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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

RESUME OF THE WEEK'S WORK SEEN FROM THE INSIDE.

Many Interesting Measures Pending— The Ten Circuit Bill Passes The House—Bills of Local Interest.

The Capitol, Columbia, S. C., Feb. 8: In sleet and intense cold last week went out and this one began. Up to Friday the weather had been exceptionally good for "legislative weather," but things have turned, and from this on we may be paid up with full measure. And besides the unpleasantness and difficulty of traveling, the low temperature and sudden changes are having their effects upon the members. Good health was the order the first half of the session; now some fifteen to thirty of the representatives and senators are laid up with colds, gripe etc.

On Saturday both houses adjourned until Tuesday noon, Monday being salesday on which day a number were desirous of visiting their respective county towns.

The dispensary investigation resolution has passed both houses, and Lieut-governor Sloan has appointed the members of the commission on the part of the senate, to wit: Messrs Cole L Blease, Hay and Christensen. The house members have not yet been named. This committee ought to be made up of capable, unprejudiced, conscientious men and men who are not in any way connected with the members of the State Board and who are not extremists either for or against the dispensary, else the investigation will be a mere farce, fruitless of results and satisfactory to neither side.

The ten circuit bill, contrary to expectations, passed the house by a good majority and is now before the senate with a favorable report and the indications point to its becoming law. Under the arrangement proposed in this bill, Williamsburg will be in the fourth circuit along with Florence, Clarendon, Sumter and Lee—being the same make-up as the third circuit now stands with the exception of Georgetown, which is thrown with Berkeley, Dorchester and Orangeburg into the second circuit. The enactment of this measure will necessitate the election by the assembly of two additional judges, one for the first circuit and one for the ninth.

A sensation was created one day last week when Mr Toole of Alken, presented a petition asking that hours of labor in cotton mills be reduced from eleven to ten, bearing the signatures of 3,500 operatives and

reaching half way across the hall when stretched out.

The Raysor-Manning measure which has gone through the senate seems the most important bit dispensary of legislation that has been considered with favor by that august body. Its provisions are too numerous and varied to notice in detail, but the leading objects are: to take the selection of members of the State Board out of politics and place the appointments in the hands of the governor; to permit the closing of dispensaries unacceptable to the people among whom they may be located; and to change the mode of purchasing liquors so as to remove the opportunity for handing out "samples," "rebates," "knock-downs," etc. This bill, along with several others touching the dispensary from various points, have been made special orders in the house for Tuesday of this week. Then the temper of the representatives towards the State's whiskey business will be shown.

The matter of compulsory education has received two black eyes—one in each end of the Capitol—and it seems that scheme is dead for the present.

The bill prohibiting cock fighting met with a reception unlooked for in the lower house. It went through by a great majority and it is now up to the senate to say whether or not it shall become the law of the land.

Senator Williams has a bill in the senate providing for a license of \$1,000 on coca cola plants and it seems to be meeting with general favor as to the principle, but instead of a fixed sum the license may be graduated. It seems that physicians are coming to the conclusion that this drink contains deleterious elements and that the drinking of coca cola may become an irresistible and harmful habit. Hence this measure.

Mr Gause has introduced a resolution directing the transfer from Williamsburg to Florence of a balance of the school funds, which is claimed to belong that part of Williamsburg county which was cut off and made a part of Florence county about a year ago. The amount involved is said to be about thirty dollars.

A bill which will be of some interest to a good many is the bill which went through the house Friday prohibiting shooting matches for prizes in money, turkeys, chickens or other articles of value. This, should it become law, will stop shooting off turkeys, etc.

While the members of the assembly are divided as to the wisdom of repealing the lien law, there appears to be a pretty

general readiness to act in this matter only after an expression from the people, and to gain this expression there is a measure upon the house calendar which provides that this question be submitted to the democratic voters in the next election.

Compulsory vaccination is having its bouts and its fate is not yet determined.

Mr Stoll has a bill prepared which provides that an election be held in Anderson, Suttons and part of Penn townships upon the question of "stock law" or "no stock law." The election is to be held right away; only freeholders are to be permitted to vote; and if a majority vote in favor of "stock law," then the act exempting that territory from the operations of the general stock law shall become at once repealed. The measure has not yet been presented.

Friday was the last day on which bills might be presented except through committees.

The immigration act is not likely to be repealed. The sentiment seems to be growing that it ought to be given a showing. Mr Stoll went home Saturday and will be back when the house meets Tuesday.

W. L. B.

A Progressive Euchre Party.

On the evening of February 1 the Misses Kelley were "at home" to their friends complimentary to Miss Nellie Mallard of Greenville, the guest of Miss Barbara Jacobs. After playing fifteen hands of progressive euchre, Mr W R Scott was declared prize-winner. Those playing were: Misses Mallard, Mamie and Barbara Jacobs, Agnes Erickman, Luna Tribble, Bessie and Alma Kelley and Mrs Clara G Harper; Messrs W R Scott, H T McClary, W N Fairey, C W Wolfe, C W Stoll, P O Arrowsmith, P G Gourdin W H Carr, J F Scott and Cecil Jacobs.

At the close of a most delightful evening an elegant cream and cake course was served.

Harpers Happenings.

Miss Cleo Burgess of Foreston is spending several days with Mrs L A Rogerson.

Rev J B Weldon, who has been an earnest worker on the Salters circuit for the past two years, moved his family to town last week. We are glad to welcome this good man in our midst.

Miss Mary Clyde Hodges, who has been teacher of the Harper public school, resigned her position and left for her home in Florence last Saturday. We are sorry to lose this excellent teacher, and her place cannot easily be filled.

Mr Hugh Montgomery of Greelyville is spending some time with his sister, Mrs J H Hutson.

Mr W S Camlin, Jr, made a flying trip to Kingstree last week.

The young people of Harper enjoyed an entertainment on Wednesday evening, February 1, at the home of Mrs E A Brunton, given in honor of Miss Mary Clyde Hodges.

Mr W O Camlin was seen on our streets Saturday.

Mr John Blakeley of Oak Ridge was noted in town Monday.

Mr and Mrs J H Hutson spent several days last week with relatives at Salters.

Miss Ruth Coker, teacher of the Evans school, spent a few days last week with friends and relatives in town.

BROWN EYES.

A CARD FROM MR. CARTER.

Farmers Urged Again to Organize So As to Reduce Cotton Acreage.

To the Farmers, the Merchants and the Land Owners of Williamsburg County:

Let me again call to your attention the importance of meeting on the 18th inst, at your respective places of meeting for the purpose of carrying into effect the plan formulated by the New Orleans convention of cotton growers. This, above all others, is the opportune time to act in concert and reduce the acreage of cotton this season at least 25 per cent. or more. Should we fail to act now when all hands are held out to assist us in our efforts to advance, the price of cotton, we should hold in peace hereafter and not complain, though the cotton should go down to three cents per pound. I hope therefore that we have already seen sufficient to thoroughly convince us that nine and one half millions of bales of cotton bring more money to the South than thirteen millions; then where is the sense in planting so much cotton to the neglect of all other crops? May we awake to a sense of our duty to ourselves, to our children and to our country; and from this henceforth control the amount of cotton to be planted and the time will not be long before the Southern farmer will be the happiest and most independent of all men. With this we wait to see what will be done.

I am respectfully yours,
J. DAVIS CARTER,
Feb. 7. Leo, S. C.

Mr. J. C. Josey.

EDITOR: COUNTY RECORD: The announcement of Mr J C Josey's death has distressed the heart, and filled with tears the eyes of many of THE RECORD's readers. His home was given to hospitality, and there the stranger found a welcome such as made him feel a glow of happiness to his very finger-tips.

"The company room" was indeed a chamber of peace, and the table furnished not bread alone but dainties, too, prepared by the gracious hands of as lovely a housewife as ever adorned and hallowed a Williamsburg home. Dear, noble woman! The Husband of the widow will never forget nor forsake thee. So long as a light flashes from my windows and a fire burns on my hearth, none could have a warmer welcome in my home than the widow of that genial, generous gentleman, Joe C Josey.

HUGH F. OLIVER,
Pinopolis, S. C.

WANTED: By a young lady with experience, a school for the Spring or Summer. Can furnish testimonials. Address "Teacher," care of Postmaster, Walterboro, S. C.

Tournament Near Harpers.

We are requested to announce that there will be a tournament at Mr. W. D. Crook's place, on the Gapway pub road near Harp. S. C., on February 14, 1905. Public respectfully invited. Boys, and show your horses.

Fresh Meats and Family Groceries.

The undersigned have opened a Market and Grocery store in Stutt's building and will keep hand all kinds of fresh and cured meats. We respectfully solicit the patronage of the public.

COWARD & STRONG.

2-9-31.

Lake City Letter.

LAKE CITY, February 6: Mrs B Britton of Kissimmee, Ga., is spending some time at Mr John Murphy's.

Rev E C Bailey of Timmons-ville preached in the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon. We understand that this church expects to call a pastor at an early date. Then services will be held regularly.

Miss Beck Meyers, formerly of Kingstree, but now of Latta, is visiting the Misses Rooke.

The damage done to the Presbyterian church by one of last summer's storms has been repaired and the entire house nicely painted. Its appearance has been this much improved.

Mrs Julia Shouboe of Florence is at Mrs J E Brunson's.

Mrs Hill of Darlington is visiting her cousin, Mrs Howle.

The Parsonage Aid Society, of the Methodist church, will give an entertainment on the 14th instant. The price of admission will be fifteen cents for children and twenty-five cents for adults. The proceeds will go to aid in building a new church.

The Bank of Lake City is now moving into its new quarters. The vault, railing, counters and so on are completed, and everything is about ready for occupancy.

W. L. B.

Suttons Sittings.

SUTTONS, February 7:—Our community has been saddened by the death of one of its best citizens, Mr Buford Richardson, which occurred at his home at Suttons on Thursday, January 26, after an illness of two weeks.

Mr Richardson was born near Suttons church, Williamsburg county, S. C., December 9, 1848, but many years of his life were spent in Florida, where he was engaged in the culture of oranges up to the winter of 1894-95, when the great freeze came that was so disastrous to orange industry and forced him with many others, to turn his attention to other employment. From Florida he returned to his old home, where he followed the the occupation of farming the remainder of his life.

He was married in 1887 to Miss Marie Hiddleston, who with one son, survives him.

Mr Richardson was a consistent member of the Baptist church and at the time of his death held the office of secretary of Suttons church.

Quiet and unobtrusive in manner, he was a true friend, and a kind husband and father. He will be much missed by many who knew and esteemed him.

His remains were laid to rest at Suttons church on Saturday following his death amidst a concourse of sorrowing friends and neighbors.

The only relatives from a distance who arrived in time to attend the funeral were, Mrs F H Spivey of Columbia, S. C., and Mr E J Parker of Lanes, as the end came very unexpectedly.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the bereaved family in their great loss. A. B. (Columbia State please copy).

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Letter to R. J. McCabe.

Kingstree, S. C.
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Yours truly,

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R. L. Blackman,
Resident Manager.

Administrator's Sale.

On Wednesday, February 15, 1905, the following personal property, belonging to the Estate of "Wilson McCown, deceased, will be sold to the highest bidder for cash, at the residence of the late Wilson McCown, about two miles northeast of Scranton, S. C., to wit: Household and kitchen furniture—plantation tools, 3 bales cotton, seed of 3 bales of cotton, 3 mules, 1 gray horse, 1 black horse, 1 2-horse wagon and harness, 1 top buggy and harness 2 sets of tobacco flues, 1 lot corn, 1 lot fodder, potatoes, sugar cane, 1 cow and calf and 2 hogs.

B. C. WHITEHEAD,
Administrator.

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W J CRAIG, G. P. A.
Wilmington, N. C.