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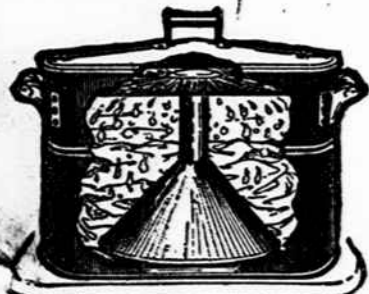
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COMPULSORY EDUCATION BILL PASSED

BY LEGISLATURE--PENITENTIARY INVESTIGATION--BRYAN ADDRESSES GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Columbia, February 27:—The passage of a compulsory education bill, "such as it is", and an investigation of conditions at the State penitentiary by the committee of the Senate on Penal and Charitable Institutions, prompted by a message from the Governor, have been the most interesting events of the week in the Carolina Legislature. As a result some work was done on the appropriation bill.

The penitentiary investigation began Wednesday afternoon following a message from the Governor read in the Senate Tuesday night charging that a negro, Simeon Ellis, had been subjected to brutal treatment at the State prison.

Tuesday night the Governor sent to the Senate a message which contained a letter without signature alleging brutal treatment of Ellis by W H Sondley, captain of the guard, and Dr R T Jennings, prison physician. The Governor paroled the negro and gave the alleged brutal treatment as a reason for extending clemency.

Wednesday the Governor appeared before the committee and announced that he had withheld the name of the person making the charges for a purpose on which he bases his charges. He then said the letter was from F J Nichols, a white prisoner serving his second term on a charge of house-breaking and larceny. He called Nichols, who was present at the hearing, and granted him a parole. "There is your parole. You are a free citizen. You may testify," said the Governor of South

Carolina in granting the parole. Blease said that he had refrained from divulging the name of the man giving the information, for the prisoner would have been punished by the officials of the penitentiary.

Simeon Ellis, the negro convict around whom the row centres, was convicted 13 years ago in Union county on a charge of murder. He was examined by the members of the committee Wednesday to determine his physical condition as a result of the alleged whipping. Ellis said that he had decided that he had been in the penitentiary long enough, so he concluded several days ago while working on the street squad to speak to the Governor. He said that when the Governor passed he asked permission of the guard to speak and was refused. He then spoke to the Governor without permission. Ellis said that later his conduct was reported to W H Sondley, captain of the guard, and he was given a whipping of between 75 and 80 lashes. Ellis continued that later he was placed on a table and an electric battery applied to him. On cross-examination by the committee it developed that the negro was subject to "fits" and that the electric battery had been applied because of his condition. Testimony was also given that there were no bruises on the body of the negro as a result of the electric treatment. Ellis said that he had been whipped many times by the prison officials because he would not work. In the cross-examination Dr Jennings brought out the fact that he did not know that the negro had been whipped when the electric treatment was used and that it was applied because the negro had a fit.

F J Nichols, the man who addressed the communication to the Governor charging the officials with brutal treatment, was a witness be-

fore the committee. He is a native of Michigan, has completed one term in the penitentiary and was serving a second on a charge of house-breaking and larceny. Nichols said that he had written the communication to the Governor because of a "human" feeling. When questioned as to his knowledge of the treatment of Ellis the witness said that it was hearsay, except that he had examined the negro's back and found him badly "beaten up". He said he did not know positively whether the lash had been applied or whether the electric treatment had been applied for punishment or to cure the negro of a fit. In his letter to the Governor, Nichols said that the cries of the negro while on the table under the electric treatment lasted possibly 30 minutes. Testifying Wednesday, Nichols said that the cries lasted possibly for five or ten minutes. This was brought out from questions by Dr Jennings.

C C Wyche and C D Fortner, members of the House from Spartanburg, said that they examined the negro in the Governor's office Tuesday afternoon and found that he had been beaten badly from the knees to the neck.

The Senate Tuesday night passed the compulsory school attendance bill which has been before that body for a number of days. The bill with a number of amendments was ordered returned to the House and it is expected that it will be in the hands of the Governor Friday. An amendment was adopted reducing the age limit from 13 to 12 years. Four weeks' notice shall be given instead of two before holding an election. Two amendments in which much interest centres were offered

and adopted by Laney of Chesterfield and Williams of Aiken to supply text-books and clothing for children forced to attend school when their parents are not financially able to supply these articles. The trustees of the district and the County Superintendent of Education will be the judges of the financial condition of the parents.

The Senate has passed the appropriation bill, with amendments, and returned it to the House. Committees of free conference will be appointed from the two bodies, and it is now believed that the end of the present week will see an adjournment of the Legislature for the session of 1913.

The House Wednesday night voted to the Abbeville county Daughters of the American Revolution the portrait of Langdon Cheves, now in possession of the South Carolina Secretary of State. Langdon Cheves was Speaker of the National House of Representatives. He was elected to Congress from South Carolina in 1810 and was elected Speaker of the House in 1816, succeeding Henry Clay. He was president of the United States Bank.

The House expects to hear an address from William Jennings Bryan Saturday. He will stop in Columbia that day en route to Washington from Miami, and will deliver an address that night. Wednesday night the House passed a resolution inviting the "Great Commoner" to speak to the body and appointed a committee to deliver the invitation.

BRIAN BELL.

Fred H Dominick, Governor Blease's former law partner, has been appointed assistant Attorney General to take office April 1.

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While the President's concluding

inaugural words were tossing in tumultuous waves of applause, the retiring President clasped his hand and enlisted as a patriotic servant in the ranks of private citizenship.

Bishop Lambuth Coming Here.

Bishop W R Lambuth, one of the bishops of the M E Church, South, will be in Kingstree on Wednesday, March 12, and will make addresses at the Methodist church at 12 o'clock noon, 3:30 p. m. and 8 p. m.

Bishop Lambuth was born in China, has traveled extensively on every continent and is thoroughly conversant with conditions, commercially, morally and religiously in every part of the world. He will speak with special reference to the Dark Continent and Brazil.

The public, and especially the men of the church and community, are invited to hear this eminent speaker. Drs Rawlings and Kennedy will also be here. One of these gentlemen will make an address in the Methodist church on Tuesday evening and the other will divide time with Bishop Lambuth on Wednesday.

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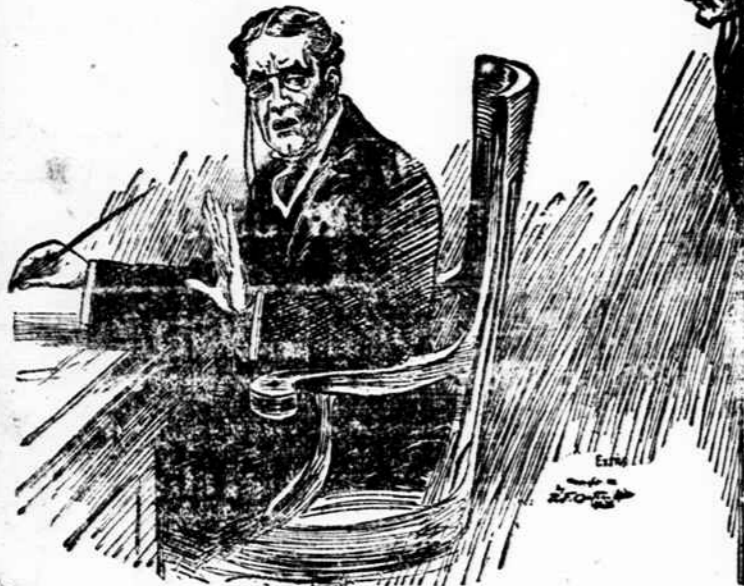
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