

Mixson to Hubbell.

He Makes a Statement About the Rebate Matter.

From The State.

In The State yesterday morning there was published a card from Mr. Hubbell, who had been charged with offering Col. Mixson \$562.50 a car-load in whiskey rebates for purchasing his XXX goods. Mr. Hubbell's card was full of plain English and was a flat denial of the charge.

Now Col. Mixson comes to the front and make a statement in regard to the matter in which he throws some more light on the inside workings of the dispensary. He intimates, too, that Mr. Hubbell is "a liar" if he means what he says. He tells of a good deal of money that was wasted before he took charge and states that nearly all the whiskey used before his advent was purchased from the Mill Creek people. But here is Col. Mixson's card to speak for itself:

COLUMBIA, S. C., Aug 6, 1896. To the Editor of The State: In your issue of to-day you have a card signed Mill Creek Distilling Co., Geo. Hubbell, secretary, in which he concludes as follows: "If Commissioner Mixson says I ever offered him, directly or indirectly, a dollar in any shape whatever he states what is absolutely false."

I have been drawn into this very reluctantly and had hoped that the matter had blown over and I would not be required to say anything, but as a man who is jealous of his honor and one who is not afraid to resent an insult, I am forced to make the following statement of facts:

I have been connected with the dispensary since the first conception of the scheme and was in charge under Senator Tillman's direction, when the building was being put in fix for bottling. Mr. Traxler, then the commissioner, being at his home in Timmonsville, quite ill with typhoid fever. After Mr. Traxler's recovery and return, I was retained in the capacity of superintendent, which position I held until Mr. Traxler resigned, and I was honored with the appointment.

During my term as superintendent I naturally discovered that the bulk of the whiskeys bottled by us was purchased from Mill Creek through Mr. Geo. Hubbell, who was frequently down here. I also discovered that in making these purchases Mr. Hubbell, or Mill Creek, I should say, was requiring and being paid an interest on them after 30 days, each 30 days calling for more or bigger interest.

On being appointed commissioner in January, 1895 and being in possession of these facts of interest-bearing accounts, and not intending relieving Mr. Traxler till Feb 1st, I commenced to look around and see if I could not do something better for the State and save, at least, the thousands and thousands of dollars being paid in interest to Mill Creek.

About Jan 20, some 10 days or perhaps more before I took charge, Mr. Hubbell showed up and was anxious to ascertain if I intended to continue the trade with him. My reply was, "That depends." He asked, "Depends on what?" I replied, "On you; I want the same whiskeys or better, at the same prices or less with 5 per cent off as discount or rebate." He seemed to be utterly dumfounded and exclaimed: "Do you want the earth?" I replied, "No, but this I want, and this I intend to have."

He went on to say that my proposition was one that he nor anyone else could entertain and wanted to know if I had calculated the 5 per cent off. He inquired when I would be in the market for purchases, and upon being told that it would take several days after Feb 1st to make the transfer, he asked me again for the purchases, if I should need anything before he returned in February. I told him, "Only on my terms."

On assuming the duties, Feb 1, I very soon discovered that I needed some Bourbon whiskeys and wired him: "Same whiskey, same price, 5 off; send me X and XX Bourbon." I received a wire in reply: "Will ship at once." A few days after this I received a letter saying: "Your telegram ordering Bourbon received, and knowing from its being a wire that you were in need, we hasten to make shipment, but we cannot give you the terms, &c." I immediately wired him: "Order cars back; won't receive them only on my terms." In a few hours I received a wire: "Cars too far advanced to order back; receive them on your terms." In due course the cars arrived and were received. Bill for same came in with 5 per cent off and was paid.

I do not recollect when nor how often Mr. Hubbell came to see me in the few months that followed before the following occurred:

He asked me to take him into the sample room and show him the XXX rye that I was purchasing. I did so, and while in there alone, he and I, he offered me his XXX rye at the same price he had formerly sold it to the dispensary with the interest on, for the same price per gallon 10 per cent discount; and, if my memory serves me correctly, he made the following calculation there and then: Cost \$2.25 per gal; 10 per cent off,

makes 22 1/2 cents per gal; 50 gallons to a barrel makes \$11.25 and 50 barrels to a car makes \$562.50. I said, "Will you put this discount on the invoices and let it show up regularly?" He replied that he could not do so; that he was a member of the trust, but for me to pay the invoices at the regular price of \$2.25 per gallon and he would return me the 10 per cent off in cash. This I refused to do and no purchase has been made from him by me.

There are the facts in the case and includes all I have said as to Mr. Hubbell's offer to me. If he says any part of it is untrue he is a liar. F. M. Mixson.

ASKING FOR LIGHT

The following card from a Reform member of the recent constitutional convention appeared in the Register yesterday morning:

Editor Register: At the campaign meeting in Barnwell I saw that Mr. Duncan stated that Mr. Mixson had said that Tillman, or that Governor Evans said he had filled his pockets with rebates. "I am a Reformer and was among the first to espouse the Reform cause and accept B. R. Tillman as its leader. I am a Reformer from principle. I was actuated from a law of justice to step over on the side of the masses and demand their rights. I wanted to see by the votes of the people that any man could get office if he was honest and intelligent enough to fill the position. Prior to 1890 it had almost reached that point where pedigree was the only passport to office and positions of trust. It is the love of country that actuates me now to ask, yes, to demand of Mr. Mixson, who is himself a recipient of wages from the people of our State, to answer in full if the charges against Governor Evans recited and preferred by Mr. Duncan at Barnwell are false in toto or whether any part of the charges be true. I believe Mr. Mixson will give the answer without faltering and without any attempt to evade, and such an answer the people demand. This is no time for men in public trust to hide crime, if crime exists, committed by others, when we have plenty of Reformers in the State who are pure enough and sufficiently competent to fill any position. We are not dependent on any men for party sake. If the charges are without foundation then Mr. Mixson has already waited too long and should be glad of an opportunity to give his public denial. I would not ask this question but for the fact that it has been published that "Mr. Mixson was on the stand" when they were preferred and did not deny them then and there. Besides they bear on the pride of our party when it is charged that "Tillman filled his pockets with rebates."

I, as a Reformer and citizen, have a right to ask these questions and the people of this State have a right to know if Governor Evans made such statements. We take them as an insult and if they are false Mr. Duncan should be made to hold up.

R. P. Stackhouse. Oswego, S. C., Aug 4, 1896

When the above was shown to Col. Mixson he declined to say anything in regard to it.

Changes at Clemson.

Provision Made for a Long Summer Vacation.

Special to The State.

Fort Hill, Aug 7—The board of visitors of Clemson college today submitted the following report to the trustees:

To the Board of Trustees of the Clemson Agricultural College of South Carolina:

We the undersigned members of the board of visitors after instituting inquiry into the working condition of the college would suggest to your board the changes which may be necessary for its improvement.

1. The two grand divisions of the soils and climates of the State are divided by a line drawn from Augusta to Columbia, thence to Camden and Cheraw. There is now only one agricultural experiment station for the whole State, viz: At Clemson, and in order that all the people of the State should receive the benefit of the fund granted by the United States we would recommend that if practicable another agricultural experiment station be established south of the above line under the charge and supervision of the college.

2. We would suggest that some constant and pregnant experiment be made by the experiment station in crops and plants and the results thereof be brought to the notice of the farmers by bulletins.

3. That at some period of each year a short practical course of lectures in agriculture be given at each county seat to the farmers of the county upon the plan commonly known as university extension lectures.

4. That the military feature be strictly limited to what is necessary for proper discipline and tactics in order that more time and attention be given to the purposes for which the college was founded.

5. That the college be supplied and equipped with the best electric apparatus and especial attention be

given to a complete and thorough course in the science of electricity. The enormous increase of all manufacturing industries in the State and the necessity of motive power furnished by electricity require that we should have the best electrical as well as mechanical experts to supply our needs.

6. In order to avoid the expense of fuel for creating motive power for the college we would urge the necessity of at once making arrangements to generate electricity by water and transmit the power to the college necessary to run its machinery.

7. That the library of the college be placed in the building by itself away from the noise of its present location and avoiding the risk of loss by fire.

8. That the road to Cherry's crossing be made on a better grade and more suitable for an entrance to the college.

9. That the telegraph station at Calhoun be connected at once with the college by telephone.

10. That the bath room in the hospital be better fitted up and an additional bath tub on rollers be furnished.

11. The term of the college should be nine months beginning with the first of October and ending on the 30th of June giving three months vacation during the hot months, thus saving the health of the students and the expense of travel caused by the present system of holidays.

12. That nine affirmative votes in the board of trustees should be necessary to elect or remove a professor and such votes shall be required to appropriate money in any case.

13. That such manual labor, farm work, work in the experiment station, be done by the students as is consistent with the proper intellectual training required by an agricultural and mechanical college.

14. That in order to properly carry out the intention of the article of the laws requiring a "rigid examination" by the board of visitors and a report to the board of trustees at its annual meeting more time should be allowed the board.

The board of visitors are charged with the duty of visiting the college the last Wednesday in August the same day as we are informed the board of trustees hold their annual meeting to which we are to report.

It is impossible to make even a proper inquiry into the working condition of an institution of such magnitude and doing such a large and splendid work and conferring such inestimable benefits on our people in the short time of only one day.

Respectfully submitted, G. D. Tillman, chairman; J. B. Watson, B. F. Miller, Julian Mitchell, Jas. M. Moss.

Attest: Jas. M. Moss, Secretary. At the meeting of the trustees to-day the first matter considered was that of promoting Mr. F. S. Shiver, assistant instructor in the chemical department and increasing his salary. This was agreed to.

The vacation matter, touched on in my special of the 5th, was then taken up, and it was finally decided to limit the term to nine months instead of 10 as heretofore provided, the session to last from October 1 to June 30, in accordance with the board of visitors' suggestion. It was decided also to erect an electric laboratory; and to strengthen the agricultural department by the election of two assistant instructors. Mr. George D. Tillman's address on "Winter Grasses and Forage Plants for the South" was the most interesting, instructive and eloquent address on agriculture I ever heard. He spoke for more than an hour.

Contracts for uniforms were let to Oshen & Co., of Baltimore, who had the contract a year ago.

Order a Court-Martial, Governor.

It has been publicly charged by Gen. Riechbourg at nearly every mass meeting in the State during the present campaign that Adjutant and Inspector General John Gary Watts has been drunk while wearing the uniform of the State and he has not denied the charge. Indeed, he has admitted the charge as publicly as it has been made. By way of reply Gen. Watts has denounced his opponent in the most bitter and vicious terms and has charged Riechbourg in turn with all sorts of offences against the moral law. The contest between these two men has been most disgraceful. It is clear that neither one of them is fit for the office to which he aspires and both of them should be retired from the course. The Democratic State Executive Committee should not permit their names to appear on the tickets to be voted at the primary election this month and should call for new candidates for the office of Adjutant and Inspector General. We doubt that the Committee will take such action, but whatever the Committee shall do the duty of the Governor and Commander-in-Chief is clear. He should place Gen. Watts in arrest without delay and order a court-martial to try him for the offences which he has confessedly committed against good order and military discipline. The law is plain and the duty of the Governor is clear.

It is made the duty of the Governor to institute Courts of Inquiry for the purpose of examining into the conduct of any officer, and it is expressly com-

manded that every commissioned officer for "conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman, or prejudicial to good order and military discipline, shall be cashiered, disqualified from holding any military commission, fined to an amount not exceeding one hundred dollars, or reprimanded," etc etc. It is further provided that "any officer who is found drunk on his guard, party or other duty shall be dismissed from the service."

It is the Governor's duty, as Commander-in-Chief to institute a Court of Inquiry, into the conduct of Gen. Watts—he should have instituted such a Court long ago; and he should not neglect any longer so obvious a duty which is also an opportunity. But if he should fail to do his duty it would be competent for the commanding officer of a division or a brigade to institute such an inquiry as is contemplated by law.

South Carolina has had reason to be proud of its militia and there is not a soldier in the State who should not insist upon a full investigation of Gen. Watts' conduct. No soldier who has been guilty of unsoldierly behavior should be permitted to hold any military office in the State. The law is clear, the offences charged against Gen. Watts have been admitted by him what will the Commander-in-Chief do about it?—News and Courier.

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Good News for McKinley.

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INDIANAPOLIS, Aug 7—The conference of the sound money Democrats fully met the expectations of its promoters. There were 33 States represented and about 200 Democrats from all over the country were in attendance. Though the most famous politicians of the party were absent, this fact did not dampen the ardor or determination of those present to go ahead and put in the field a ticket and platform that would represent what they believe to be the real tenets of the Democratic party of the country.

The conference reflected in a large measure the class of Democrats it represented; that is, the business element. They did not come here to make great speeches or to play at politics and went at their work in a business like way without waste of time in contests for honor or preliminary manoeuvring. An informal conference was held at noon, which was not open to the public, the purpose of which was to bring into line the members from Texas, Georgia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Maine, who came here with the impression that a third ticket would probably do more harm than good by dividing the sound money forces of the conference. At this conference speeches were made by Gen. Buckner of Kentucky, Mr. Outhwaite of Ohio, Mr. Wilson of Indiana and Mr. Ewing of Illinois, demonstrating the fact that in their States a third ticket was necessary in order that the sound money Democrats might have some rallying point, something to fight for and to make a campaign for. They declared that in their section of country, where every inch of political ground has been fought over year by year, there is more in a political name than in a political principle with the average voter, and large numbers of Democrats who would be inclined to vote for a sound money Democratic ticket would swallow Bryan and the Chicago platform eventually rather than vote the Republican ticket.

Before the conference ended at noon, all opposition to the calling of another convention was withdrawn and it was agreed that the meeting of the committee in the afternoon and evening should be public. It was also formally agreed that Gen. John M. Palmer, of Illinois, should be made permanent chairman of the provisional committee.

Talks among the delegates exhibited much confidence in the success of the sound money movement.

The action of the committee was harmonious and was quickly taken. The afternoon session which was presided over by W. D. Bynum, lasted an hour, but in that time was determined to call a convention and chose Indianapolis as the place.

At the evening session the formal call for the convention was adopted and the date fixed at September 2.

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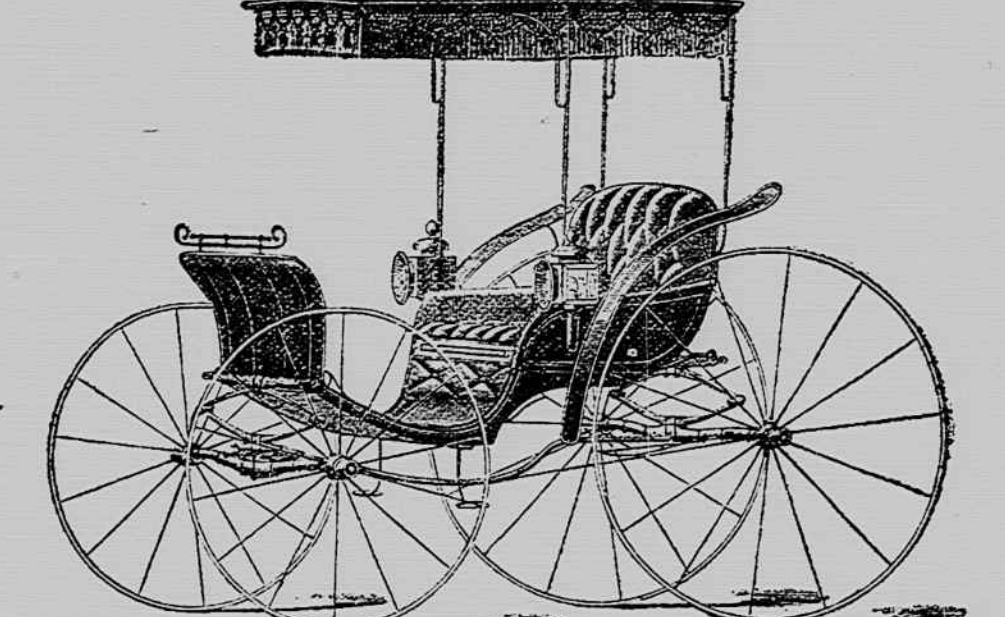
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