

**TERMS**

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 23, 1909.

**Give the Law a Chance.**

By a very decided majority the people of Williamsburg county voiced their sentiments at the polls on August 17 as opposed to the continuation of the county dispensary system. Just fifty-three days more and Williamsburg will be enrolled with the other thirty-six "dry" counties of the State. Too late now to consider the wisdom or unwisdom of their choice, the people have spoken and their will must be obeyed. The loss of thirty thousand dollars to our county will be appreciably felt in the increase of both county and town taxes, and unless the revenue thus lost be replaced by a direct tax, the roads, the schools and the towns must go backward. The people of the county, we are confident, will not for a moment consider the question of decreasing the efficiency of their highways or their educational institutions, hence the only thing to do is to go down in their pockets. If the sentiment of morality that it is presumed actuated the people in voting out the dispensary is worth anything at all, it will withstand the shock applied to the pocket book nerve and the people responsible for the loss of revenue, as well as those who voted the other way, will pay their higher taxes cheerfully or reluctantly, according to the way they voted.

Thirty thousand dollars a year is a big loss of revenue to towns and county alike and there should be some compensation. Theoretically the loss is to be offset by the elevation of the morals of the body politic. If it be true that drunkenness and crime are diminished by prohibition, then we say the revenue lost amounts to nothing in comparison with the gain in civic virtue. But if intemperance and all the vices charged to the liquor traffic still flourish, with the additional crime of illicit liquor selling, it is evident that the so-called prohibition law is a farce and a humbug.

The point is this: The prohibitionists have won an important vantage-ground by voting out legal liquor selling; now it is up to them to see that the voting out of the legal liquor traffic be not the voting in of the illegal sale of liquor—yclept the "blind tiger." Does there exist a sentiment against liquor selling strong enough to prohibit the traffic in every form, or were the efforts of the prohibitionists only directed against the county dispensary? This question must be answered shortly. The law is not going to enforce itself automatically—it must be enforced. We took no part in the recent campaign, as we believed the people were capable of deciding this question for themselves without any advice from us, but

now that they have decided, we want to place this newspaper on record as standing for the enforcement of the law. If the prohibitionists are going to recline supinely on "flowery beds of ease" and expect the millennium to come, now that they have voted out the liquor traffic, they are apt to be sadly undeceived. The law can be enforced, but the people must do it. Prohibition has not won the war; it has only won a battle and the fighting goes on all the time, only now it is guerilla, instead of regular warfare. Let the same degree of zeal and energy that animated those who made the campaign against the dispensary successful be injected into the war on the illicit liquor dealers, who are apt to spring up all over our county, and the final victory is assured. But it must be a constant warfare; the forces of evil never sleep and consequently the sentinels of virtue must be ever on their guard.

Now, to bring about a concert of action in working for the common good of suppressing crime and vice in general, with the particular aim to suppress the illicit liquor traffic, we would suggest that those who actively favor the enforcement of the prohibition law now in force, call a meeting of representative men from all parts of the county to be held at some convenient place and systematize their work, co-ordinating forces so as to cover every part of the county. Such an organization, if formed, would of itself deter expectant law-breakers and the men who go into it should do so determined to enforce the law without fear or favor and teach every offender what it means to wilfully flout the law. If some such plan of co-operation as has been crudely outlined be pursued, prohibition will be a success in Williamsburg county and the loss of revenue will never be felt.

**Give the law a chance.**

**Our People Prosperous.**

Last week the five banks of this county whose quarterly statement were published showed combined deposits of about \$450,000. To this may be added this week \$127,000 more on deposit in the Bank of Lake City, whose quarterly statement appears elsewhere in this issue. Thus we have a grand total of nearly \$600,000 on deposit in the six banks in Williamsburg county on September 8, just at the beginning of the busy season. This is certainly a gratifying showing to every one interested in the welfare of our county, as it shows Williamsburg to be one of the most prosperous counties of the State. A comparison with bank statements in other counties over the State indicates that the people of Williamsburg are in excellent shape financially. In fact, we do not believe there are two towns in South Carolina, size considered, whose banks make as good a showing as those of the two biggest towns in our county—Kingstree and Lake City.

Surely our people are wonderfully blessed and have much to be thankful for when we compare our circumstances with those of many others less favored by opportunity and environment.

A merchant advertises in one of our exchanges: "Straw hats fifty per cent off." If this cool weather keeps up they will soon be off altogether.

The new-fangled disease, pellagra, is said to be marked by an insuperable aversion to work, on the part of the subject. As an excuse for laziness the disease is liable to become epidemic through this section.

The death of Governor John A. Johnson of Minnesota removes from the ranks of the national Democratic party one of its towering figures. Possibly at this time there was no man in the party whose political prospects were so bright. Thrice elected Governor of an overwhelmingly Republican State, he was the idol of the plain, common people, combining the elements of rugged honesty with a personality that drew men to him, and, possessing withal, a strength of character and intellect that placed him in the forefront among the ablest statesmen of the day. Well might President Taft say, a short while before Governor Johnson's death, that "in time the nation might call him to its service." His death is a great loss to his State and a severe blow to the Democratic party.

**ATTENTION, TEACHERS AND TRUSTEES!**

**Many Prizes Are Offered for Rural School Improvement.**

To the Teachers and Trustees of Williamsburg County: I beg to call your attention to this announcement of school improvement prizes for 1909, and urge that any school having made improvements during the time mentioned will enter this contest.

That a teacher does not expect to teach at the same place makes no difference. If the school win a prize it will get the money and the teacher the credit.

Be sure to mention everything. It is the little things that count. Read articles 5 and 6 carefully.

MISS MATTIE E HARPER,  
Co Organizer,  
Greelyville, S. C.

The South Carolina School Improvement association offers thirty-five prizes to the schools of the State for the most decided material improvements made during a given length of time. Five of the prizes are to be \$100 each, and thirty are to be \$50 each. Regulations concerning the thirty-five prizes that are to be awarded by this association are as follows:

1. Improvements must be made between November 1, 1908, and December 10, 1909.
2. Prizes will be awarded to schools where the most decided material improvements have been made during the time mentioned.
3. Under material improvements are included local taxation, consolidation, new buildings, repairing and painting old ones, libraries, reading rooms or tables, interior decorations, beautifying yards and better general equipment.
4. No school can compete for any of these prizes unless it is a rural school. No town with more than 400 population shall be eligible to the contest.
5. All who wish to enter this contest must send names and descriptions of schools before improvements are made to the president prior to October 1.
6. All descriptions, photographs, and other evidences showing improvements must be sent to the president before December 15, 1909. The chairman of the board of trustees of any school that is competing for a prize must approve all descriptions before and after improvements are made.
7. Blanks will be sent to schools competing for the above prizes with questions to be answered relating to the conditions under which the im-

provements have been made. Prizes will be awarded in checks at the annual meeting of the South Carolina association, December 31, 1909. The prizes are to be used for further improvements in the schools receiving them.

Address all communications to Miss Theodosia Dargan, President South Carolina School Improvement association, Dalzell, Sumter County S. C.

**MOODY MATTERS.**

**New School Building—Tobacco As a Money Crop.**

Moody, September 20:—The new graded school building is being pushed to completion. Mr J B Wilder, the contractor, says that it will be ready for occupancy by November 1. This is good news to all who are interested in the education of the children.

Good prices have been received for the cotton shipped from here this season. Several car-loads of tobacco have also been shipped from here, and sold for remarkably good prices considering the quality of the tobacco. Mr E Cox, of this vicinity, planted four acres of tobacco which netted him \$60 an acre with 400 pounds of fertilizer to the acre. Many other farmers around here did as well or even better. Some of the tobacco planters say that they would rather raise tobacco as a money crop at 8c a pound than cotton at 12c. That being the case, there should be a large acreage of tobacco planted in this section next year.

**RED COON.**

**A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.**

**Negro Fearfully Mangled in Machinery of Cotton Ginney.**

Drs Gamble and Jacobs were hurriedly called to Blakeley's station, on the G & W railroad, Tuesday morning to attend a negro boy, Jim Hewitt, who had been frightfully mangled in the machinery of Blakeley & McCullough's cotton ginney. The accident occurred about 6 o'clock a m, and was caused by the negro, who is about 25 years old, being caught somehow in the shafting of the machinery and jerked so violently that his left arm was literally torn off above the elbow. In addition to this the boy's legs were each broken in three places and he also sustained internal injuries. The doctors say that when they left their patient he was getting along as well as possible in the circumstances, though it is impossible to tell at this time what chance he stands for recovery.

**BANKRUPT'S PETITION FOR DISCHARGE**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA. In the matter of J C McElveen, Bankrupt. No. — In Bankruptcy. To the Honorable Wm H Brawley, District Judge of the United States for the District of South Carolina: J C McElveen of Lake City, in the county of Williamsburg and State of South Carolina in said district, respectfully represents that on the 4th day of September, 1908, he was duly adjudged bankrupt under the acts of Congress relating to bankruptcy; that he has duly surrendered all his property and rights of property, and has fully complied with all the requirements of said acts and of the orders of the court touching his bankruptcy. Wherefore he prays that he may be decreed by the court to have a full discharge from all debts provable against his estate under said bankrupt acts, except such debts as are excepted by law from such discharge. Dated this 4th day of September, A D 1909. J C McELVEEN, Bankrupt.

**ORDER OF NOTICE THEREON.**

District of S C—ss: On the 17th day of September, A D 1909, on reading the foregoing petition, it is— Ordered by the court, that a hearing be had upon the same on the 30th day of September, 1909, before said court at Charleston in said district, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon; and that notice thereof be published in The County Record, a newspaper printed in said district, and that all known creditors and other persons in interest may appear at the said time and place and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said petitioner should not be granted. It is further ordered by the court, that the Clerk shall send by mail to all known creditors copies of said petition and this order, addressed to them at their places of residence as stated. Witness the Honorable Wm H Brawley, Judge of the said court, and the seal thereof at Charleston in said district, on the 17th day of September, A D 1909. [SEAL.] RICH'D W HUTSON, Clerk. 9-23-11

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**Summons for Relief.**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF WILLIAMSBURG, Court of Common Pleas. H M Cooper, T M Cooper and J F Cooper, co-partners trading and doing business under the firm name and style of Cooper Brothers, Plaintiffs, against L A Gibbs, Defendant. To the Defendant, L A Gibbs:— You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action which was filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for said county on the second day of September, A D 1909, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscribers at their office in Kingstree, S C, within twenty days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid the plaintiffs in this action will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the said complaint. GILLAND & GILLAND, Plaintiffs' Attorneys. Kingstree, S C. September 9, 1909. 9-9-6t

**Final Discharge.**

Notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of October, A D 1909, the undersigned will make application to the Judge of Probate of Williamsburg county and State of South Carolina for final discharge as administratrix "cum testamento annexo" on estate of Sarah G Britton, SALLIE LOUISA CLYDE, Administratrix "cum testamento annexo. 9-23-4t

**Final Discharge.**

Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of October, A D 1909, I will apply to P M Brockinton, Judge of Probate of Williamsburg county, for a final discharge as administrator of the estate of S S Tisdale, deceased. 9-2-4t T J PHILLIPS.

THE RECORD has printed up a number of promissory note books, fifty notes to the book, that we are selling at ten cents each. tf