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GENERAL ASSEMBLY ELECTS NEW JUDGE

OF FIRST CIRCUIT--SOME MEASURES PROPOSED AND DISCUSSED.

Columbia, February 6 (Special):—The General Assembly of South Carolina escaped a horrible fate at noon Wednesday. It was on the verge of being accused of "doing nothing but doing that very well" when it convened in joint Assembly and elected a Judge of the First circuit. Elderton W Bowman, a prominent attorney of Orangeburg, was the lawyer elevated to the bench. He has announced that he will accept and will at once come to Columbia and qualify. Last Wednesday W L Glaze was elected to the position but declined to accept on account of ill health. Major Glaze was not a candidate, but was put in nomination when Senator Carlisle voted for him. The names of P T Hildebrand, M S Connor, E J Dennis and Octavus Cohen had been presented to the joint Assembly through the nomination channel. At the election of Mr Bowman the choice came on the first ballot, the Orangeburg man receiving 82 votes. Senator Dennis of Berkeley county received 73 votes while Col J Otey Reed of St George received five votes. The election fills the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Judge Robert E Copes. Judge Copes was elected by the last General Assembly to succeed the late Judge Dantzler.

The House Wednesday killed the Rembert inheritance tax bill by the very close vote of 60 to 56. This has proved a much discussed bill. A similar measure was proposed by the same Richland Representative at the last session of the Legislature when it was killed. Much of the

time of the House on Wednesday was consumed with debate on the bill, much of the discussion concerning the constitutionality of the bill. Among those speaking against its passage were: McQueen of Marlboro, Haynsworth of Greenville, Hunter of Bamberg, Ashley of Anderson, Stevenson of Chesterfield. Those raising their voices in favor of the proposed measure were: the author, Wyche of Spartanburg, Wyche of Newberry, Gary of Anderson, Williams of Pickons, Youmans of Richland.

During the heated discussion of the inheritance tax bill, W A James, Representative from Lee county, said that one of his "schemes" for legislation in the future was to prohibit the owning of more than \$10,000,000 worth of property by any one man in South Carolina and not to allow anyone to hold title to more than 1,000 acres of land. He said that he was of the opinion that when a corporation made more than 25 per cent on its capital the excess should be paid into the State treasurer.

Such a law as that suggested by Mr Lee would not work a hardship on many South Carolinians as far as the provision as to \$10,000,000 worth of property is concerned but the 1,000 acres of land stipulation would affect many. Francis J Pelzer of Charleston is reputed to be the wealthiest man in South Carolina but it is not believed that his fortune amounts to \$10,000,000. There are probably half a dozen other men in South Carolina worth over a million.

At the sessions Wednesday both the Senate and House endorsed the transcontinental highway to the Pacific coast via a Southern route. The highway would run from Richmond, Va, via Raleigh, N C, Columbia and points in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana to El Paso, Texas to a connection to the Pacific coast. The Senate, convening Tuesday

night after a recess over salesday, took up the McLaurin warehouse bill and heard an extended speech from the author. Senator Ginn of Hampton expressed his disapproval of the bill but had not completed his objections when the joint Assembly of Wednesday was announced. Following the election of a Judge the Senate went into executive session for the consideration of appointments.

The bill introduced by Pringle T Youmans of Richland allowing the introduction of dying declarations in evidence in civil suits was passed to a third reading by the House Wednesday night. J BRIAN BELL.

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For This Wife, Says a Baltimore Judge.

Baltimore, February 11:—Criminal Court Judge Dobler today said that a man is the head of the house and the fellow who meekly turns over his weekly pay envelope to his wife is no man at all.

The occasion for this legal dictum was the trial of Thomas Nichols for failing to support his wife. Nichols makes \$24 a week. In a spirit of remorse and generosity Nichols told Judge Dobler that he would hereafter turn over all his money to his wife each week.

"No," said Judge Dobler in vigorous protest, "I do not want you to do that. A man who gives his wife all his salary is no man at all. The man is the treasurer of the family and he should be the financial head in reality as well as in theory. A man who turns over his envelope each week to his wife cannot be a very strong character, and I am not in favor of a man putting himself in such a position. A man must take some pride in the fact that he is a man and the head of the house."

After a little talk it was arranged that Nichols should give his wife about \$8 a week and the case was dismissed.

WORK OF SOLONS AT COLUMBIA.

HIGH LICENSE FOR CHARLESTON --AGAINST 2-CRNT FARES--MAY ADJOURN NEXT WEEK.

Columbia, February 11:—The dispensary committee's report presented Friday was one of the most interesting features of the week. That report, the result of charges contained in a message sent by Gov Blease to the General Assembly last year, has reported that there is no sign of moral obliquity on the part of the Ansel commission appointed to wind up the dispensary affairs except that B F Arthur of Union when a member of the commission, overcharged the State. The report finds that Gov Blease's charges against the members of the commission: Dr W J Murray, chairman; J S Brice, Avery Patton, John McSween and A N Wood—are "wholly unsupported by the testimony and therefore without foundation in fact."

The report further goes on to say that the testimony it took led it to believe that there was a regular system of graft in Charleston in connection with the work of the dispensary constables.

Of an extra legislative character, but conducted by the Legislature, or rather a committee delegated by it, was the investigation of Dr S C Mitchell, president of the University of South Carolina, in connection with the charge of Governor Blease, expressed in his inaugural address, that Dr Mitchell has done harm to the cause of education in this State by signing an agreement which deprived Winthrop College of a con-

siderable amount of money which Winthrop might have received from the Peabody fund. Dr D B Johnson, president of Winthrop College, was cited by the Governor as his authority. An investigation was ordered by the Legislature and the committee took testimony at some length. Dr Johnson on the stand admitted telling Governor Blease that he thought the University had cost Winthrop a large sum from the Peabody fund. He further admitted that Winthrop had received \$90,000 from the fund, \$40,000 of this being money which the Peabody board at one time intended devoting to the University. This was corroborated by Former Governor M F Ansel, who admitted that he had something to do with the change. Governor Ansel was a member of the Peabody board at the time.

Dr Mitchell then took the stand and cleared up the clouds quickly. Governor Blease's charge was that Dr Mitchell had signed an agreement by which the Peabody board would divide its funds between the State University and the negro schools of the various States. Dr Mitchell explained that he—in common with representatives of nearly all other Southern State universities—had signed a petition requesting that the then remaining portion of the Peabody fund be divided, each Southern

State university receiving \$100,000 and the negro schools getting the remainder, a small sum comparatively.

The result, according to the testimony, of Dr Johnson's requests and Governor Ansel's suggestions was that Winthrop received \$90,000 and the University was offered \$6,000 instead of the \$40,000 which most Southern State universities got.

The investigating committee had reached this stage of the affair Friday, when adjournment was taken until Tuesday. J E Swearingen, State superintendent of Education, will be among the witnesses to be heard when the inquiry is resumed.

Long and at times lively debate marked the passage of the bill to establish a State medical college. Passed by the House on a snap division Friday night, the measure

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