COMPTROLLER GENERAL ISSUES IN STRUCTIONS TO AUDITORS-TIME EXTENDED TO MAKE RETURNS.

Columbia, March 28:-Comptroller General Jones has written a circular letter to the county auditors of the State in which he calls attention to the income tax law and instructs them to enforce the same. At the end of the letter the following approval is signed by Governor Ansel: "I approve of the extension of time to make the returns referred to." This approval by Governor Ansel will doubtless have the effect of making the law entorced in the various druff. Promotes the growth of hair. counties.

Comptroller General Jones has frequently called attention to the non-enforcement of the income tax law. It was stated a few days ago that if the law were extension of time as set forth in the circular letter, which is being sent out today, the auditors in the counties where the law is not enforced will be reported to Governor Ansel, and their removal requested if it is shown that they are responsible for the conditions in their counties.

The letter of Comptroller General Jones to the county auditors is as follows:

To County Auditors: Under the Code of Laws of South Carolina, the amounts paid in, with Rich-Sections 276 and 370, the Comptroller General is required to prepare and transmit instructions to carry into effect the provisions of the tax laws, and to decide all questions which may arise as to the true construction of the same.

The instructions thus given shall be obeyed by, and the decisions thus made shall be binding upon, all county, town and municipal officers.

By virtue of the authority vested by law in the Comptroller General with the approval of the Governor the time for making the income tax returns is hereby extended to May 1, 1909. After that date the penalty of 50 per cent must attach upon all who have then failed or refused to make such returns.

Immediately upon receipt of these instructions you are directed to prepare a list of all persons who you may believe are liable are liable for the income In preparing this list you should call on and consult with the members of the county and township boards of assessors, citizens as may in your opinion have information touch ing the income of those liable. You are further directed to place in the hands of each person so listed an income tax blank and require such person to fill out said blank and swear to same.

In case any person refuse or fail to file or swear to said return, proceed to assess the amount of their income upon information or belief, and add thereto a penalty of 50 per cent and charge the aggregate upon your tax duplicate.

On May 1 you are required to file with the Comptroller General duplicates of the above lists, together with a statement as to each taxpayer, showing the action taken by him. Yours very

A W JONES, Comptroller General.

The income tax law has been giving considerable trouble ever since it was placed on the statute books.

In the year just past, according to the report from the office of the Comptroller General, the following were the receipts from the income tax collections:

Abbeville \$47, Aiken \$116.45, Anderson \$10.20, Charleston \$3,577.40, Cherokee \$101,18, Chester \$10.14, Edgefield \$247.55, Fairfield \$41.06, Georgetown \$286.03, Greenville \$21.05, Kershaw \$114.85, Lancaster \$58.27, Lexington \$57.50, Marion \$36.25, Marlboro \$36, Newberry \$205.91, Oconee \$11.50, Orangeburg \$124.38, Richland \$1,191.49, Spartanburg \$1,401.04, Sumter '\$323.93, Union \$325.50, York \$211.20. Total \$8,554.88.

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> The total collections since the income tax law was put into eftect in 1898 are \$49,929.10. In one or two of the counties there has been no tax on incomes collected since the law was enacted, and in the majority of the counties the collections have been very meagre.

Charleston county has led in land second in the list.

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