desirous that he do the right thing, are advising him not to run, but to wait until 1918, when he can win in a walk, according to all the indications. They don't want to see him slaughtered in 1916 and they don't believe that he will yield to the blandishments of at least some of those urging him that wish to crush Governor Manning and care nothing for Mr. Cooper.

Those who worked for the popular and able solicitor in 1914 are against him running this summer, for they believe the fight will be straight and clear between Governor Manning and his constructive policies on the one hand and the opposition which is attempting to get behind Mr. Blease and run him.

Knowing from the bitter experience of 1914 that a house divided against itself cannot stand, efforts are being made by the opposition to divide the Manningsites and at the same time to avoid any split in their own ranks. They are trying to get the Hon. W. A. Stuckey, of Lee County, at least some of them are, to take second place on the ticket with Mr. Blease, but there is a large part of the opposition who think that Mr. Stuckey should make the race for Governor. He has said himself that he will not run for Lieutenant Governor, and pressure is being brought to bear on him to make the

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