

## MEET AT MIMNAUGH'S AND JOIN THE CROWDS...

### DRESS GOODS

There never was a time in the history of the big store when you could buy the best merchandise so cheap.

We challenge any house in the up country to show such a great and generous stock, such an immense variety of good things in each and every department.

Buy a bill from us and if you are offered the same goods for any less money any where in the United States we will gladly refund you your money.

There isn't a merchant in the upper Carolinas who can show a better assortment of Dress Goods. Come and get your fall and winter outfit before the stock is picked over and broken.

A lady can come to our store and get her dress and trimmings to match and then have her hat made to suit her dress.

## CAPES AND JACKETS!

We have enough dress goods to sell every woman and girl in Newberry their fall outfit and have some left. Colored dress goods at a bargain price. New up-to-date fabrics. We are selling 100 pieces of colored dress goods on the bargain counter, goods that are worth 35 and 40c regular, any of them for 25c.

### CAPES AND JACKETS.

Ladies if you want a stylish wrap come to our store, we have it, we can give you a cape or jacket at almost any price you want, I can show you more capes and jackets than all the Newberry dry goods stores combined I can save you 50 per cent.

100 Stylish Jackets this week	\$1.75
100 " " " "	3.50
100 " " " "	4.00
100 " " " "	5.00
100 Plush Capes a Hummer	1.25
100 " " " "	3.50
100 " " " "	4.00
100 " " " "	5.00

## CLOTHING!

Men's, Boys' and Children's 25 per cent. less than any house in Newberry. Will fit anybody. Many of the styles are made expressly for us. Our stock is now complete—fit anybody from a boy three years old to a man that weighs three hundred pounds, long or stout men don't cut no ice with us. Our store is the home of styles and the abode of low prices:

100 Men's Suits for this week	\$3.50 worth \$5.00
100 " " " " " "	4.50 " 6.50
100 " " " " " "	6.50 " 8.50
100 " " " " " "	8.00 " 10.00
100 " " " " " "	Ten Dollar Bill.
100 Boys' Knee Suits regular price	\$1.50
	For this week 1.00
100 " " " " " "	regular price 2.00
	For this week 1.50
100 " " " " " "	regular price 2.50
	For this week 2.00

## Some Bargain Bullets!

That will keep some of our light weight competitors dodging.	
2 cases standard prints	3½c
2 cases outing	4½c
25 pieces Bod Tick only	5c
25 " " " "	8½
25 " Unbleached Canton Flannel	7½
	worth 10c
25 " " " " " "	8½
	worth 11½
25 " " " " " "	10c
	worth 12½
50 " Jeans, others ask 20c., our price	15c
25 " " " " " 25c., " "	19c
25 " " " " " 33c., " "	24c
10 bales John P. King Sea Island Sheeting	4½c
10 " " " " " " " "	5c
50 doz. White Bod Spreads, every one a bargain.	

## SHOES - SHOES.

Here is where we do the business, if our shoe business continues to grow we will be compelled to rent another store our shoe department grows more popular every day. Ask most of the best dressed men and women in the county where they brought their shoes "Why Mimnaugh's of course," we can fit your foot as well as your pocket book. Our shoe department is complete and we don't propose to be under-sole, we want you to remember this.

# MIMNAUGH'S.

### DISPENSARY ROTTENNESS.

A LIVELY EXPOSURE BY EX-CLERK D. A. G. OUZTS.

Ouzts declares that there is a band of conspirators working to get complete control of the dispensary for their own pecuniary and political advantage—He also states that in his long connection with the dispensary he has known many illegal transactions which have been hushed up for the good of the dispensary.

(Special to News and Courier.)

Columbia, Oct. 15.—The first section of the statement of Mr. D. A. G. Ouzts, who was recently suspended by the State board of control, was given to the press today. Mr. Ouzts's "blow-off" is intensely interesting and promises to make an epoch in dispensary sensations. It is well to read between the lines of what he has given to the press.

Mr. Ouzts's connection with the dispensary has perhaps been longer than that of any one else, and he is in a position to know a thing or two about the inside workings of the institution.

His first statement speaks for itself and is as follows:

#### A CARD TO THE PUBLIC.

It seems that the Angelus stables need cleaning. I am no Hercules, but I can at least do a part of the work. I have been connected with the dispensary for over six years. That I have been honest and faithful in the discharge of my duties is proven by the fact that when my enemies on the board of control wished to displace me the only excuse they could find for my removal was an allegation that I had violated a rule of the board—a rule which two members of the board assert was modified to permit that which I was discharged for doing. I am a strong believer in the dispensary law, and have done all in my power to make it a success. I still believe with its administration in the hands of honest, pure and able men it is the very best solution of the liquor problem.

During my years of service in the dispensary I have seen a number of things done which I knew were wrong. These I reported to members of the board, who were I knew honest, able and pure. They thought, however, that it was best to say nothing publicly about the wrongdoing until men like themselves were a majority of the board. They believed in the dispensary and earnestly strove to make it a success. In their judgment the dispensary could not withstand the effect of such exposures, if its control was in the hands of the men against whom these exposures were made. They wanted to save the law for the great potential good that was in it. But as the contrary element has grown so confident of its power that it has gone to turning honest men out of office at the dispensary, so as to fill all places with its tools, thus facilitating the carrying of its plans, I deem it my duty to make public all I know, so as to expose these men, deeming it better that the dispensary should die than to continue under their control, but hoping that the effect of my criticism will be to drive such men out of the dispensary and place its management in the hands of men above reproach. I make this statement because I do not wish to be considered a sorehead or as exposing things I condoned as long as I hold office.

I stand ready and hereby offer my services to the board in helping them sift out all wrong-doing of whatever kind which exists, and help them place the dispensary law where it should be, above reproach, and to enforce its regulations in accordance with law and conduct it in the interests of the people, and not the gang which now controls it.

Very respectfully,  
D. A. G. Ouzts.

OUZTS'S OPEN LETTER.

To the State Board of Control: As I have by a vote of a majority of your members been denied the hear-

ing to which I had a right, in which I had been promised by your chairman, I intend making my defence in the public prints. At the same time I will go further and show the characters of the men by whom I was so summarily deposed, and of their fellow conspirators. I am deposed because I violated an order of the board of control—an order which the two honorable members of the board assert was modified to permit the very action which was alleged as the reason for my removal. I will show how members of the board violate the dispensary law, and how employees at the dispensary, who are pets of the majority faction of the board, violate the board's orders and are not even reprimanded for their misconduct. As the majority faction seems anxious to wash dirty linen, I will first prove that mine is clean, and then give them some dirty linen of their own to clean.

Now, first, as to my own Euen. Chairman Miles temporarily suspended me on the charge of violating an order of the board by selling a bottle of gin at the State dispensary and not immediately reporting it to the shipping clerk. Chairman Miles says he personally notified me of the passage of that order by the board. He did incidentally in the course of a conversation one morning at the dispensary inform me that such an order had been passed. A day or two later Mr. Douthit came into my office and got the petty cash book, and wanted to enter some contraband whiskey he had just sold. I told him that it was against the rules to put it on that book, and mentioned to him the order which had passed a few days before, and which Mr. Miles had spoken to me about. Mr. Douthit replied: "I know what I am doing; this is all right. I have just come from the board room, and they have passed a resolution giving me the power to do this. I stayed there and heard them pass it. Turn over a new page of your petty cash book and enter this sale." I did this and headed the page, "Cash, special," and entered the first item, which was one gallon of contraband whiskey, bought by J. F. Walker for \$1.80. Mr. Douthit said: "Now when anything else is sold that is the way it must be put on the book under that first item. At the end of the month these items must be entered on the shipping clerk's book and billed to a Columbia dispensary, to whom we must turn over the cash we have received for them." I replied: "Yes, and I will make that dispenser receipt this book for them and the money." Under these instructions from Commissioner Douthit one day when he was absent from the city, I sold a bottle of gin to M. P. Nixon for \$1 and entered it as instructed. When Mr. Douthit returned I informed him, and he said it was all right. It will thus be seen I thought I was doing my duty and simply carried out the orders of the commissioner, my superior officer.

There is a disagreement among the members of the board of control as to its action with reference to sales of contraband at the State dispensary. All agree that the board passed a resolution forbidding such sales at the first part of the September meeting. On the last day of that meeting Commissioner Douthit appeared before the board and stated reasons why, in his judgment, it would be inadvisable to permit that rule to stand. After his statement Mr. Williams introduced a resolution, which was passed, which, Mr. Douthit understood, modified the previous order, and permitted sales of contraband at the State dispensary, provided they were entered on the commissioner's petty cash book, and invoiced at the end of the month to a Columbia dispenser, and the cash received for them turned over to that dispenser. Messrs. Boykin and Williams, two members of the board, assert such a resolution was passed.

If the Williams resolution was meant to accomplish any purpose at all it was meant to modify the rule forbidding sales of contraband at the State dispensary, yet, as it appears

# PRESENTS

Wedding Presents!

Birthday Presents!

Anniversary Presents!

Chamber Sets!

Cream, with green decorations.  
White, with pink decorations.  
White, with blue decorations.  
White, with blue and gold decorations

### CAKE PLATES.

New in styles and elaborate in decoration.

### MEDALLIONS.

PHOTOGRAPHS from nature, tinted with great skill, mounted under beveled plate glass in graceful frames. They are sufficiently handsome to be used in the decoration of any home.

If you are considering the purchase of anything of this character you will do well to call and examine our stock.

# YOUNG & CO.,

WEST MAIN STREET.

On the minutes of the board, it is stated by the majority faction to be a mere reaffirmation of that rule. If that construction be accepted as correct, the board was guilty of the absurdity of twice at one meeting passing a resolution permitting the commissioner to do something which the dispensary law itself gave him the right to do without any resolutions of the board—that is, to send contraband to a dispenser for sale. As recorded, the Williams resolution permits sales of contraband "through the regular channels," which words Chairman Miles admits he told Clerk Webb to add to the resolutions, claiming it was an amendment which had been adopted, but which Mr. Boybin, who was in the chair when the resolution was adopted, denies was never voted on by the board. I do not believe that, as first recorded, the Williams resolution had those words attached to it. The writing of those words in the minute book gives evidence that it was not done at the same time that the body of the Williams resolution was penned in that record, because the slant of the words "through regular channels" indicate that they were written by a man sitting in a different position from that occupied when the other part of the Williams resolution was written. I am satisfied that they were added to give color to the contention that the board had not given permission for the sales of contraband, which the majority faction decided to make as an excuse for my removal.

The majority faction, which is plotting to get absolute control of the dispensary, filling all positions with its henchmen, had declined to remove all employees were not subservient to it. They did not intend to fully and fairly investigate the conduct of such employees, but preferred one-sided testimony. At the September meeting of the board Messrs. Haselden and Williams were appointed to investigate the contraband room and its accounts. Mr. Haselden wanted Mr. Williams to meet him in Columbia on the Wednesday following the adjournment of

the September meeting of the board. Mr. Williams said he had important engagements up to and including Wednesday, but would meet Mr. Haselden in Columbia any day after Wednesday. They parted with the understanding that Mr. Haselden was to notify Mr. Williams when to come to Columbia to go to work on the investigation, which he never did, but returned to Columbia before Wednesday and gave to the newspapers a statement that he was going to Harris Springs. Mr. Williams saw that statement in the papers and continued to wait for a notification when to come to Columbia. The next thing he saw was a statement that he had been supplanted on the committee by Mr. Robinson, without notice to him.

It was then two of a kind, and Mr. Haselden was at liberty to proceed with his one-sided investigation. Neither I nor Mr. Douthit were asked for any explanation of the charges connected by this one-sided process.

On the night of the 26th or 27th of September T. C. Robinson, who had loosened his tongue with liquor, told me in front of Huggins's store, on Main street, that "Haselden had set a trap for Douthit and had caught him in it." After asking him several times what the trap was he said it was "in selling contraband liquor at the State dispensary, and not having it entered upon the shipping clerk's books, as required by the resolution of the board at the last board meeting." Was the trap the addition of the words, "through the regular channels?" Probably at the time of that conversation Mr. Robinson did not know that Chief Conspirator Haselden wanted my scalp also, and, therefore, spoke as a strong friend, which he always claimed to be, especially since 1896. I and my relatives worked for and carried Edgefield County for him as the candidate for State Superintendent of Education. But when Boss Haselden popped the whip over his back he forgot his friendship and sense of obligations to me, and also forgot

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