

The Watchman and Southerner.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 1891.

The Regents Take Their Turn.

They Reply at Length to the Investigating Committee.

Full Text of the Document—They Defend Their Administration of the Lunatic Asylum—The Reliability of Witnesses is Attacked.

The Board of Regents of the State Lunatic Asylum have taken their time at "investigating," too, and they have completed and announced their report.

The report is as follows: To His Excellency, B. R. Tillman, Governor of South Carolina.

The committee appointed by the Legislature in December last to examine into and report upon the condition and management of the lunatic asylum, has completed its work and made its report to the chief executive of the State.

Inasmuch as this report brings several charges directly against the Board of Regents, we deem it proper in the outset to state the fact that the inquiry was made by the committee without notice to us; without any intimation to us that we were to be put on trial, and consequently, with no opportunity given us, or any of the officers of the institution for cross-examination or rebuttal.

It was an entirely ex parte proceeding, where witnesses were examined in private. That report, with the charges therein contained, has gone, in a semi-official form, before the people of the State through the newspapers of the day.

After an examination of such portions of the testimony taken by the Legislative committee, as has now just been submitted by the Governor, we find that in a large number of cases, the witnesses giving the most unfavorable testimony, were either discharged attendants or employees having some fancied grievance to avenge.

THE TWO PRINCIPAL CHARGES against the board proper are: First, a failure to meet as often as their rules require, and second, a lax performance of their duty when such meetings are held.

The first charge we positively assert to be without foundation in fact. The rules of the board require monthly meetings, and our records will show that since the passage of the law ten years ago there has been no single instance of our failure to meet as required. But few instances have occurred in which every member was not present, and in every such case the absence was prevented from attending by sickness or other unavoidable cause. True, every ward is not visited at every meeting, the largely increased size of the asylum rendering this a work of too much magnitude for one day's performance.

The rule of our board being that, at the conclusion of the routine business, the president of the board appoints committee, who to inspect the different portions of the entire institution; and our records show, in the reports of said committees, that a large portion of the building is regularly inspected by us, and the testimony of the witnesses before the legislative committee goes to show that those portions unvisited were always in proper condition.

The purpose, therefore, of the inspection having been as fully accomplished by the known uncertainty as though the examination had been made. Only a very few instances have occurred in which the examination was entirely postponed or omitted, and these omissions were caused by the press of more important matter.

Besides all of this, the executive Regent for the current term, resident in Columbia, has invariably, in the discharge of his duty, visited and inspected once or twice each month the entire buildings and grounds, as is clearly shown by his reports in our minutes. In a practical point of view it is manifestly improper for strangers to intrude often in those wards where the more violent patients are confined, the very presence of strangers tending to cause undue excitement, and thus to interfere with the proper treatment and to retard the cure.

THE FOOD IS GOOD.

As to the matter of unproper food, the simple fact is that our contract for beef, which is furnished on alternate days, is made with a bonded contractor who stipulates to furnish good merchantable beef, and we know that the fact that the authorities in immediate charge do reject it when it falls below the proper standard. The preponderance of testimony, together with our own knowledge, fully established the fact that the food provided has been good palatable and sufficient. To show the truth of this statement, we refer to the bills of articles purchased on file in office of our steward. We have frequently examined the food in the kitchen and on the table, and have invariably found it good, well prepared and served, and the dining rooms perfectly neat and clean. Pay patients do receive better accommodations and a greater variety of food than is furnished to non-pay inmates, and we apprehend that no one will deny that this is just and proper. The difference is also made in cases of the sick or delicate and those in the possession of health and full physical strength. That the non-pay patients, however, are well cared for, we appeal to the testimony of Governor Tillman himself, who after a personal examination of the institution in November last, stated so much, as it appeared, with an air of complaint that the "pauper" fared better than the poor tolling farmer who was taxed for their support.

THE FARM MANAGEMENT. The severest criticism against the board is as to the management of the farm. The Legislative committee base their charges on the testimony of only two witnesses—ones a former employer who was discharged for cause several years ago—the other witness being the present superintendent of the farm, who was elected by us in October last, and who has been in charge of the farm ever since with instructions from us to do all in his power to improve the efficiency of the same.

As long ago as November last the superintendent of the farm was instructed to proceed with the erection of a new barn and stable and proper appropria-

tion made by us for the work. Various causes have arisen to prevent the earlier completion of these needed improvements. As a proof of the value of the farm as an adjunct to the asylum, and in refutation of the evidence submitted to the committee we herewith append the monthly report of the superintendent of the farm from November last to the present date, which shows a net profit of \$948 50.

THE OFFICERS TO EXPLAIN.

In reference to the charges more directly affecting the superintendent and officers immediately in charge of the institution, we have placed the testimony in their hands and have given them a week to prepare their answer and report to the board.

By order of Board of Regents, B. W. TAYLOR, President.

The Census of South Carolina.

The latest bulletin of the census office gives, among others, a complete and final statement of the population of South Carolina by races and counties. As the figures are of general and permanent interest we print them for the public information and for future reference.

The total white and colored population of the State in 1890, as enumerated, was 1,150,957, of whom 458,454 were white and 692,503 were colored. The total population of the several counties, and the increase since 1880, were as follows:

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Let us compare adjoining counties. Abbeville had in 1880 a population of 40,800, in round numbers, and Edgefield, its next-door neighbor, had 45,800. Abbeville increased its population during the decade about 14 per cent, and Edgefield increased its population only about 7 per cent. Spartanburg had in 1880, 40,400 and Greenville, 37,400. The increase in Spartanburg was 37 per cent., and in Greenville 18 per cent. Laurens, which had in 1880, 29,400, and which, according to the testimony of our own knowledge, together with our own knowledge, fully established the fact that the food provided has been good palatable and sufficient.

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Another Cigarette Victim.

A young gentleman from Johnston, Edgefield county, left Columbia yesterday morning for his home. Before reaching Batesburg he had five fits in rapid succession, caused, a physician stated, by the over use of cigarettes. Stimulants were administered to him, and at last accounts he was doing nicely.

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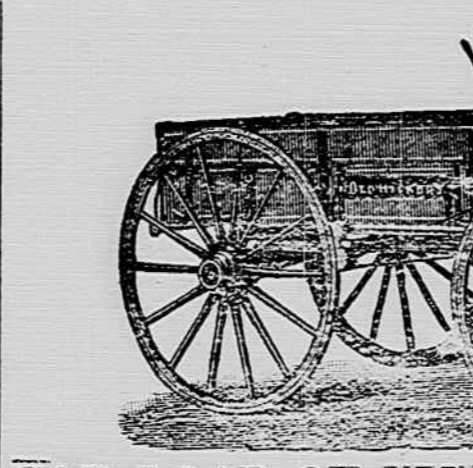
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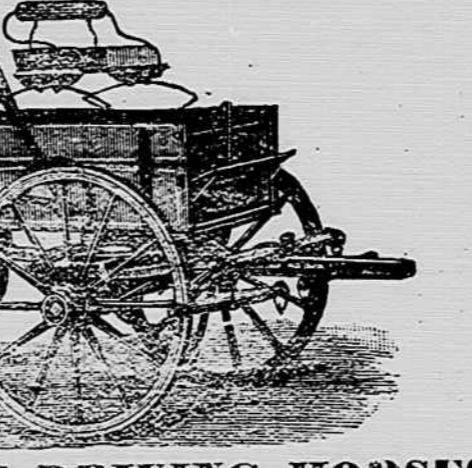
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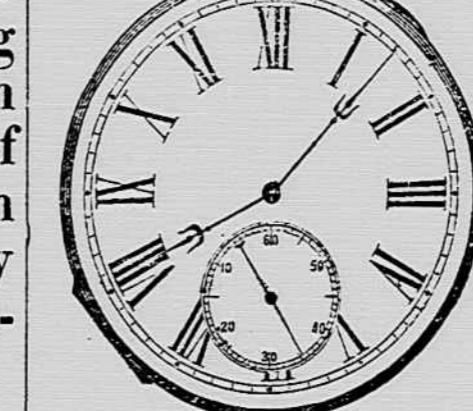
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