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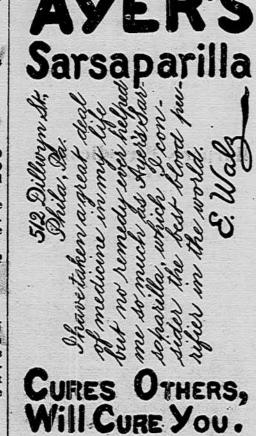
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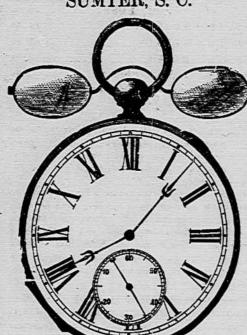
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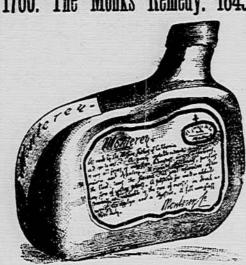
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Letter From Senator M. C. Butler.

The editor of The Greenville Mountaineer, believing that the views of Senator Butler upon the proposed organization of Democratic Leagues would prove interesting to the public, addressed a letter to that gentleman not long ago, to which the following answer has been received.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22nd, 1893.

Col. Jas. A. Hoyt, Greenville, S. C. My Dear Sir: I am in receipt of your letter of the 13th inst. asking my views on the proposed organization of Democratic Leagues in South Caralina." I am not well enough advised of the object of the "proposed organization" to give a very intelligent opinion in regard to it. My understanding of the objects of the National Demo cratic Association or League, of which the Hon. Chauncey Black, of Pennsylvania, is president, and Mr. Lawrence Gardner, of this city, is secretary, is that they shall be auxiliary or supplemental to the regular organizations in the different States and Territories, and are rather educational than strictly political. That is to say they are instrumentalities for the collection and distribution of Democratic literature, and are convenient organizations to assemble and hear addresses on financial or economic topics by distinguished Democratic speakers. If that be the purpose of the "proposed organization in South Carolina" I can see no objection to it. We all need instruction in sound Democratic-doctrine, and I should welcome any movement that would promulgate or encourage it.

If, on the other hand, the object be to organize Leagues or Associations independent of and in autagonism to the regular Democratic organization of the State, I think it would be unwise and impolitic. What we most need in South Carolina is harmony and good feeling among the Democratic masses. We cannot disguise the fact that there are two factions in our party. Sincere, honest Democrats are to be found in both, and I think it only needs patience and toleration and forbearance, for differences of opinion one with the other to bring our people together. It is for the interest of some men to keep up dissension, wrangling, angry recriminations and abuse, but the great body of Democrats in both factions are tired of it. Of course there are those who live and thrive on confusion and dissension. They have nothing else to sustain them, and when party strife is ended and matters settle down to a normal state, they subside and disappear. But, as I have remarked, our people are at heart conservative and want peace. Peace can be secured on perfectly honorable terms to both factions if our people are allowed to get together.

I fear the organization of the proposed Leagues would operate as a firebrand rather than a redative-would be seized upon by agitators to widen the breach. That at least is my apprehen-

Whatever reform may be desired in the figures certainly do not show it. the regular Democratic organization must and can be effected inside the putting down as assets profits that have organization. I trust, therefore, that vever been realized on stock undisposed we shall go along in the regular way of? What is this done for? Is it to and close up our ranks to make common | mislead the casual reader, or is it a new

cause for good government, I have heard it hinted that one faction or the other has, or may appeal to what the figures do not prove. The the negro vote to defeat the other. I figures, as furnished by the report show sincerely and devoutly pray that no a small loss, wiping out all available such calamity may ever befall my native assets, including the \$50,000 appro-State. The degradation of the ballot, priated. the demoralization of the white people, '76, would be something too terrible to contemplate. With such a great preponderance of negroes, we can draw no comfort or encouragement from experimajorities. For myself, I have struggled for white supremacy and shall continue to struggle for its permanency. Whatever I am I owe to the white

Above all things, let me implore our people to bear with one another, counsel with one another in a spirit of patriotic toleration and enlightened for hand, with \$61,000 in bills payable

The political fate of any man or set balanced against the welfare of all our front full of political ardor and honorable ambition. They should be encouraged on the lines of such political methods as will ensure good governadministered. Upon their shoulders will rest the burdens and responsibilities of maintaining social order and administering the affairs of the government. They cannot do this satisfactorily with the ballot degraded, as it must be by an appeal to the negro vote, until this but actual deficit is shown. race has made more enlightened progress in the scale of civilization. Some of them are equal to the duties of citizenship now, but as a whole they are not. Very truly yours.

M C. BUTLER

By order of Attorney General Olney, all the Chinamen arrested in San Franbeen released from jail.

Bad Bookkeeping.

A critical correspondent sends us the

otherwise all that would be necessary to aggregating over \$30,000. enrich the State would be for it to buy millions of dollars worth of liquor and charge it to the county dispensaries with profit added BOOKKEEPER

The propriety of this criticism will be recognized by every one who is acquainted with business methods. Governor Tillman, in order to make a show of remunerativeness for the dispensary system, has simply included among the assets of the business its anticipated profits. Mulberry Sellers worked on the same principle when he figured out his revenues from the sale of eye-water to the Orientals

The dispensary law permits a profit of 50 per cent to be charged by the State dispenser on the liquors shipped by him to the county dispensers. The \$82,953.70 shown by Governor Tillman as assets includes this hoped-for profit of 50 per cent. The real assets amounts only to two-thirds of that sum, or \$55.302.46. The profits improperly included are \$27,651.23

Let us recast the account; Deducting \$27,651.23 from the "amount due by dispensers," and from the total of the assets, we have an apparent profit on four months' business of \$4,546.93, or at the rate of \$13,640.79 a year. And this on a business which requires \$50,000 worth of spy labor to protect or fail to protect! Any material increase in the number of spies-and the number would have to be multiplied by ten to deal even with the whiskey wagons which pour in across the border -would wipe out this pitful profit and leave the State in debt for whiskey.

Promise, \$500,000 annual profits. Performance, \$13,000 annual profits. A high license law would bring the State a sure revenue of at least \$100,-000, sans spies, sans "breakage," sans blind tigers, sans tyranny. Will the Legislature be longer fooled by this shallow and pretentious sham of a

Since the foregoing was written we received the following letter, which represents the conclusions of three bookkeepers who met together last evening and tried to sift the dispensary figures:

To the Editor of The State: What does the dispensary report show? What does it not show? It is an extremely difficult matter to make head of tail of of it. From a business standpoint it is unique and befuddling, to say the least. It is claimed that there is a profit, but

Who ever heard of a business man system of bookkeeping? We may be in error, but the report seems to claim

The detailed statement shows, in not yet cared from the experiences of round numbers, stock purchased-including bottles, corks, etc -\$158,000. Deducting stock on hand, \$39,000, leaves a total of \$119,000. Add 50 per cent. for the State dispensary's ences in other States, with white profits, and the amount is \$178,500. But \$185.000 is claimed as the sum which the State has received and is to to receive from the county dispensers. Received from dispensers, \$100,000,

people of South Carolina, and by them State appropriation, \$50,000; total, and with them I shall survive or perish. \$150,000. Running expenses. \$72,-000: paid on merchandise. \$70,000: total expenditures, \$142,000-leaving, in round numbers, \$8,000 in cash on

What remains in the shape of assets to pay this \$61.000 and \$50,000, of men is of small concern, when \$111,000 in all? Why, \$82,000 in stock on the shelves of the county people. Young men are coming to the dispensaries, which would probably be disposed of during the next three months, \$10,000 advanced to distillers, which it is hoped will be returned. \$39,000 in stock in the State dispensary, ment and ready obedience to law justly | and \$7,500 cash in the State treasury a total of \$138,500.

This is nominally a profit of \$27,500. But deduct from the \$82,000 "due by dispensers," \$27,600 of profit that has not yet been made, and will not likely be made for three months, and a small

So there it is in another form, and by another method of calculation: Putting figures aside, the common-

sense way of looking at the Governor's bookkeeping is this: He has claimed as assets \$27,600 of profits which are only anticipated as yet and cannot be realized until the end of the next quarter. Then, at the end of the next quarter, cisco for violation of the Geary act have the dispensary will be able to show not a dollar of these profits, for they have

been appropriated in advance.

During four months the local dispensaries have sold \$100,000 worth of liquors at the dispensary's valulation. To the Editor of The State: I beg | With the railroads hauling competitive to call attention to some misleading liquor into the State, the wagon trade figures in the statement of assets of the booming and the blind tigers faction may be opposed to him. He State dispensary. The item "amount multiplying, can they sell \$82,000 says the Conservatives of Sumter due by dispensers, \$82,953.70," re- worth in the next three months? County have always treated him with presents not the cost of the liquor to Hardly! Yet if they should succeed in the utmost courtesy and he wishes that the State, but that cost with the State's clearing off this stock on hand in that time, they shall be treated justly .- Col. Regprofit added. As the State owns the the State, according to the Governor's ister, Nov. 29. liquor until sold by the county dispen- method of bookkeeping, would not make sers-who are simply agents of the one dollar. Indeed, it would lose State-it is manifestly improper, in heavily, for it must maintain its force "taking stock." to add any profit to the of spies, its Liquor Hall pay roll, and unsold goods in the county dispensaries. meet other expenses—the whole

Were the State's liquor business to be closed out today it could not pay 100 cents on the dollar. It is living on credit, and trying to set off its past indebtedness with its hope of future profits. We hope the Legislature will by telegram from Mr. P. V. DeGraw, appoint a committee to look into the of the United Press that you have dispensary's financial condition and directed some boats to report to me for investigate the Governor's method of service at these Sea Islands. No words bookkeeping. Some inquiry of the sort | can tell you how needed they are, nor should be made before any attempt is how welcome they will be. In my made to patch up the system .- The

Tillman and the Judges.

Governor Tillman's salty criticism in his recent message of the federal judges who are obstructing the peculiar liquor law of South Carolina reminds The Baltimore Sun of a good story. Our con- of life. Six thousand houses have to temporary says:

day the court was annoyed by the for them, which is the pitiful amount of disorderly conduct of a man in the court | a peck of hominy and a pound of pork hall who had gazed too intently upon for a family of seven persons for a week his gavel. Finally, when patience when we shall fail of that other one has the itch."

The Sun admits that the governor's comments are couched in more classical language than the Marylander employed, but it thinks that he is equally severe. It is an interesting federal courts the railroads under their control in the hands of receivers, must carry whisky shipped from other states and deliver it into the bands of the consignees in South Carolina, it goes without saying that the state dispensary law cannot be generally enforced.

The final result is doubtful. The federal courts are powful, but Governor Tillman is a man of original expedients great determination, untiring energy the next six months. and absolute fearlessness. Since Troup was governor of Georgia no state has had a stronger champion of local home rule in the gubernatorial chair. - Atlanta Constitution.

A Sumter County Muddle.

There is a sort of muddle in Sumter County just now. The Conservatives carried the county last year, and Senator Abbot is the only Tillmanite on the legislative delegation.

A few days ago Colonel Mellett, one of the County Commissioner, died, and instead of the choice of his successor being left to the delegation the Tillmanite executive committee undertook to make a recommendation but failed to agree, and there is a good deal of irritation in the faction in that county on

The practice has been for the Governor to leave it to the delegations from each county to make recommendation for appointments in such cases, and the Representatives from Sumter County do not like it because a departure from the rule and discrimination have been made

Senator Abbot was seen by a Register reporter last night and asked about the matter. He says that the Conservatives carried the county in the last election, and he is opposed to the Reand discriminated in this matter. He | v ry respectfully, has written to Governor Tillman and will see him and make further efforts to induce Governor Tillman to refer the matter to the delegation as is the usual He says if that is not done it will

cause a good deal of friction and

irritation in the county, not only among the Conservatives, but among the Tillmanites as well. In fact he says it has already done this Senator Abbot says he believes in doing what is right and just, even though his whole

Sea Island Sufferers.

Miss Barton's Appeal to Secretary

Washington, Nov. 28.—Miss Clara Barton, president of the Red Cross Society, in an official letter to Secretrry Carlisle under date of Beaufort, S. C., November 26, says: I am informed dispatch to Mr. DeGraw, asking for a boat, I said that without such facilities death from exposure might result; desiring to avoid sensation I withheld the fact that the last three deaths reported to us were from that cause.

We have 30,000 people scattered over 250 miles in length, destitute, not only of the comforts but the necessaries be built or made to take them up from In the good days in St. Mary's the Winter ground; not one in fifty county, Maryland, long before the war, has a bed, blanket or cover, not one in the bench was occupied by three estim- a hundred has food for two days able gentlemen, remarkable for their save the remnant of the weekly issue mild manners and genial sociability. One of charitable provisions we can make the whiskey while it was amber. Again and the sword of Damocles over our and again the presiding judge rapped heads pointing to the mouths beyond

ceased to be a virtue, the sheriff was | These seventy islands are cut and ordered to take the man to jail. As the crossed by rivers, often too narrow and culprit staggered out of the door he shallow to navigate, too wide and too turned around, and with all the scorn deep to ford, and again sweeping swift and indignation in his voice which his and dangerous. Their boats were condition would allow, he addressed nearly all lost: the bridges are gone himself to the judges: "This is a pretty and neither lumber, nails or tool to court," he said, "to send a gentleman make others; whatever we have to to jail. Two of them have taken give, we must plargely carry to them. advantage of the insolvent law and the Even if they had their little boats, in the long row of twenty to forty miles, to come for their provisions, in the frost and cold, half clad and half fed, they would perish. The families at home would starve.

I bring these facts to you, Mr. situation. If under the rulings of the Secretary, not to move you to greater pity, but to show you how needful a provision you have made, the suffering bodies you will have saved, the faint hearts cheered. There are six months of this till something grows The privilege of a boat will be needed all the time-it is our only conveyance, we we cannot procure it or ourselves as all our available funds in sight for this field are less than 50 cents apiece for

The great cry of all these men is,

after all, not so much for food as for work. Seven o'clock of every morning finds a gang of 150 to 200 men in front of the headquarters waiting to learn if we have shovels or hoes to let them go to work, either ditching the land, building their houses, or preparing the ground for the next year's planting and this without a cent of money; only for the little "rations" of meal and meat, which they all know is already their own If we had the suitable tools, or the means to purchase them. we could put 5,000 men at work in three days, under their own foremen at seventy-five cents a day, payable in meal and meat for themselves and families, upon improvements which would make the sea islands the garden spot of the Eastern coast. Hereafter let no one say that the sea island negro is not willing to

Occupied as your time is, Mr. Secretary, I will not apologize for this long letter, for it is my duty to let the state of things be known and to those who have the ability to comprehend the situation, if not to relieve it. May I kindly ask of you the favor to pass this letter also to our honored President Mr. Cleveland, whom I have not had the pleasure of meeting personally since his return to us as Chief Magistrate With sentiment of the highest esteem and presentatives of the county be ignored gratitude I have the honor to remain,

CLARA BARTON. Pres. Amn. Nat. Red Cross.

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