

**A DISPENSARY CHAMPION.**

**Mr. S. B. Gordon Tries Hard to Boost a Tottering Institution.**

LEXING, S. C., July 31, 1905.—Editor County Record: Please allow me space to ask Mr Gause some questions and say a little more about the dispensary.

The dispensary is made by what is called the "Reform Party" which was nothing more than a majority of the party ruling out the minority and throwing out a lot of old office holders who thought that the offices of the State belonged to them. They called themselves "Straight-outs." I suppose they did this because they were going straight out of office.

The Straight-outs opposed everything that was done by the regular party, even ran their candidates in the general election. They started the opposition to the dispensary and, as usual, resorted to anything to defeat it. They first favored the old way of selling whiskey. They talked about the high price whiskey, but that did no good. Now whiskey is too cheap, everybody can get it. So they can't be suited only by letting them run the business themselves, then you would hear no more about rottenness in the dispensary.

The News & Courier has always opposed the dispensary. It will tell you about rottenness in the dispensary and reports rumors that have been intimated and committees that are investigating the rottenness that will soon get into possession of the facts concerning the rottenness of the dispensary, but facts are never published. This has been going on ever since the dispensary has been started, for the purpose of turning the majority against it. Now this old bar-room party, which is the old Straight-out party, has turned Prohibitionist for the purpose of catching the few prohibition votes that do in reality want prohibition.

Then the old politicians like John McLaurin, who jumped on the Farmers' Alliance and rode into office and rode the Alliance out of existence and is riding with one leg over the Cotton Growers' Association and the other over the Prohibition party trying to get into office, saying all they can about the dispensary, knowing that they are dead unless they can get into office in some unusual way.

Some of the preachers who are in sympathy with this old Straight-out party are trying to help out their party by working against the dispensary. At the Greenville District conference of the Methodist church, Rev G T Harmon said he preferred the "Blind Tiger" to a two eyed tiger in the shape of the dispensary. Just here I will say everybody else would prefer "Blind Tiger" who wishes to use whiskey in a smuggled way and they prefer lawlessness to anything else. Mr Blackman said that only two members of his congregation at Piedmont are in favor of the dispensary and he would not deny pleasure at the prospect of their early departure.

Mr Gause wonders if I could not find some rottenness in the dispensary. I will ask him this question. What rottenness has he found that he can prove to be facts? Of course any business that requires so many people to attend to it will sometimes get a bad name. They get into banks or most any mercantile business.

As to the election in 1892, I remember all about it. I voted for prohibition then in preference to the old barrooms, but the legislature gave us the dispensary and I think they acted wisely in doing so.

Can Mr Gause truthfully say that less whiskey was used when none was sold openly in this county? I cannot see any difference, except now the State gets the profits and then the money was sent off, or put into the blind tigers. Perhaps he is like the preacher that liked the "Blind Tiger." He speaks like whiskey is the only thing that makes liars, murderers, etc. Can he tell us how many murder cases have been convicted in this county during the past fourteen years of which whiskey was the cause? Mr Gause is not compelled to buy whiskey and use it or anyone else. The dispensary is only intended to furnish people who will have it and if they can't get it from the dispensary or anywhere

else they will make it. Let Mr Gause tell the people how the State can prohibit the people from making whiskey in a smuggled way, or sending out of the State for it. The legislature can't prohibit anyone from having whiskey shipped to them, or watch everybody who are disposed to make it at night. We all know the State has a right to make laws to prohibit murder and other crimes but enforcing the laws against murder and other crimes are not like whiskey, because so few will betray anyone for handling whiskey in an unlawful way. I will agree with Mr Gause about the evils of whiskey, they are endless, when a man makes up his mind to do anything wrong he can't be stopped. He can be punished after he does wrong, but can't be prevented from doing wrong.

Is Mr Gause one of the old Straight-out faction who is a chronic kicker and wants everything undone that was done by the reform party? If so, I cannot account for him being such a Prohibitionist.

Yours respectfully,  
S. B. Gordon.

**Death of Mrs M I Mouzon.**

Mrs Mattie Isoline Mouzon, wife of R W Mouzon, died here Monday at the Central Hotel after a lingering illness of several weeks.

Mrs Mouzon was the daughter of Dr J R Brockinton of Indiantown and was about twenty-two years of age. She was happily married several years ago to R W Mouzon and she leaves one child.

She was a Christian woman, being a member of the Baptist church, and was beloved by all who knew her intimately.

She leaves a father and a brother, along with her husband and child to keep afresh her memory.

She was buried at the Baptist cemetery near the River Tuesday afternoon, the services being conducted by Rev W B Justus.

**Mrs Virginia Brockinton Dead.**

Mrs Virginia Brockinton, relict of the late Dr James S Brockinton, died at the residence of her son, Dr W V Brockinton, on August 7th, inst., in the 72nd year of her age.

Mrs Brockinton was born and raised and spent her life of nearly three quarters of a century in this town, and was perhaps better known and more beloved than any other lady in the community. Hers was a familiar figure on the streets of Kingstree, and her kindly smile, sweet disposition and ready sympathy endeared her to every one and made her a welcome and honored guest in every home.

She was a lifelong and consistent member of the Presbyterian church. Practically the entire community followed her on foot to her grave on the banks of Black river and there testified to their sense of personal loss. Truly a mother in Israel has gone to her reward. R J K

**Mr Samuel Fulton Dead.**

Mr Samuel Fulton died at his home a few miles from town on Wednesday of last week and was buried at the cemetery on Thursday afternoon, the funeral services being conducted in the Presbyterian church by Rev W B Justus, of the Methodist church.

Mr Fulton had been ill for some time and his end was not a surprise to his family. He died with what is supposed to have been cancer of the stomach.

Mr Fulton was a son of the late R W Fulton and belonged to one of the oldest and best families in Williamsburg county, and was a man who was true to the traditions of his family. He had the respect of all who knew him and was a man known for honorable dealing with all men in all respects.

He was happily married to Miss Rosa Pendergrass, who with four small children, survives him. Besides his wife and children he has several brothers and sisters and a large family connection to mourn his early death. He was about 40 years of age.

**Notice.**

All persons holding keys to the "Money Box" will please bring them in between now and Saturday, Aug 19th.

The money will be given away on that day and the box refilled.  
W. T. Wilkins.

**WEEKLY NEWS LETTER FROM LAKE CITY.**

**MARCH OF EVENTS REDUCED TO PARAGRAPHIC FORM BY OUR ALERT NEWS GATHERER.**

LAKE CITY, August 8: Mr Chas F Flowers is out in Florida on a prospecting tour. Should he find a good location, it is probable that he will again engage in the turpentine business.

Dr M Davis Nesmith has returned home from a vacation of about a week.

Mrs E W Yates and children returned Monday from Marion where they visited relatives.

Rev J E Rushton came down from Fork, S. C., Monday morning.

Among our people who visited the county's capitol last Monday we noted Messrs J D Carter, J W McCutchen, B W Baker, W J Godwin, J C McElveen, J J Morris, J J Eddy and W L Bass.

Mrs W L Bass and daughter, Gretchen, visited friends in Kingstree Monday.

Rev W P Gause of Coward was on our streets Saturday.

Mr A B Cook and Miss Annie Hudson were married last Thursday evening.

Mr and Mrs H V Epps and children went down to Sullivan's Island Saturday for an outing of some days.

Miss Edith Carter went to Charleston Saturday morning.

D A H Williams returned Sunday night from Baltimore, where he spent four or five days. He was accompanied on the up trip by Miss Margaret Roper and Masters Charlie Green and Jamie Williams, the last two of whom returned with him.

The Smith-Williams Co has secured the services of Mr Chas E Timmons of Rocky Mount, N. C. who entered upon the discharge of his duties last Wednesday. He is at the head of the buying department. Mr Timmons has had many years of experience and we congratulate this company on their good fortune in inducing him to come down and we congratulate the town, for he is a splendid all around gentleman and, together with his family, will prove quite an acquisition. He will secure a lot and build a dwelling.

Mr G H Brockinton of Cowards was here Monday morning.

Saturday "Judge" Godwin sent Larry Fulmore to the gang for thirty days for violation of contract. Larry must be fond of the life in stripes as he finished a term only a week or so ago. Rufus Burgess got on a drunk Saturday night, went to the house of a negro woman, a neighbor, and literally "cussed her out." Next morning he went back and repeated the performance. Rant Burgess, a respected and respectable negro, as it were, represented the State before the court and with such success that Rufus will work for the county sixty days. Judge Godwin does not intend that his sentences shall be looked upon as fun. The sinner who faces him wishes that he (the sinner) were any where else.

Mr J T DeBerry of Wadesboro, N C, will take up his residence among us this week, and we welcome him. He has been elected general manager of the Lake City Mfg Co. Mr DeBerry is said by reliable men to be a first rate man and a good citizen. We are always delighted to have such come to us and to assist their fortune with us and sincerely hope he will find that his lines have fallen in pleasant places.

Miss Annie Satchell went to Charleston Tuesday on a week's visit.

Mr J E Branson spent Thursday in Florence on business.

Several of our local "choppers" assisted in the organization of the Woodmen's camp at Hebron last week. Mighty few good things take place in this section that Lake City hasn't got a hand in.

Mr Simon Poston has returned from Baltimore, where he carried his grandson who was bitten by a mad dog, mention of which was

made at the time. The little fellow was left in the Maryland General Hospital to take the regular Pasteur treatment for hydrophobia. This was done as the wise and safe step to pursue, as time alone could tell whether serious results would follow the bite.

The Methodist are going to have a new church and a good one, too. We saw the subscription list a few hours after it was started. It then amounted to \$1,285, and every cent will be paid. We know the signers. There will be nothing to pay for a lot, as the new house will be built on the site of the old one. It is proposed to put about \$2,500 in the new church, which will be of wood, modern, handsome and well appointed. We understand that the contract has been let to Mr G A Brown.

The Baptist church has just been newly painted which adds very much to its appearance.

Mr W E Severance has gone to Laurinburg, N C, to be introduced to that son of his.

Work is being begun on the dwelling house which Mr Alva Weaver is building on the corner of Thomas and Church streets. W L B

**New Bank Organized.**

Kingstree is to have a new bank. The books of subscription to the Bank of Williamsburg were opened Monday at the office of Stoll & Stoll. The incorporators are Chas W Stoll, W I Nexsen, T A Blakeley and E B Rhodus, and the capital stock will be \$35,000, divided into 350 shares of \$100 each. At the meeting Monday, the entire capital stock of the new bank was over-subscribed, but we understand that the policy of the management is to restrict the holdings so as to distribute the stock among representative business men all over the county and to that end a few shares have been reserved for late applicants.

A meeting of all the stockholders will be called early in September when a president and a board of directors will be chosen.

**Meeting of County Board of Commissioners.**

The county commissioners met in the office of the county supervisor in regular monthly meeting last Monday and transacted some important business.

The business of most interest before the board was the matter of fixing the amount of the license for buying seed cotton and unpacked lint. The general assembly at its last session passed a new law on the subject and fixed the license at from \$1.00 to \$500 and left it to the commissioners of each county to decide the amount for their county. The board decided the matter for this county Monday and put the license at \$50. So hereafter, all dealers in seed cotton between August 15th and December 20th of each year will have to take out a license of \$50 from the clerk of court in order to do business and keep within the law.

Another important matter decided by the board was the question of a public cotton weigher for this place. There were several good applicants for the position, but the plum went to Mr Isaiah Tisdale, who hereafter will tip the beam for the boys.

**THE FIGHT IN WILLIAMSBURG.**

**More Than Enough Names to Petition for Dispensary Election.**

The committees appointed some time ago to make a canvass of Williamsburg county for the purpose of securing petitions necessary to obtain an election on the dispensary question under the Brice law, made their return today, and whilst all the petitions circulated have not yet been returned, those reporting so far show the signatures of more than 1,000 voters of the county, a number easily within the rule for the purpose of securing an election,

and even this number will be largely increased by the petitions yet unreturned.—The State, August 7.

**SCRANTON NEWS ITEMS.**

**Topics of Interest Which Have Transpired Within a Week's Period.**

SCRANTON, August 18: The warm and dry weather of the past few days has been very much against late corn and other crops planted late. Farmers in this section are about through gathering the first crop of fodder and will soon commence picking cotton. Your correspondent noticed a few days ago lots of open cotton in a field belonging to Mr Daniel Lynch, who will soon begin to harvest his 10 cent cotton. Nearly all the tobacco has been gathered. That is what makes young men smile, says Mr H J Stephens.

Dr Joe Durant, one of Lake City's rising physicians, was in town last Friday.

Miss Nettie Singletary returned last week from Auburn, where she has been visiting friends.

Mr and Mrs Winslow Wright left Tuesday morning for Virginia, Philadelphia, New York and other points. They will be gone for several days.

Mr Hoyt Hill has accepted a position as salesman at Mr Winslow Wright's.

Miss Sue Gerganus of Georgetown is spending several days in town with her sister, Mrs S W Parker.

Mrs J W Truluck and children are visiting relatives and friends in Greenville.

Mr H O Byrd, formerly of this place but now of North, is spending several days in town with relatives and friends.

Mr J L C Moore, a successful merchant and business man of Lake City, was noted on our streets last Monday.

Messrs W P Gause, Hugh Ard, John McKnight and several others from this place went to Kingstree last Monday.

Mr Anderson Daniels of Hannah was on our streets last Monday.

Mrs J C Lynch and Miss Annie Coker of Lynch were among the visitors in town last week.

Misses Olive Lavender and Lucy Hicks of New Zion are visiting at the home of Mr and Mrs R M Cooper this week.

Prof Thomas went to Kingstree on business Saturday of last week.

Mr C D Gandy of Lake City spent Monday in town.

**An Approaching Wedding.**

Notice has been received here of a nuptial event, as follows: Mrs Hanna Jane McCutchen requests the honor of your company at the marriage of her daughter Sarah Martha

to Mr Charles Nutting Gignilliat on Thursday evening, August the twenty-fourth, at Home, Greer, South Carolina.

(One of the parties to the above will be remembered by her acquaintances as Miss Sallie McCutchen, formerly of the Indiantown section of this county. Joy go with them.—Ed.)

**Local Items.**

Misses Mary and Emmie Gililand of Greencastle, Pa., who have been visiting relatives and friends in the town and county left for their home yesterday morning.

Mr R L Phillips, vice-president and State manager of the D E Luther Publishing Co., of Atlanta, Ga., was here this week several days on business.

Former County Commissioner S J Singletary of the Lake City section, was among the boys Monday. "Sam" is biding his time as to his political intentions for the future.

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**LOCAL ITEMS OF INTEREST**

Mr W J Cox of Vox was here Monday.

Mr S R Mouzon of Mouzon was in town Monday.

Mr W E Nesmith of Cades was in town Monday.

Mr J Davis Carter of Leo was in town Monday.

Mr B N Stuckey of Indiantown was here Monday.

Mr D K Mouzon of Mouzons was in town Monday.

Mr John Thompson of Vox was in town Monday.

Rev W P Gause of Scranton was in town Monday.

W L Bass, Esq, of Lake City was in town Monday.

Mr J C McElveen of Lake City was in town Monday.

Mr J M Matthews of Lake City was here Monday.

Mr Melvin W Rogers of Rollins was here Monday.

Mr S W Gowdy of Spring Bank was here Monday.

Col J Peter Epps of Cades was among the boys Monday.

Mr W F Rodgers of Lanes had business in town Monday.

Mr H Paden Brown of Gourdins was in town Monday.

Dr I W Graham of the Santee section was here Monday.

Mr G Levi Sauls of Cades was a visitor to town Monday.

Mayor J J Morris of Lake City was in town Monday.

Mr Percy D Snowden of Church was on our streets Monday.

Mr J Manson Brown of Taft was here a few hours Friday.

Mr W B Haselden of Lambert and "Co G" was here Monday.

Mr Ben H Guess of the Salters section was here Monday.

Mr S E McCullough of Taft was a visitor to town Monday.

Veteran S J Montgomery of Greelyville was here Monday.

Mr M A Thomas of Lake City was a visitor to town Monday.

Mr H J Williamson, of the Cades section, was in town Monday.

Mr J W Ferrell of Greelyville was in the soldier meeting Monday.

Miss Carrie Wiggins of Georgetown is visiting friends near town.

**AFFAIRS CAUGHT BY OUR LOCAL REPORTER AND NOTED.**

Written in Condensed Form and Printed in Like Manner for the Sake of Our Busy Readers.

Mr Ben S Smith of the Bloomington section was one of the many visitors to town Monday.

Mr Henry E Davis of Salters, Marion and Columbia was a visitor to the county seat Monday.

Mr Robert Nesmith of Indiantown and "Co G, 15th S C," was in the veterans' meeting Monday.

E L Hirsch, Esq., made a business trip to Wilmington last week, returning home Monday night.

Mr and Mrs W N Jacobs of Georgetown are in town this week at the summer family reunion.

Veteran W Lawrence Graham of Single and "Co G" was with the old boys in the Court House Monday.

Mr J R Cox of Jay and "the 15th S C" was in the court house Monday at the veterans' meeting.

Mr E W Boatright of Marion was here Monday exchanging greetings with his many friends in town.

A game of ball between Greelyville and a local pick-up nine will be played at the park this afternoon.

The tin roof of the court house was repainted last week by the tinner-man of Florence, Mr Burnette.

Mr H P Tallevast, of Manatee, Fla., is spending some days with relatives in the Indiantown section.

Miss Julia Whitehead of Waycross, Ga. is visiting at the home of Clerk B C Whitehead on East Main street.

Mrs M R Hemingway, her daughter, Miss Lila, and Miss Helen Scott left last week for Hendersonville, N. C.

Mr J P Nelson, the foreman of the Weekly Mail office, left Monday to spend some days at Glenn Springs. Mr W H Matthews is taking his place.

Mr Julian Jacobs of Charleston came up the first of the week for a few days rest and the summer family reunion.

Miss Emma C Smith of Philadelphia, Pa., and Sumter, S C, is visiting her friend, Miss Massey Lee Estes this week.

Miss Rosa Graham of Morrisville returned home last week from an enjoyable fortnight's visit to Harris Lithia Springs.

The first game of the Kingstree-Georgetown series, played in Georgetown yesterday, resulted in a victory for Kingstree by a score of 5 to 1.

The tin roof of the Graded school building is receiving a coat of paint.

Mr T A Blakely of Taft had "several irons in the fire" while in town Monday.

Miss Frances Weaver of Dillon is visiting at Mrs J M Swann's this week.

Mr T A McCrea, of the Cedar Swamp section, was in town Saturday on business.

Mr E B Rhodus of Greelyville had several things to think of while in town Monday.

Editor C W Wolfe of THE RECORD returned Monday night from Harris Lithia Springs.

Mr B W Butler of Florence and the Kingstree Dry Goods Co was in town Monday.

Mrs T H Miller and her two children of Waycross, Ga. are visiting at Mr J A Scott's.

Mr and Mrs Louis Sherfesse of Charleston are visiting the family of T M Gilland, Esq.

Mr Cecil Jacobs of Charleston is in town this week at the home nest for a few days vacation.

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