

Beer Privileges Again.

No Decisions Made by Magistrate Smith Yesterday.

The State, Sept. 18.

Mr. LaMotte appeared before Magistrate Smith yesterday afternoon, according to appointment, to learn his decision as to issuing a warrant for the beer dispensers. Mr. John P. Thomas was present to represent Messrs. Narey and Seegers, and Assistant Attorney General Townsend to represent the State board of control.

Magistrate Smith stated that he had consulted the attorney general in regard to the matter, but before announcing his purpose respecting the proceedings he desired the parties present to express their views on certain points in the case.

Judge Townsend said he was there representing the State board of control. It desired that the question of its authority to issue such licenses should be judicially settled, and that he was prepared to agree to any proceeding that would accomplish that end.

Mr. Thomas suggested that the proceedings under the twenty-second section of the act against the common nuisance would subject his clients to the closing up of their business, the seizure of their property and consequent losses which might be avoided and the purpose of the prosecution gained, to wit, the settlement of the question of the authority under which his clients were doing business by proceeding under some other sections of the act. He thought this ought to be done to relieve his clients of unnecessary losses under the proceeding. In his opinion an affidavit made under the first section of the act charging the defendants with selling liquors in violation of the law would have the effect of bringing the authority claimed by them under review of the court.

Mr. LaMotte insisted that he had made affidavit to meet the exact requirements of the section against nuisance, which furnished a direct and speedy method of determining the issue raised; that no other proceeding, in his judgment, would accomplish this end, and that he should insist that if the magistrate proceeded at all in the case, it must be in that manner; that so far as he was concerned, his main purpose was to test the authority of the State board of control in authorizing persons to sell intoxicating liquors in a manner not prescribed by the dispensary law. As to what the magistrate should do with his application was to be determined by that officer himself. He might issue the warrant or not, but the responsibility belonged to him alone. If he did issue the warrant under section 22, which was mandatory, he would see to it that he proceeded according to the directions contained in that section in every particular.

After hearing the suggestions from the different parties, Magistrate Smith said he felt bound to consult the attorney general further; that at 10:30 this morning he would render his decision.

Gen. Roloff Arrested.

New York, Sept. 18.—General Roloff was arrested last evening and taken to Ludlow street jail, where he was booked up. The charge made against him on which a warrant for his arrest was issued was that of aiding and abetting an expedition to Cuba. He was arraigned before United States Commissioner Alexander this forenoon and held in \$2,500 bail for examination.

General Roloff is a veteran of the Ten Years' war in Cuba and is a major-general in the present Cuban army. He came to the country from Cuba about two months ago, upon a private mission in behalf of the Cuban cause and since his arrival, it is stated, he has been watched by detectives put upon his track by the Spanish consular.

The charges against General Roloff are based upon his alleged connection with an expedition sent from this port to Cuba on the steamship Laurada on August 9th last.

General Roloff, it is alleged, eluded the detectives shortly after the expedition sailed and has been travelling through the country for several weeks. He returned to this city yesterday and as the officers were informed that he was about to leave for Cuba, they made the arrest.

General Roloff is secretary of war of the Cuban provisional government.

South African Demand for Lumber.

A correspondent of the Canadian Lumberman, writing from Cape Town, South Africa, states that the total imports of rough and dressed lumber into that colony during 1895 amounted to a valuation of \$1,475,369, of which nine eighths amounted to a valuation of \$721,258; staves, \$48,322, and hard-woods, \$709,789. Large quantities also went to the Transvaal Republic, the Orange Free State and Natal. The correspondent referred to thinks that the imports of lumber into South Africa are to greatly increase, and that Canadian producers should bestir themselves in order to secure a larger slice of it. Lumber from the eastern as well as western coast of the United States went to the South African colonies in large quantities last year.

Dr. H. B. Horlbeck, of Charleston, has been elected President of the American Health Association.

Discrimination Against Greenville.

GREENVILLE, Sept. 17.—Greenville is stirred and the business part of the city is red hot. The Southern railway has issued a schedule, in which this city is discriminated against in favor of nearly all points between here and Atlanta, and also towns inland, at greater distances than Greenville from Boston, Providence, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore. The rates against Greenville run from 15 to 35 cents a hundred. The merchants are worked up, and will make a test before the railroad commission, and, failing there, will probably try the injunction. Efforts have been made to ascertain the animus of the Southern, but nothing can be learned. The Southern may be whipped with its own rod in an injunction test, as that corporation fought to sustain the jurisdiction of the court in the recent cut rate contest.

To Prosecute Dispensers.

The State board of control has at last shown that it is its desire to have the dispensers or their clerks punished for shortages. There have been many cases in different counties of the State where the accounts of the dispensers were found short, but no attempt was ever made to punish such parties.

The board, before its adjournment, passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the State board of control earnestly requests the governor and attorney general to use all means at their command to bring to speedy trial all dispensers or their clerks who may be found short in their accounts, or who may be violating the law.—The State.

The Winthrop College

The following from the last issue of the Rock Hill Herald will be of interest to the friends of Winthrop:

"Winthrop college, which will soon be inhabited by hundreds of happy school girl tenants, is being fixed up preparatory to the opening of the school.

The dormitory is being ventilated and the main building scoured out wherever necessary and everything put in "spick and span" order. H. A. Brown, the artist, whose work in the commencement hall has been much admired, is now wielding the brush in and around the building. Mr. Buist, the landscape gardener, is carrying on the work of beautifying the grounds.

Prof. Wade R. Brown and Prof. W. E. Brezale have returned from their summer vacation, and the teachers, warden and housekeeper will return to their posts next week.

The Seaboard's Condition

New York, Sept. 17.—President Hoffman of the Seaboard Air Line has issued a statement in the form of a circular to stockholders, urging them not to be alarmed at the recent attacks made on the company. The letter contains a statement of the results for the year ended June 30, for the entire system. It is as follows:

Receipt from all sources, \$4,528,639; operating expenses, \$2,596,510; gross income, \$992,129; deductions for interest on bonded debt, leases, charges and losses of every nature, including loss on subscription to Atlanta exposition, \$749,760, net income \$182,423; dividend on Durham and Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad company, preferred stock, \$24,346; annual surplus, \$158,076.

President Hoffman says: "Every expense, including the building of 28 new cars, rebuilding of 22 to replace the one destroyed, and rebuilding five engines, has been included in the year's expenses."

Tillman Howled Down.

READING, Pa., Sept. 18.—Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, arrived in Reading this afternoon from Pitts ton and after a brief rest was driven to the Burke County Agricultural Society's ground. A platform had been especially erected from which he was to speak, but he insisted on going into the judges' stand in front of the main pavilion. After he had got started he denounced President Cleveland, and the large audience took exceptions to it and hooted and yelled. He was then conducted to another stand, some distance away, where he completed his address in the presence of about 500 people. He left here to-night for Philadelphia.

Anderson in War Paint.

ANDERSON, Sept. 18.—Anderson's business men have on war paint for the Southern Railroad company on account of discriminations against us in freight rates. The board of trade met this afternoon and adopted strong resolutions authorizing a special committee consisting of J. M. Sullivan, R. S. Ligon and J. J. Fretwell to confer with business men of Greenville and Spartanburg as to joint action before the State railroad commissioners and the railroad company, and if necessary carry the matter into court. A copy of the resolution will be sent to railroad officials. Our business men are determined to have redress if they have to go to the interstate commerce commission, or into the United States court.

PURSUÉ THE INVESTIGATION.

People Cry for "More" Light on the Dispensary.

The present status of the dispensary investigation does not seem to be satisfactory to any of the parties concerned nor to the people of the State. The clamor for a searching investigation of all the affairs of the institution seems greater now than ever. In consequence, it is thought likely that when the State board resumes the investigation on the first Tuesday in October the further proceedings will be of the greatest degree of public interest.

While it is not a time for predictions, several things have occurred since the board took its recess which would indicate that considerable new matter will be brought out. Some of these matters can be mentioned and some of them cannot. Commissioner Mixson, in the first place, has asked all the whiskey houses that offered him rebates to send their men here to testify as to what they did. If anything is behind they can be questioned. Another thing is that Governor Evans yesterday declared that he was by no means satisfied with the investigation as it stood, and further declared his determination to have the matter sifted to the bottom.

In fact, it is rumored that Governor Evans is thinking seriously about calling the retiring legislature together in extra session to take some action in regard to the matter. Of course nothing definite is known of this, but if the governor is really considering such a matter he will hardly do anything before the State board reassembles and takes final action in regard to the matter.

In the meantime the country press is clamoring for a searching legislative investigation before the matter is ended finally.

Yesterday Commission Mixson made public the following letter which he has forwarded:

COLUMBIA, S. C., Sept. 18, 1896.
Mr. J. C. Yost, Live Oak Distilling Company, Cincinnati.

Dear Sir: No doubt you have seen from the papers that an investigation is being had here by the State board of control in reference to employees of the State dispensary receiving rebates from whiskey men. In my testimony the papers make it appear that I said "Live Oak had offered me a rebate." In justice to both your house and myself, I wish to correct this. I said, "Mr. White, who was selling for the Live Oak company on commissions, had told me that one-half of his commissions he would give to me." That I also stated: "I refused." Instead of making the statement that Live Oak had offered me rebates, I emphatically stated that Live Oak had never done any such thing, no had any mention been made to me verbally or in writing in reference to the rebates or commissions (except the 5 per cent. discount which is accounted for) to myself or anyone else, save old man White, who did offer me one-half of his commissions. With this offer to me I cannot see that your house had anything to do, as he had a perfect right to dispose of them as he saw fit.

Now, sir, this investigation is continued to the regular meeting on October, which will be on Tuesday, the 6th. I think in justice to not only me, but to your house, you should come forward and state these facts and show the people of my State that I am clean of the charge of receiving rebates from your house, and while you did give my son a commission, that you never verbally or in writing mentioned this fact to me, nor I to you; that I never knew of this through you, nor that you through me knew that I was cognizant of the fact. That is a very important matter to me as my good name is dependent on whether I received the rebates or not, and under these circumstances I cannot but feel that you will come forward at the time and testify, which testimony will clean me of such stain and save the reputation of your house. I do hope, my dear sir, that you will be present. I will add that I will write each and every party who approached me to sell, similar letters as to my being approached by them and ask their presence at that meeting. I am, Very respectfully,

F. M. MIXSON

AN IMPORTANT MATTER

Below will be found an extract from a leading editorial in the Piedmont Herald of this week, which brings to the front a rumor that Commissioner Traxler's books were doctored in order to make them balance before that official turned over the dispensary to Commissioner Mixson. The rumor is something new about Columbia, though Mr. Grant says it has been going about this city; but be that as it may, it seems to be a matter for the searching investigation to deal with.

"When the legislature convenes in January the first and most important duty of that body will be to investigate the management of our State dispensary from top to bottom, and from the day that it was first opened to present time."

"Serious charges have been made against the management of this

branch of the public service, and last week the people, by their votes, expressed dissatisfaction over the disclosures made.

"It is charged, and the fact is confessed, that certain parties have been receiving commissions from liquor dealers, and there is a strong suspicion of general crookedness in the management of the dispensary. The State has lost large sums by the defalcation of county dispensers and no effort has been made so far as is known, to collect the money from securities. It is also whispered in Columbia that the books of ex-Commissioner Traxler either failed to balance or had to be 'doctored' to make them balance."—The State, Sep. 17

WILL PUSH THE FIGHT.

Republican Committee and the Registration Law.

The Republicans of the Melton faction, better known perhaps as the Union Republican party, are determined to carry on the fight against the South Carolina registration laws, which was inaugurated by Congressman George Washington Murray in the convention on Thursday night. They are going to do all that they can to have the registration laws overthrown.

Yesterday morning the newly-elected State executive committee met at 9 o'clock and continued in session for several hours. When an adjournment was reached, Chairman Clayton announced that the committee had employed the firm of Melton & Melton and had given them a retainer, to institute proceedings in the proper court to secure the setting aside of the new registration laws of the State under the act of congress known as the "enabling act."

The chairman stated that such a fight had never been made on this particular act. It had not been used in the Mississippi cases because that State was not mentioned therein. He stated further that the proper steps in the matter would be taken at once. He said the committee desired to call attention to the fact that they had taken up this fight for the welfare of the masses and were not looking only to the matter of the federal patronage, as was the other faction. They were taking a higher view of the matter, and expected to win.

The committee decided to conduct a vigorous State campaign, but has not yet arranged any schedule of campaign meetings or anything of that kind.

It was decided to put out congressional candidates in each of the districts of the State. The committee endorsed the candidacy of Mr. Jno F. Jones of Blackburg, who is already in the field in the Fifth district. He was nominated under a call issued by the Webster faction, but the committee considers him a non-factional candidate.

The committee also decided to issue an address to the voters of the State and appointed a sub-committee which is charged with the preparation of that address. It will be issued within a week's time.

When Attorney General Barber was seen about the matter yesterday, he said that he had no statement to make, but it was quite certain that he felt no uneasiness at all about the result.—The State.

It seems to us Gen. Earle went out of his way to compliment the people for electing Mr. Ellerbe. Mr. Ellerbe is a good man and we believe will make a good Governor, but what has the election of General Earle to do with the election of a Governor for South Carolina.—Newberry Observer.

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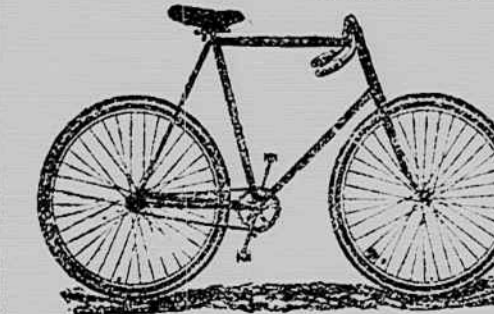
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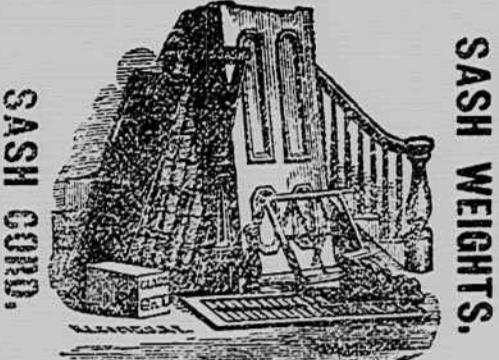
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