

MR. J. D. GILLAND MAKES REPLY

TO THE STRUCTURES OF THE LAKE CITY
CORRESPONDENT OF THE FLORENCE
TIMES.

Editor FLORENCE TIMES:—Under date of the 14th inst., there appears in your paper an article from your correspondent in Lake City in regard to the dispensary trouble that has recently arisen in Williamsburg county. In reply thereto I would like to state, in my behalf and as authentic information to the readers of your daily, that the article as published is a gross injustice to me, since the same is absolutely void of veracity and is a dirty, malicious attempt, on the part of some informant, to deceive the public in their first conception of the matter.

In the first paragraph of the article, it is asserted, upon information obtained, "from the members of the county board and of the county delegation who are accessible to the reporter of the Times, that the stir in the county dispensary matters is likely to be nothing more than a tempest in a teapot, and that the board will come out all right." Such a feeling should be quite consoling to the resident member of the board at Lake City, and also to the member of the county delegation who also there resides, yet such absolute confidence is not entertained by the members of the house, who are a part of the delegation, and a certain member of the county board; for on the contrary they held an entirely different opinion.

In regard to the letter to the whiskey house in Atlanta claimed to have been written by the clerk of the board, the writer begs to inform your Lake City correspondent that hereafter he need not allege or claim the writing of this letter by the clerk, but that he may state the same as a positive fact, if he will quote the exact wording of the same which is as follows: "Blunthenthal & Bickart, Atlanta, Ga., Gentlemen:—What inducements do you offer for orders? J D Gilland." This letter was incorporated in the report made to the dispensary auditor by the clerk of the Williamsburg county dispensary board under date of February 21st. It will be difficult for some to understand the foregoing correspondence unless the conditions and circumstances attendant were known, which could be fully understood if you will favor me with a publication of my letter to the auditor, a copy of which I will gladly forward to you upon request and the assurance that you will publish the same.

Yet perhaps those interested may draw some conclusion when they are hereby informed that all orders are made by the board and that on the 18th of November last the Williamsburg county dispensary board, (W E Snowden absent) made an award to Blunthenthal & Bickart for 550 drums of whiskey, consisting of three brands only, to be shipped to the dispensary in Williamsburg county within three months as by law contemplated and required and that one brand, "Old Joe," was for 300 drums, at a loss to the county of \$900 and 19.1 per cent profit as compared with other bids on file at the time, the above purchase was made.

Your correspondent has erroneously stated that I went before the delegation in Columbia to prefer charges after being discharged. I was discharged on March the first. I went before the delegation, the senator absent without excuse, on February the 18th. I made my report to the auditor on February the 21st, which report is an authentic compilation of statements and statistics, showing many grave irregularities in the operation of the Williamsburg board and which report charges certain members of the board with malfeasance, misfeasance, non-feasance and the grossest negligence in the discharge of their official duties, with an absolute disregard for the Carey-Cothran law under which they are presumed to exercise their authority and discretion. Mr West was not present at the meeting of the

delegation and myself in Columbia. Mr West arrived Saturday morning at the request of myself and Mr Snowden, a member of the board, to make an examination of the records in the office of the board and to verify the charges made by the clerk, which will not be difficult in the least. The books have been thrice checked by the assistant auditor and found correct in every detail.

In the matter of the bonds the allegation of the members of the board cannot be proved authentic by any authority whatever. The bonding company petitioned for relief upon charges made and sustained by the clerk and an honest member of the board. The clerk seeks no sympathy whatever in this affair and only that equitable justice due him as a unit of the Williamsburg public and righteous sustenance of the charges which he felt duty bound to make and which are consistent with the records in the office of the board. No charges are made of irregularities in the bookkeeping; nor from statistics "based on his own book"; but on acts of certain members of the board, sealed bids and purchases made.

In the second column of your issue of the 14th inst there appears an article which is very misleading and gives the public a wrong impression as to the reality of this affair. Nothing has been found wrong with the books in the office of the board by the assistant auditor who checked them several times and I dare say he is a very competent man. Indeed, the books of the old system are quite different from those now in use. There is absolutely no malice whatever in the charges made by a member of the board and the clerk. There is no authority that new bonds have been secured by the board and if you will consult the statute on the subject you will find that personal bonds will not suffice and that the same must be obtained with some security company.

In conclusion, I wish to request that if any further correspondence in this matter is sent to you from Lake City, you will publish the name of the author. Thanking you for the space thus allowed me to place this matter in the right light and to emphatically deny the statements from your representative in Lake City, I remain,

J D GILLAND.—
Kingstree, S C, March 16.—
Florence Times.

Be careful about that little cough Get something right away; some good, reliable remedy that will move the bowels. Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup acts gently yet promptly on the bowels and allays inflammation at the same time. It is pleasant to take and is especially recommended for children, as it tastes nearly as good as maple sugar. Sold by W L Wallace.

Saved from Being a Cripple for Life.

"Almost six or seven weeks ago I became paralyzed all at once with rheumatism," writes Mrs Louis McKee, 913 Seventh Street, Oakland, Cal. "It struck me in the back and extended from the hip of my right leg down to my foot. The attack was so severe that I could not move in bed and was afraid that I should be a cripple for life.

"About twelve years ago I received a sample bottle of your Liment but never had occasion to use it, as I have always been well, but something told me that Sloan's Liment would help, so I tried it. After the second application I could get out of bed, and in three days could walk, and now feel well and entirely free from pain.

"My friends were very much surprised at my rapid recovery and I was only too glad to tell them that Sloan's Liment was the only medicine I used."

Local Views.

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INVESTIGATION OF WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY DISPENSARY BOARD.

[Continued from page 2.]

that I go to Atlanta for a personal interview, that business of that nature could not be transacted except in person.

Q. You stated in this letter that you were very busy. Was that the reason you did not go?

A. No sir.

Q. Why?

A. I did not want to go.

Q. Do you think possibly some other motive might have been attributed to the writing of these letters, that you made a statement to that effect?

A. I do not know, but I think that Mr Coward or Mr Hunt or Mr Kinder would make a statement to that effect.

Q. Who was legal counsel for the board?

A. At first Gilland & Gilland and I think afterwards Attorney Bass of Lake City. I am not certain as to the latter.

By Dr Bass:

Q. I want to ask if he believes I received any graft.

A. I do not know positively.

Q. Have you any reason to believe that I attempted getting a penny?

A. If you will tell me why that letter was sent to you from Orangeburg, I might know.

Q. It must have been sent by some of the parties you wrote to, but I have no way of knowing.

Mr Parker:

Q. Why did you not go to Mr West with this matter when you first spoke to me and Dr Bass?

A. The flower had not bloomed yet and was not ready to be plucked.

Q. Why did you not tell Mr Hunt of this?

A. I think I told Mr Hunt.

Q. When Big Springs Distilling Co made an offer to you, did you tell them I was getting some graft?

A. They made me no offer.

[Continued next week.]

THE COTTON CROP FOR 1907.

Estimated by Census Report to be 11,261,163 Bales.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—The census report issued today shows that the cotton crop in 1907 aggregated 11,261,163 running bales, counting round as half bales and including linters, and shows a total of 277,577 active ginneries for 1907. This is against 13,305,265 bales in 1906 and 10,725,602 in 1905. That statistics include 127,646 bales returned as remaining to be ginned after the time of the March canvass. The total number of running bales as given is equivalent to 11,302,872 five-hundred pound bales.

The average gross weight of the bales for 1907 is 501.8 pounds. The items for the crop of 1907 are: 10,799,596 square bales, 198,549 round bales, 86,793 sea island bales, linters 276,500 bales.

The number of running bales by States follows:

Alabama, 1,126,023; Arkansas, 760,162; Florida, 57,616; Georgia, 1,891,900; Kansas, 34; Kentucky, 4,205; Louisiana, 676,823; Mississippi, 1,464,207; Missouri, 35,997; New Mexico, 447,000; North Carolina, 648,517; Oklahoma, 864,106; South Carolina, 1,175,375; Tennessee, 374,536; Texas, 2,271,724; Virginia, 9,486.

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THE DAHLIA.

Story of the Plant's Strange Introduction Into England.

Not long ago there appeared on the table of a lady who is an enthusiastic gardener a dish which puzzled her palate. She could not decide whether it were a singularly turnip potato or a remarkably potatoey turnip, and whichever it was she did not like it. She summoned the cook, and inquiry presently revealed, to her dismay, that it was neither, but some of her choicest cactus dahlias, innocently mistaken for a vegetable.

The error was less disastrous than the famous one of the Dutch housekeeper who during the prevalence of the historic tulip mania accidentally boiled for onions a handful of tulip bulbs worth a fortune. But it was certainly vexatious as well as funny.

According to historic tradition, the original introduction of the dahlia into England occurred through an error exactly opposite in character. It was imported for a vegetable and turned out a flower.

A little over a century ago, so the story runs, Lady Holland, traveling in the south of Europe, was regaled upon a soup of delicious flavor, which her hostess informed her was called "Palestine soup," because its chief ingredient was the Jerusalem artichoke.

Lady Holland, always on the alert for interesting novelties, ordered a root of the artichoke to be sent to her gardener at Holland House. This was done, as everybody supposed, but with the strong shoots, thrusting up coldly in the vegetable garden, and tended under the watching eyes of gardener, cook and great lady, arrived at maturity and bloomed, they bore a new and splendid flower, inedible, but glorious.

The plant was transferred to the parterre and became the pride of the garden, although at first Lady Holland's feelings were mixed, for she did not like to lose her "Palestine soup." But when a London seedsman came to look at it and offered 30 guineas for the root her last trace of disappointment vanished, and her husband's graceful tribute, which was soon passing from lip to lip through the fashionable drawing rooms of London, added the final touch to her satisfaction. Lord Holland, who had a pretty taste in verse, wrote gallantly:

The dahlia you brought to our Isle
Your praises forever shall speak
In gardens as sweet as your smile
And colors as bright as your cheek.

—Youth's Companion.

A Free Agent.

Although the old gentleman with a red face and choleric temper had opened the car window five times with much vigor, he had found it closed every time he waked from his dose.

He felt perfectly sure that the person to blame was the man behind him, who gave vent to a stifled groan each time the window was opened. At last the choleric gentleman turned in his seat.

"Sir," he said indignantly, "you are evidently one of those persons who cannot bear fresh air, but may I ask you who controls this window, the person beside it or the one behind it?"

"If you could stay awake a few minutes," responded his neighbor, "you'd soon discover that nobody can control that window, sir—not even the brakeman or the conductor."—Exchange.

Origin of the Dogwatch.

The dogwatch on shipboard is either of the short spells from 4 to 6 o'clock in the evening or from 6 to 8 to break the monotony of the regular four hour watches, so that the same men will not stand watch during the same hours every day. If, however, you should ask the most nautical person of your acquaintance or, indeed, all the nautical people you know why this is so called, you would probably find them unable to tell you. The true answer is this: Dogwatch is a corruption of doge watch. The doge watch was introduced to prevent the same men from always keeping watch the same hours of the day; hence on these occasions the sailors are said to dodge the routine or to be doing doge watch.—Philadelphia Record.

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Rupert B Calvo, bookbinder, employed at the State Publishing Co., official printers for the State of South Carolina, living at 1010 Lumber St., Columbia, S C, says: "I thought I had rheumatism and treated for it on that belief. I used all kinds of liniment. The pain was in my back and in my hips clear to the shoulders. The liniments did no good and I took blood medicines but they did not help me. I took a long trip in hopes that the change of climate might help me. I was away for three months but could see no change for the better. I heard of Doan's Kidney Pills and determined to try them, and got a box at a drug store. They completely removed the pains out of my back and I have not felt a touch of the old trouble since I used them."

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Registration Notice.

The office of the Supervisor of Registration will be opened on the first Monday in every month for the purpose of the registering of any person who is qualified as follows:

Who shall have been a resident of the State for two years, and of the county one year, and of the polling precinct in which the elector offers to vote four months before the day of election, and shall have paid, six months before, any poll tax then due and payable, and who can both read and write any section of the constitution of 1895 submitted to him by the Supervisors of Registration, or who can show that he owns, and has paid all taxes collectable on during the present year, property in this State assessed at three hundred dollars or more.

J. Y. MCGILL,
Clerk of Board.

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