

Queen Quality
THE FAMOUS
SHOE FOR WOMEN

Come and Get Your
Oxford Slippers
From Us.

KINGSTREE

DRY GOODS COMPANY

**BLEASE DENOUNCED
BY ATTORNEY FELDER.**

**"A BRIBE TAKER AND BRIBE
GIVER"—AGENT LIQUOR HOUSES
—SOME OTHER UGLY CHARGES.**

The Atlanta Constitution Saturday published a most sensational open letter addressed "To Cole L. Blease" and signed by Thomas B. Felder. This letter follows one of a more general character addressed to many newspapers.

Charges of the gravest nature are made against the Governor of South Carolina, and he is challenged to go into the United States courts for redress. Two letters signed "Cole", alleged to have been addressed to a liquor establishment, one asking for pay for services and the other acknowledging the receipt of \$500 and expressing doubt of "Hub's" reliability in money matters, are printed. It is distinctly shocking to South Carolinians to have "coward or thief" applied to the Governor of this State.

While the matter has been published in a responsible newspaper, we do not feel warranted in reproducing the language conveying criminal charges until there is more light shed. Mr. Felder should be made to prove his charges, or else suffer the penalties for gross libel.

He says in part:
If the charges I make are false, they are libelous per se, and I am suably solvent.

Moreover, with apologies to the shades of my departed ancestors, I in modesty (?) claim to be your equal, and if you are aggrieved by the charges, it will be my pleasure to meet you at such time and place without the confines of your State that may suit your convenience, to the end that abundant opportunity may be offered to redress your grievances.

If my charges are groundless and libelous and you do not wish to seek personal satisfaction, you can institute suit against me in the United States court in the city of Atlanta—should it be objected, however, that this is my home county, then in any of the subdivisions of the district. As soon as suit is filed I hereby promise and agree, in order to facilitate and expedite the same and by way of circumventing any excuse you may offer for inaction, that I will enter into a recognizance with good and approved security in an amount covering the sum sued for, the fees of your counsel and the cost of court, together with your person-

al expenses and the expenses of your witnesses; the only condition of the bond be that you shall finally prevail in the litigation.

An investigation of this court will disclose that it is presided over by a distinguished jurist, who, in the administration of the laws, knows neither friend nor foe, and, while his decisions are occasionally reversed, they abound in such rigid integrity that they are universally interpreted to be "without variability or shadow of turning."

Then follow the direct charges on which Blease is invited to base his suit for libel. They affect his conduct while Senator from Newberry in dealing with persons selling supplies to the State dispensary.

Here are two letters as presented by Col. Felder.

I use your own language: From the "mountain of evidence" in my possession I submit for your consideration "a few grains of sand." In doing so I omit the name of the addressee:

"Dear Sir: I am greatly surprised that you failed to call upon me during your recent visit to Columbia and arrange the matter as promised. Spoke to Hub about it and he referred me to you. Have performed all services as agreed, both as to matters pending here and as to the last purchases by the board. Let me hear from you at once. Read and destroy. Yours very truly,
(Signed) "COLE."

This letter was written by you during a session of the Legislature of the State of South Carolina, in the month of February, 1905, to the representative of a well-known liquor house which has had large transactions with the State dispensary. Thereafter, on March 16, 1905, you addressed another communication to the same party, as follows:

"Dear Sir: Since writing you on the 26th ultimo, saw Hub. He handed me the five hundred. Hereafter either deal directly with me or through J. F. Confidentially cannot rely on Hub in money matters. Hope to see you soon and report happenings. Very truly yours,
(Signed) "COLE."

Other charges about the methods of securing votes in the primary election last summer follow, and Felder closes in a caustic taunt to the Governor of South Carolina to seek vindication.

Commenting on the letter, the Atlanta Constitution says editorially:

The Constitution publishes elsewhere an interesting, though somewhat personal, communication addressed by Hon. Thomas B. Felder to Gov. Blease of South Carolina. "To those who know Col. Felder and

are informed as to the chaos existing in the political affairs of South Carolina, it is scarcely necessary to say that the Governor of South Carolina has, to say the least of it, taken a circuitous route to attack Mr. Felder, his allegation, as mysterious and misty as it is, relating to an event of seven years ago. If there has been anything in the Governor's position, he was recreant in his duty in not having given the people of his State the benefit of his information before now, when he suddenly springs an attack on Col. Felder in a general fusillade in which he assaults at the same time many prominent citizens of South Carolina.

Gov. Blease seems to have a way of running amuck, and that he has done so in this instance no one who knows Col. Felder will doubt.

The State cannot, of course, forecast the course of the Governor of South Carolina in this crisis."—*The State*.

An Optimist's Mishap.

"I try to be optimistic, no matter what happens."

"I suppose you would be optimistic if you lost your job?"

"Yes; I would try to keep remembering that there are other jobs to be had."

"And you would, no doubt, keep right on being optimistic if you were to lose your wife?"

"Why not? I care a great deal for my wife, but if she were taken from me I should continue to be hopeful. It is always possible for a man who has lost his wife to find another—confound the luck! Darn it all! Dash, dash, dash! That's always the way. When a fellow has to depend on his last match a gust of wind is sure to come along and blow it out."—*Chicago Record-Herald*.

Wanted One Inside.

He had evidently been imbibing just a little too much. As he approached the desk in a Denver hotel the other night he was just a bit unsteady.

"Want a room," he said to the clerk.

"Very well, sir," replied the clerk.

"Will you have an outside room?"

"No," came from the unsteady one. "A room in a hotel 'll do."—*Denver Times*.

Her Straight Tip.

Mr. Blank, who makes many after dinner speeches, was called to the telephone and found himself talking to the young woman secretary of a very good friend, the secretary being a quick witted Irish lass.

"Mr. Blank," she said, "Mr. Jones wants me to tell you that a meeting of the club and a dinner are to occur tonight and that you are expected to make a talk."

"Is that so?" said Blank. "What am I to talk about?"

"Well," responded she of the Gaelic extraction, "if you heard what some of them said about your last speech to the club you'd talk about two minutes."

CAUGHT THE COWBOYS.

A Warm Reception For "the Guy That Took Off the Bum."

"For real scenic variety give me the cattle town; the mining camps pales before it," said Scott Cooper, the actor, whose earlier fly by night years yielded generous experience. "This town was in Montana. It was in the eighties, and I was doing a star part. The theater was a skating rink, with canvas walled dressing rooms. The boys were all there with their "forty-fours" in their holsters.

"The curtain went down and I was removing my makeup when a knock came on the door. Outside stood a crowd of at least twenty-six.

"Where's the guy that took off the bum?" said one of them.

"The tone was not reassuring. I recalled a former experience when a man in the gallery had threatened to shoot me when, as Bill Sikes, the lines of the piece made me brutal to Nancy.

"In that brief moment of waiting I concentrated as much of my mind as I could, trying to remember if any of my lines that night might have offended them.

"Come, get a move on you!" said the spokesman.

"There was nothing to do but face it. 'I am Mr. Cooper,' I said. I have spoken longer lines that were easier to get out.

"One man took my right arm, another my left, and we marched off in step, the crowd with us. Not a word was spoken. I felt that the time had come to cash my life insurance. Down the length of the rink we went and through a doorway. In front of us was a counter seventy or eighty feet long, and over it were being passed things not called mild.

"Sing out what you want!" shouted one of my escorts. "There's nothing in the house good enough for you!" Then the tension was lifted.

"Well, our train pulled out at 4:30 in the morning, and the crowd stayed with me. The last I saw of them they were standing on the platform, firing their pistols in the air as a goodbye. Those westerners are the biggest hearted fellows in the world."—*Chicago Record-Herald*.

According to Rule.

"Where's your watch?" asked the observant man.

"Why, here it is," replied the man whose prosperity had slipped a cog or two recently.

"But that's a silver one. The one you used to carry had a handsome gold case."

"Well—er—circumstances alter cases, you know."

Two Kinds.

Little Willie—Say, pa, what is the difference between a close friend and a dear friend?

Pa—A close friend, my son, is one who will not lend you any money, while a dear friend is one who borrows all you will stand for.—*Chicago News*.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Never fails. Buy it now. It may save life.

**WHAT IT MEANS
A Bank's Surplus**

Is the fund along with the Capital Stock and Undivided Profits that protects the depositors from loss; therefore the larger it is, the greater protection the depositor has. This Bank has a

Capital Stock of.....	\$30,000.00
Surplus Fund of.....	20,000.00
Undivided Profits of.....	8,279.77
Additional Stockholders' Liability.....	30,000.00
Total.....	\$88,279.76

This means that this Bank must lose \$88,279.76 before one of its depositors could lose a cent. This protection is for you. Do business with The Bank that has never lost a Dollar.

The Bank of Kingstree

D. C. SCOTT, President. J. A. KELLEY, Vice Pres.
F. W. FAIREY, Cashier. N. D. LEBESNE, Asst. Cashier.
WM. W. BARR, JR., Teller.

**TO THE FARMERS
OF WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY**

DEAR SIR:—As many of you know, Western Hay is now worth about \$30.00 per ton and is going higher. Lots of our farmers buy hay year after year, instead of making their own, which causes thousands of dollars to go out of our county which should be kept here for other necessary purposes. We can make forage crops for less than one-third of their cost when we have to buy same. Now don't you think it would pay you handsomely to buy a Mower and Rake and gather your oats and other forage crops and stop buying Western hay, etc?

WE HANDLE THE

McCormick Mowers and Rakes

And will be pleased to quote you prices on the same.

Come to see us and get the best on the market.

Yours to please,

The Williamsburg Live Stock Company,

Kingstree, South Carolina.

Hinduism.

Self renunciation is one of the features of Hinduism. A writer says: "The ascetic life is the natural fruit of the pessimism of India. In no other country is such transcendental merit attached to mortification of the flesh. Ascetics press their martyrdom to almost incredible limits. They will pass their days outstretched upon a bed of spikes. They will hold up an arm till it withers in the socket. Literally they treat the body as though it were a slave. The devotee is saluted everywhere as maharaja. Men of wealth and position constantly in their declining years resign their possessions to their heirs and wait for death in nakedness and poverty by the Ganges at Benares. Nay, it is no uncommon thing that young men, the products of our universities, should relinquish their interests and their ambitions and join the wandering army of devotees who, literally in sackcloth and ashes, seek grace in an unending round of pilgrimages."

The woman of today who has good health, good temper, good sense, bright eyes and a lovely complexion, the result of correct living and good digestion, wins the admiration of the world. If your digestion is faulty Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets will correct it. For sale by all dealers.

Merry Widow is a rich man's tobacco, but you can get it at a poor man's price from the People's Mercantile Co. 5-11-13t

It is worse than useless to take any medicines internally for muscular or chronic rheumatism. All that is needed is a free application of Chamberlain's Liniment. For sale by all dealers.

Old papers for sale cheap by the hundred at THE RECORD office.

SPRING SUITS

We have the biggest range of Fancy Woolens in Spring Suits—so many beautiful weaves and colorings out of the ordinary it is hard to say which are the greatest favorites—Grays, Browns, Tans and Blue Serges.

Also a big line of Alpaca and Blue Serge Single Coats.

Don't fail to visit our Millinery Department, as we are still receiving new shapes of the latest style at reasonable prices.

S. MARCUS