

THE STATE'S RUM BUSINESS.

What it Cost and What it Profited for the Year 1899.

Columbia, Jan 23—The board of control has just completed its annual report. A summary of it shows that during the year 1899 the net profits of the counties and towns was \$220,492 35; net profits to the State \$193,689 49, making a total of \$414,181 84.

The total gross profits were \$485,520 79.

The board has paid to the superintendent of education on account of the school fund for this year \$100,000, which is all that was asked for. Of this sum \$30,000 was paid two weeks ago and \$70,000 today. Following are the figures in full:

Comparative statement of assets and liabilities for the fiscal year ending Dec 31, 1899:

ASSETS.

Table listing assets: Cash in State treasury, Merchandise in hands of dispensers, Merchandise (Inventory of stock at State dispensary), Supplies, Teams and wagons, Machinery and office fixtures, Contraband, Real estate, Suspended accounts, Personal accounts due State for tax advanced, Total assets.

LIABILITIES.

Table listing liabilities: School fund, Personal accounts due by State for supplies, whiskeys, wines, beer, alcohol, etc., Total liabilities.

The statement of profit and loss account for the fiscal year ending Dec 31, 1899, is as follows:

PROFITS.

Table listing profits: Gross profits on merchandise sold during year, Discounts on purchases, Contraband seizures, Permit fees, State's one-half share of profits from beer dispensaries from Jan 1, 1899, to June 12, 1899, State's one-half share of profits on beer sold by the Germania Brewing Co., Shortage of ex-Dispenser G. W. Busbee, Wagner, S. C., Old balance due State by Georgia Brewing Association, Total gross profits.

LOSSES.

Table listing losses: Depreciated value of wagons and teams, Depreciated value of machinery and office fixtures, Constabulary, Breakage and leakage, Freight and express charges, Labor, Insurance, License, Expense account—salaries expenses of inspectors, per diem and mileage of members of legislative examining committee, Constabulary, Breakage and leakage, Freight and express charges, Labor, Insurance, License, Expense account—salaries expenses of inspectors, per diem and mileage of members of legislative examining committee, Total expenses, Net profits for year, Total.

Here is the cash statement for the fiscal year ending Dec 31st, 1899:

RECEIPTS.

Table listing receipts: Balance in State treasury, January receipts, February receipts, March receipts, April receipts, May receipts, June receipts, July receipts, August receipts, September receipts, October receipts, November receipts, December receipts, Total receipts for year.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Table listing disbursements: January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December, Total disbursements for year.

PURCHASES FOR YEAR 1899.

Table listing purchases for year 1899: January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December, Total.

WHAT THE EXAMINERS SAY.

Following is the report of the joint committee of the legislature as to the transactions for the last quarter of 1899. The figures accompany the report, but as the quarter is included in the yearly report, it is not necessary to give the figures:

To his Excellency, M. B. McSwain, Governor, Columbia, S. C.—Sir: The undersigned joint committee of the general assembly appointed to examine the books and financial transactions of the State dispensary, beg to submit herewith our report for the fourth quarter, ending Dec 31, 1899.

The stock on hand was taken by Mr A. C. Lyles, representing this committee, and Messrs L. J. Williams and T. C. Robinson, representing the board.

We are pleased to say that there has been a marked improvement in the condition of the stock on hand since our last report.

We have examined and checked up all invoices for purchases and disbursements. The books are models of neatness and correctness, and reflect great credit upon the management.

We append herewith statements. Assets and liabilities; profit and loss, cash statement, receipts and disbursements.

All of which is respectfully submitted. Signed: T. W. Stanland, on part of senate; D. F. Efrid, A. C. Lyles, on part of house.

Quay not Entitled to Seat.

Washington, Jan 23—The reports of the committee on privileges and elections in the case of Senator Quay, who claims a seat in the Senate on the strength of the appointment from the governor of Pennsylvania, were presented today. The majority report, opposing seating him, was signed by Senators Caffery, Pettus, Turley, Harris and Burrows, the last named being the only Republican signing it. The minority report bears the signatures of Senators Hoar, Chandler, Pritchard and McComas, all Republicans, and advocates giving the seat to Mr Quay.

The majority report says the Senate has never recognized the right of the State Executive to make a temporary appointment where the vacancy occurred during a Legislative session, and the paramount intent to have the Legislature choose the the Senators is to prevail. The Constitution framers never intended to give the executive of a State the power to fill an entire term by original appointment unless, possibly, in a case where the Legislature had chosen, and the person elected had refused to accept or died before qualification.

Every contingency is provided by the constitution, except the sole one that the legislature fails to perform its sworn duty, and against this the constitution farmers did not intend to provide.

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WHAT WILL THEY DO WITH HIM?

Washington, Jan 23—The opening debate in the Roberts case brought enormous crowds to the house today. Fully three-fourths of the spectators were women. Mr Roberts was seated on the extreme right of the hall and every neck was craned to view him.

It was an oratorical field day and the crowds remained long after nightfall to hear the impassioned words of the accused as he faced the house, like an animal at bay, knowing that every hand was raised against him. Mr Roberts was very adroit in the handling of his case and at times exceeded the issue raised by the division in the committee as to the method of ousting him. He appropriated to himself the argument of the minority that he was constitutionally entitled to be sworn in and the argument of the majority that, once sworn in, he could not be expelled. He defended the action of Mormons in fighting the authority of the United States for years, because, he said, they believed that sentiment would change. He concluded with an eloquent peroration in which he said he had never been conscious of a shameful act and if he was sent forth he would go with head erect and undaunted brow. Strange to say most of the applause he won was from women. But while they appeared to be his only partisans other women manifested their bitter hostility by hissing him at every opportunity.

The speech for the minority by Mr Littlefield, who succeeds the late Mr Dingley, was masterful and stamps him as one of the coming men in the house. The manner in which he tore some of the arguments of the majority into shreds jumped him into the front rank of debaters in the house. The speech made a deep impression. In fact it is predicted tonight by many members that the majority resolution for exclusion can not now carry.

Mr Lacey (Iowa) has a proposition which he will submit to expel Mr Roberts by a two thirds vote without seating him which will have supporters and this may lead to a compromise proposition.

Miss Roberts, daughter of Mr Roberts, was in the reserved gallery throughout the debate today. The debate will close next Thursday at 4:30.

Roberts Excluded And His Seat Vacant.

He Returns to be Thrice Welcomed in the Far West.

Washington, Jan 25—The case of Brigham H. Roberts, the Mormon representative elect from Utah, which has occupied so much of the attention of the house since the assembling of congress, was decided today by the adoption of a resolution to exclude him by a vote of 268 to 50.

The exact language of a resolution was as follows:

"That under the facts and circumstances of the case Brigham H. Roberts, representative elect from the State of Utah ought not to have or hold a seat in the house of representatives, and that the seat to which he was elected is hereby declared vacant."

The amendment to expel Mr Roberts without seating him, offered by Mr Lacey, was ruled out on point of order, and the house only voted upon the resolutions of the majority and minority of the committee.

The latter to seat and then expel Mr Roberts was defeated—81 to 244.

An analysis of this vote shows that 170 Republicans, 72 Democrats and 2 Populists voted against it and 71 Democrats, 6 Republicans, 2 Populists and 2 silver Republicans voted for it.

The majority resolutions—to exclude Mr Roberts and declare the seat vacant—were adopted—268 to 50. The affirmative vote was divided as follows: Republicans 168, Democrats 96, Populists 4, and the negative vote: Democrats 47, Silver Republicans 2, Populists 1.

There were a score of speakers today. Mr Roberts was present throughout the day and only left the hall after the result of the last vote had been announced. As he did so he gave out a statement justifying his retention of his plural wives on the ground that his moral obligation was more binding upon his conscience than technical obedience to statutory law, and saying that there was little excuse for the extraordinary efforts to crush a system already abandoned and practically dead.

He says he was a martyr to a "spasm of prejudice." He would not, he said, attempt to run for congress again, though he would go back home with a light heart, confident of the future. Mr Taibert of South Carolina said that in a case of such abnormal and defiant immorality technicalities should not weigh. Representing the constituency he did, he said he should vote against Roberts first, last and all the time.

OTIS BELIEVES IT'S THE LAST BATTLE.

Schwan Meets and Defeats Largest Insurgent Force.

Washington, Jan 25—Gen Otis cabled report today indicates that Gen Schwan is conducting the campaign in the south of Luzon with the greatest energy. He has located southeast of Laguna de Bay what is probably the last considerable force of insurgents remaining in one command and today's report shows that, with small loss to himself, and heavy loss to the enemy, he has managed to completely dissipate this force, probably beyond the possibility of reconstruction. Gen Otis' cablegram is as follows:

Manila, Jan 25

Schwan concentrated Thirtieth battalion, Thirty seventh and Thirty eighth infantry at and near San Pablo, Laguna province, on the afternoon of the 20th. Hayes with cavalry striking for Tayabas by lower road. The enemy had advanced from Santa Cruz to very strongly fortified positions, at San Diego, Majajay and adjacent points in country very broken and mountainous. Schwan struck the enemy at San Diego and in an engagement lasting two hours, killed 82 and wounded a large number. Our casualties were one enlisted man killed and 14 wounded, including three native scouts. Captured several rifles ammunition, bolos and stock of uniform clothing. On the 22d Schwan pushed on through to Lilio, driving enemy back on Majajay, where a force as reported by an escaped Spanish prisoner to number between 1,500 and 3,000, well equipped and supplied had concentrated waiting approach of troops. This position was impregnable via roads or trails and the troops were working around on either flank of the enemy, when the enemy retreated rapidly with the Thirtieth infantry and cavalry in pursuit. It is believed that the insurgents are widely dispersed. The country is now covered by troops and our force occupies Santa Cruz, a few minor engagements at other points resulting in considerable loss to the enemy; MacArthur telegraphs that McRae struck an insurgent post in the mountains northwest of Porac, capturing the arsenal, barracks, ten carloads powder and ammunition, three insurgents with rifles. The barracks and arsenal were destroyed.

Manila, Jan 25, 9 45 a m

A part of Gen Schwan's column, consisting of six companies with some artillery, drove a force of 500 insurgents from their entrenchments at San Diego, near San Pablo, on Sunday. The enemy officially reported that they had lost 67 killed and many wounded. Our casualties were one killed and 14 wounded, the injuries in most instances being slight.

Another battalion, while executing a flank movement, came upon 100 other rebels in an entrenched position and routed them, killing 14. The Americans had two wounded.

Gen Schwan moved against Majajay, Laguna province, on Thursday. He found its position almost impregnable, but, by lowering men down the steep river banks by ropes, flank ed the enemy and drove them out. A part of his command proceeded to Santa Cruz, killing six insurgents. Gen Wheeler and his daughter left Wednesday on the transport Warren for San Francisco via Hong Kong and Guam.

A NOVEL PLAN.

A County School's Pupils Brought to Columbia.

Thursday many saw about the capitol and other public building a crowd of about 30 bright-faced boys and girls in charge of a lady. They were the pupils of the Salem school, in Red Hill Township, Marlboro County, and the lady in charge of them was Mrs Anna Campbell, the teacher of the school. Mrs Campbell some time ago came to the conclusion that it would be a good idea to bring her school children to the capital of the State and let them see the State house and other public buildings, see the general assembly in session, and meet the State officers. It was a novel plan, but the force of it struck the children's parents. Mrs. Campbell then enlisted the aid of Representative Rogers, who arranged for quarters for the children at the Albemarle for their one night's stay here. The children brought lunches with them, and last night all the boys occupied mattresses in one big room and the girls in another, the teacher looking after them with fond attention. The little ones were taken through the capitol Thursday by Mr Rogers, and all of them met and shook hands with the governor of their State.

They have hugely enjoyed their stay so far. Today they will be taken to visit the various public institutions—the State.

George W. Stevens, one of the best of American newspaper correspondents, died recently at Ladysmith. He was for years Washington correspondent of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, and there was not a better newspaper man at the capital.

Every Month there are thousands of women who nearly suffer death from irregular menses. Sometimes the "period" comes too often—sometimes not too often—sometimes the flow is too scant, and again it is too profuse. Each symptom shows that Nature needs help, and that there is trouble in the organs concerned. Be careful when in any of the above conditions. Don't take any and every nostrum advertised to cure female troubles.

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Estates of Mrs. Frances C. Brunson, Deceased, and of Miss Mary M. Brunson, Dec'd

AS Administratrix of Estate of W. Hayne Gordon, Deceased, I hereby give notice that on February 17th, 1900, I will apply to the Judge of Probate of Sumter County for a Final Settlement and Discharge in the aforesaid Estates.

ALICE C. GORDON, Adm'x Administratrix Est. W. Hayne Gordon, Dec'd Jan 17 41

Atlantic Coast Line.

WILMINGTON, COLUMBIA AND AF GUSTA RAILROAD. Condensed Schedule. Dated January 14, 1900.

TRAINS GOING SOUTH.

Table with columns: Train name, No. 55, No. 35, p. m., a. m.

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

Table with columns: Train name, No. 54, No. 53, a. m., p. m.

Daily. Daily except Sunday. 20 53 runs through to Charleston, S. C. via Central R. R., arriving Manning 5 41 p. m., Lanes 6 17 p. m., Charleston 8 00 p. m. Trains on Conway Branch leave Chadbourne 5 35 p. m., arrive Conway 7 49 p. m., returning leave Conway 8 38 a. m., arrive Chadbourne 11 50 a. m., leave Chadbourne 11 50 a. m., arrive Hub 12 25 p. m., returning leave Hub 3 00 p. m., arrive Chadbourne 3 35 a. m., Daily except Sunday.

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TAX RETURNS FOR 1900.

OFFICE OF COUNTY AUDITOR SUMTER COUNTY, SUMTER, S. C., Nov. 30, 1899.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will attend in person or by deputy, at the following places on the days indicated respectively for the purpose of receiving returns of Personal Property, and Poll Taxes for the fiscal year commencing January 1st, 1900:

- At office Sumter, S. C., at all other times up to Feb. 2, 1900, inclusive: Tindalls, Tuesday, January 2. Privateer, (Jenkins' Store) Wednesday, January 3. Manchester, (Nettles' residence) Thursday, January 4. Wedgefield, Friday, January 5. Stateburg, Saturday, January 6. Hagood, Monday, January 8. Rembert's Store, Tuesday, January 9. Gaillard's X Roads, Wednesday January 10. Bossard, Thursday, January 11. Gordon's Mill, Saturday, January 13. Mayesville, Monday, January 15. Scottsville, (McElveen's Store) Tuesday, January 16. Shiloh, Wednesday, January 17. Norwood's X Roads, Thursday, January 18. Lynchburg, Friday, January 19. Magnolia, Saturday, January 20. Reid's Mill, Monday, January 22. Bishopville, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 23 and 24. Mannville, Thursday, January 25. Smithville, Friday, January 26.

The law requires that all persons owning property or in anywise having charge of such property, either as agent, husband, guardian, trustee, executor, administrator, etc., return the same under oath to the auditor, who requests all persons to be prompt in making their returns and save the 50 per cent. penalty which will be added to the property valuation of all persons who fail to make returns within the time prescribed by law.

Taxpayers return what they own on the first day of January, 1900. Assessors and taxpayers will enter the first given name of the taxpayer in full, also make a separate return for each township where the property is located and also in each and every case the No. of the School District must be given.

Every male citizen between the age of twenty-one and sixty years on the first day of January, 1900, except those incapable of earning a support from being married or from other causes, are deemed taxable polls, and except Confederate soldiers 10 years of age, on January 1st, 1900.

All returns must be made on or before the 20th day of February next. I cannot take returns after that date and all returns made after the 21st day of February are subject to a penalty of 10 per cent.

J. DIGGS WILDER, Auditor Sumter County. Sumter, S. C., Dec. 6, 1899.

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