General Assembly.

WHAT THE LAW-MAKERS ARE DOING.

Columbia, Feb. 8.—The House to day spent almost its entire time in the consideration of the general appropriation bill

The committee on enrolled Acts reported fourteen Acts ready for ratification Among these is the Act repealing the Metropolitan Police Act.

A favorable report was made on the County Court bill.

An unfavorable report was made on the resolution to pay for a special election for senator in Barnwell county A claim for the amount involved had already been paid.

Mr Montgomery, of Marion, wanted to take up a general law for the emendment of town and city charters

It will be well to note the appropriations as reported by the ways and means committee, and what is regarded as necessary to run the Government. The following is a summary of the bill as reported:

Governor's Office—Governor, $3,000; private secretary, $1,350; messenger, $400; contingent fund, $5,000; stationery and stamps, $300.

Secretary of State's Office—Secretary of State, $1,900: clerk of Secretary, $1,350; contingent fund, $150; stationery and stamps, $500.

Comptroller General's Office—Comptroller General, $1,900; chief clerk of Comptroller General, $1,400; bookkeeper, 1,400; contingent fund, $200; stationery and stamps, $300; printing, $300. travelling expenses, $500.

State Tresurer's Office— State Treasurer, $1,900; chief clerk, $1,500: two bookkeepers, $1,350 each; contingent fund, $200; printing of bonds, etc, $500; stamps and stationery, $200.

Superintendent of Education $1,900; clerk of the Superintendent, $900; contingent fund. $50; printing books and forms for schools, $250; State board of Education, $259; stationery and stamps, $100; travelling expenses, $150.

Adjutant and Inspector General, $1,200; clerk of Adjutant and Inspector General, $900; State armoref and maintaining armory, $350; contingent fund, $450; stationery and stamps, $150; for collecting arms, advertising, printing, etc, $500; to assist companies to maintain organizations, $8,000;

Attorney General's Office—Attorney General, $1,900; assistant Attorney General, $1,350; contingent fund $160; stationery and stamps, $75; for expenses of litigation, $1,500.

Railroad Commissioners' Office—Railroad commissioners, $5,700; secretary of railroad commissioners, $1,200; contingent fund, $750.

State Librarian's Office—State librarian, $600; contingent fund, $125; stationery and stamps, $300; for purchase and binding books, $100.

For two watchmen and guards for State House and grounds, $800; for janitor of the State House, $160; for engineer of the State House, heating apparatus, $75 per month for seven months; for engineer for rest of the year, $25 per month; for contingent fund of keeper of the State House $100.

Judicial Department—For Chief Justice, $2,850; Associate Justice Y. J. Pope, $2,850; Associate Justice Eugene B Gary, $3,500; Associate Justice Ira B Jones, $2,850; for salaries of Judges of first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth judicial circuits $3,000 each; salary of solicitors, $1,150; salary of stenographers, $1,000; for clerk of Supreme Court, $800; for State reporter, $900; for librarian of Supreme Court, $800; for messenger of Supreme Court, $200; for contingent fund Supreme Court, $500; books for Supreme Court library, $500; for attendant on Court, $200; for volumes of Supreme Court reports, $1,350

Board of Health—Quarantine officer at Charleston, $1,650; quarantine station, Charleston harbor $1 000; quarantine officer, St Helena, $700; station, $150; quarantine officer, Port Royal, $700; expenses, $300; keeper hospital, $175; quarantine officer, Georgetown, $450; expenses, $150; keeper Lazaretto, $300; for carrying out provisions of Act establishing State board of health, $1,500; quarantine against contagious and infectious diseases $7,500

Tax Department—Auditors, $25,300; printing, $2,500.

South Carolina College, $27,550; Winthrop $30,000 and $5 450 for scholarships; South Carolina Military Academy, support beneficiaries $20,000 repairs, etc, $750; Colored State Industrial Normal College, new buildings, support, etc., $18,000.

Penitentiary—Superintendent, $1,900; captain of guard, $1,050; physician, $1,050; chaplain, $600; clerk of Penitentiary, $1,200.

Hospital for Insane—Superintendent and physician, $3,000; regents, $1,200; support, $100,000; Wallace property, $4,600.

Deaf, Dumb and Blind Asylum, $19,000.

Catawba Indians, $800.

Miscellaneous—Water, State institutions, $2,000; claims, $2,000; supervisors of registration, $6,000; public printing, $15,000; repairs St Helena quarantine station, $200; Port Royal, $230; electric lighting, State institutions, $2,743; gas, $150; fuel, State House, $800; pensions $100,000; clerk, $600; stationery, $125; phosphate inspector, $1,500; State Fair, $1,200; balances due on salaries, small amounts, $3,384 40; fish patrol. $500; Code Commissioner, $400; Supervisor Lee, $300; portico and closet, State House, $200; bookcase $30; standing investigating committee, $234 90 and $363 51; interest on public debt, $283,832 50; past due interest on bonds, $20,000.

Columbia, Feb 10—By remaining in session until 10 minutes to 11 o'clock last night, the house finished the appropriation bill, and it passed the second reading. Although there were so many efforts to reduce the proposed appropriations, the bill as it passed sustained but few changes. The appropriation for the South Carolina College was reduced to $25,000; for the Colored State College $15,000; and for public printing $12,000. An additional $3,500 was given the deaf, dumb and blind school, and a small addition to Winthrop's appropriation to pay for insurance, so that the aggregate changes are not so marked

Mr Means' bill regulating pawnbrookers and providiog for a license on their business passed its second reading.

The bill to regulate the sale of fertilizers was taken up and after debate was continued, which virtually kills it

When the Lee County claims came up to be ordered paid objection was raised, and on motion of Mr. Williams they were passed over

In the Senate the bill to regulate the sale of seed cotton in Florence County was taken up and the House bill on the same matter was substituted.

The Senate then resumed work on Senator Graydon's bill to fix the salaries of county auditors in this State, which was left over from last night's session. After many amendments affecting different counties the bill was passed.

The next special order before the Senate was Senator Archer's bill to amend Section 7 of "An Act to provide for the election of the State board of control," etc. The amendment proposed by Senator Archer was to give any county the right to decide between prohibition or dispensary.

After debate and an unsuccessful attempt to continue the bill until next session Senator Henderson offered as a substitute: A bill to provide for the ascertainment of the voice of the people on the question of the regulation of the sale of intoxicating liquors.

The Archer bill and the Henderson substitute were together made the special order for to-morrow night

The Blease bill to provide for the punishment of parties intimidating voters at primary elections was killed

Senator Graydon's bill to regulate the fees of the clerks of courts of common pleas and general sessions in this State was taken up as a special order and passed.

The Patton redistricting bill was taken up and after a brief debate was indefinitely postponed.

Columbia, Feb. 10.—The liquor question has at last come before the house of Representatives. It was brought up yesterday just before the hour for taking recess and the debate was started in full blast last night. No conclusion can be reached before Monday.

It seems that an effort is being made to sidetrack the main issue of local option of letting the people by direct vote express their sentiment on this question.

Already nine bills are on the calendar, and during the two hours session last night two substitutes were introduced.

When the appropriation bill came up for third reading Mr. Crumm asked unanimous consent to introduce an amendment to appropriate $500; if so much be necessary, for repairs on the roof of the governor's mansion. On account of the governor's sickness the committee had not been able before to make an estimate.

Mr. Ashley thought that "five hundred dollars was a power of a sight of money, it would kivver the whole house. It ought to be two hundred dollars."

The house agreed to this amendment to substitute two hundred dollars, and the bill then passed third reading.

The senate bill to regulate the fees of clerks of court was in such unwieldly shape that it was decided to send it to the engrossing department to be repaired before being broght before the house.

Mr. Ashley asked to withdraw his resolution to have the names of all members present and absent printed in the journal. This was granted. Upon his motion his bill to reduce the privilege tax to ten per ton was continued until next session.

Mr Dendy's bill relating to election of trustees of State colleges passed its second reading. The bill provides for seven elective members of the boards of Winthrop, South Carolina college and the Citadel, to be chosen, one from each congressional cistrict, by the legislature. In addition the governor and superintendent of education are ex officio members. The act goes into effect in 1900.

Mr. Dean's bill to regulate the pension system passed its second reading. The only change made was an amendment by Laban Mauldin to give one dollar per day, instead of two dollars, to members of boards.

Mr. Dean's bill to allow fruit growers to distill brandy from fruits grown by them was killed.

The bill to make the sessions of the General Assembly biennal, instead of annual was taken up as a special order Mr Moses moved that it be continued until next session. The continuance was voted down on a yea and nay vote, there being 29 in favor of continuing, and 92 against. On a direct vote to a third reading, 77 voted in favor of the bill, and 32 against it. The constitutional resolution as to four year terms for members was taken up an ordered to its third reading.

The house then entered into a discussion of the local option bill which continued until the hour of adjournment without result

At the night session, the debate on Mr. Mauldins' local option bill was resumed. The discussion took on a wide range, including arguments in favor of absolute prohibition high license, local option with high license features, &c. The house adjourned at 10.30 without rerching a decision.

WORK OF THE SENATE.

The senate met at 11 o'clock Second and third reading bills were acted on. Senator Barnwell's bill to amend the charter of the South Carolina Extension Railroad company was taken up Senator Hay wanted the matter referred to the judiciary committee. The matter was discussed at length, and on a test vote the senate refused to refer it to the judiciary committee. The bill was amended by Senator Mower so as to deprive this road of the right to construct a line from Blacksburg to Augusta The bill was passed as amended.

The senate reconvened at 8 o'clock. The house bill to fix a maximum schedule of charges for selling leaf tobacco by all warehouses in this State received its second reading, and Senator Graydon's bill to fix salaries of the county auditors of this State received its final reading. Senator Archer's amendment to the dispensary law, which proposed to allow the people of a county to say whether they would have dispensary or not, was taken up as the special order for the evening session.

Senator Graydon moved to strike out the enacting words of the bill.

Senator Archer said that the senate and the people of South Carolina had this question before them for several months. Under the present law the board of control had the right to put a dispensary in every county in this State save in those counties that had prohibition before 1893.

There was no provision for counties to be relieved of the dispensary if four-fifths of that county desired it. This was the point at which his amendment was aimed. The people of any county should have the opportunity to get rid of the dispensary if they choose.

A general discussion of the whole liquor and dispensary question followed, Senators, Henderson, Barnwell and Mayfield making strong speeches in favor of the bill. Senators Ilderton and Graydon spoke in favor of striking out the enacting words. On motion of Senator Dean the debate was adjourned as there were a number of Senators who desired to speak on the bill, and the Senate adjourned

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THE MEAT MATTER TO BE SIFTED.

Court to Deal With Statements Instead of Charges Against Miles.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The president has appointed a court of inquiry to examine into the carbges touching the meat furnished the American army during the war with Spain and other matters involved in the charges made by Gen. Miles against the administration of the war affairs.

The court will consist of Maj Gen. James F. Wade, U. S V; Brig. Gen. Geo. B. Davis, U. S V; Col George L. Gillespie, corps of engineers, U. S. A; Lieut. Col. George B Davis, deputy judge advocate general. The order for the court of inquiry, which was issued by the secretary of war, says:

"The court is hereby directed to investigate certain allegations of the major general commanding the army in respect to the unfitness for issue of certain articles of goods furnished by the subsistance department to the troops in the field during the recent operations in Cuba and Puerto Rico. In addition to its finding of fact, the court will submit an opinion upon the merits of the case, together with such recommendations as to further proceedings as may seem to be warranted by the facts developed in the course of the inquiry."

The court will convene in this city on the 15th inst

Gen. Miles, when seen, had nothing to say respecting the appointment of the court He has been accumulating a large amount of evidence along the lines of the inquiry, but he has not chosen any counsel and a part of his evidence has been already transmitted to the war investigating commission.

This court of inquiry, it is said by persons versed in military jurisprudnce will be unique in that it will be directed in its investigations against a state of affairs and not against a person, for although Gen Miles is named as the author of certain allegations in the formal orders, it is these allegations and not Gen. Miles that is to the subject of the inquary. The only regulation in the army manual bearing on courts of inquiry provides that they may be appointed to inquire into any allegation against, or the conduct of an officer or an enlisted man, but nothing is said about an inquiry into a state of things. It is to be assumed, of course, that the president has thoroughly satisfied himself as to the legality of this order before issuing it. The court has no power to compel the testimony of civilian witnesses.

The court, should it find that Gen. Miles' charges are not sufficiently established, may express an opinion as to what course should be pursued toward him

Inasmuch as the court of inquiry will have to take up the whole subject of the meats furnished to the army and ascertain the exact state of this meat as it left the packer's hands as well as look into the preliminary operations of slaughtering, packing and canning and refrigerating, a good deal of time probably will be consumed in the inquiry. It may be necessary also to call personally before the court all of the officers cited in criticism of the meat by Gen. Miles, numbering between 60 and 70, in which case a good deal of expense will be incurred and still more time consumed. The administration takes the position that these charges against the character of the meat supply shall be thoroughly sifted, and, if wrong has been done, that it shall be corrected.

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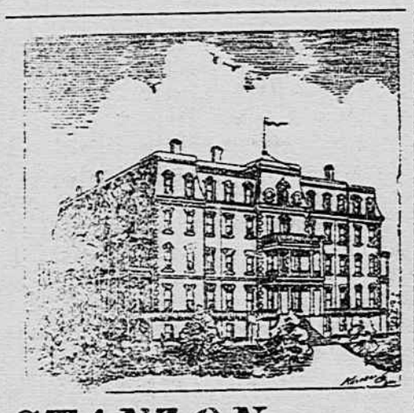

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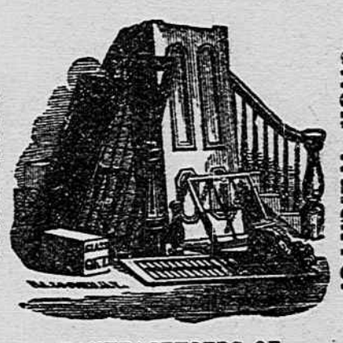

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