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CLOSING OUT AT COST

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EXCEPT HARDWARE

COMMENCING THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, AND CONTINUING FOR 20 DAYS.

H. D. REDDICK,
KINGSTREE, S. C.

NEW GOODS EVERY TRAIN.

THREE WEEKS GONE LITTLE DONE

BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY—NO SERIOUS PURPOSE MANIFESTED—SOME MATTERS OF LOCAL INTEREST.

The Capitol, Columbia, February 1:—At the close of the third week, which is generally regarded as the close of the first half of the session, the General Assembly has to its credit very little work accomplished, even less than usual. On the other hand it is ahead of any previous session in the number, length and variety of frolics. Rock Hill was first visited for the ostensible purpose of inspecting Winthrop. Then a picnic took place in Charleston, which was no doubt heartily enjoyed, for it is but natural to enjoy such a picnic. After this Clemson and Anderson entertained the lawmakers and gave them and those who accompanied them a good time. All this is very nice from the standpoint of pleasure, but what good to the State was accomplished? The members of the Assembly are supposed to be at work, to do something for the benefit of the people and not to fritter away the time in idleness or in merrymaking. The educational institutions which are under State control should be inspected, but the inspection should be thorough and of such character that it will supply reliable information for the guidance of the Legislators in exercising control and supervision of these institutions. If inspections such as made by

these frolicking parties were simply useless, they might be excused on the ground that some recreation is excusable, but instead of being simply useless they are positively harmful. The parties, in every instance that have come under the observation of this correspondent, were made up of a part of the members of the Assembly, the clerks of the engrossing department, door-keepers, clerks and a crowd of women. The whole ensemble is that of a party of excursionists out for a day of care-free pleasure. The inspections consist in looking at a few buildings and some tasty grounds, much handshaking, more eating and drinking and a lot of "speeling." The word speeling, expresses the idea pretty clearly. The object is to obtain favorable consideration for the institution visited, and things are arranged and carried out with that object steadily in view, and so long as these trips are timed, fashioned, controlled and absolutely moulded with the present object, they will continue to be harmful.

No matters of general interest have passed into law. There seems to be no question of great importance in the minds of the Legislators generally. Some few are disposed to make efforts to remedy certain conditions which should be remedied, but these few are meeting with that opposition which always come from ignorance of the subject and desire for attention, even though the attention be that of criticism.

Of course the liquor business

will receive much attention, not necessarily that serious and sensible attention which might bring beneficial results, but that attention which will gain notoriety that may result in votes next summer. Efforts will be made to pass a State-wide prohibition bill, and such a bill has been introduced. Just what its fate will be cannot be foreseen, but the indications are that the whole thing will result in much speech-making and nothing more. There will be a lot of talk and things will remain as they are. This is the situation as it now appears.

Senator Smith has presented a measure providing for high license. This solution of the question will hardly receive a great deal of open support at this time, but it would be a great surprise to the people of the State did they know what and how many Legislators privately favor this proposition. The information was quite a surprise to the writer.

A bill prohibiting the sale of cigarettes is before the Senate, and will provoke a stubborn fight. Very few believe that such a measure would do much real good, as the cigarette smokers could easily make their cigarettes, smoking tobacco not being affected at all by the bill. The members from the tobacco growing section of the State are, so far as known, a unit in opposition, believing that it would be a great blow to the tobacco industry of that section.

One of the freaks, out of a mass of freaks, is the bill to prohibit whipping in the schools. Another

is to require each county to establish a penitentiary for female prisoners. These are mentioned simply to illustrate the nature of some of the stuff that is evolved from brilliant legislative brains.

Those who favored the repeal of the lien law last year, having been made to realize that the repeal will have no effect, have endeavored to restrict chattel mortgages to crops that are up and growing, but their endeavors failed in the House.

The bill to tax timber separately from the land is likely to receive as much consideration as any measure that will be before this Assembly. There is a strong and growing sentiment that the man who owns the timber ought to pay the taxes on it, and not the man who owns the land upon which the timber stands.

A bill, by Mr Foster, making it a misdemeanor to point a pistol or gun at a person, has passed the House and received favorable report in the Senate. Such a law, if enforced, would prevent many wounds and deaths.

Mr Bryan has two bills relating to the stock law exemptions in Williamsburg. One provides a mode for changing the line of exemption fence south of Black river. The other simply changes the persons who may vote on the exemption in the Cedar Swamp section from "resident freeholders" to freeholders.

Mr Carter is providing by a bill a way by which the Prospect school may increase its levy to nine mills. Mr Bass has amended this bill with Mr Carter's consent, of course, so as to include the Pergamos school.

The Farmer and His Bank Account..

The farmer, more than any other business man, requires the services of a bank, if he manages his farm in a systematic way. While he has no need for a set of books in which to keep a record of each and every transaction made, yet during the course of a year he must pay out large sums of money for various purposes, and a record for future reference is highly important.

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