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THE DREYFUS CASE.

The Entire Innocence of Dreyfus to Be Established and Decree of Rennes Tribunal to be Annulled.

Paris, June 15.—The hearing for the revision of the Dreyfus case opened today. The first session was devoted to the examination of the secret documents in the case. Neither the public prosecutor nor the Dreyfus counsel is asking for a new trial, but for the quashing of the former judgment. The documents which were taken up for examination are said to show the absolute innocence of Dreyfus and it is expected that the decree of the Rennes tribunal will be annulled.

IMPROVING THE MAIL SERVICE.

Postal Clerk to Be Put on the Orangeburg-Lane's Train.

Washington, D. C., June 14.—The postoffice department at the instance of Senator Tillman and Representative Lever, who called there with the request, announced that a railway postal service will be established on the on the Atlantic Coast Line trains, Nos. 46 and 47, between Lanes and Orangeburg. The matter was brought up by Mr. E. I. Reardon, secretary of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce. The announcement states that the service will begin as soon as the railroad company is able to furnish the necessary mail car.

R. F. D. FOR WEDGEFIELD.

Postoffice Department Agrees to Establish Rural Route No. 1.

Congressman A. F. Lever writes the Daily Item that the application for the establishment of a rural route route from Wedgefield has been granted. The following letter is explanatory.

Washington, June 11, 1906.
Hon. A. F. Lever
House of Representatives.

Sir: Referring to the proposed rural delivery route from Wedgefield, South Carolina, you are advised that a certificate has been received from the postmaster that 85 of the 165 families reported as accessible to this route will provide for approved rural mail boxes in the event of its establishment. While this is not three-fourths of the number reported, the department has accepted the certificate inasmuch as 165 families does not represent, exclusively, families who can read and write, who, however, number something over 100 and for the further reason that 85 families exceeds three-fourths of 100.

Orders will be issued for the establishment of route No. 1 from Wedgefield, effective August 15, 1906.

Respectfully,
P. V. DeGraw
Fourth Asst. Postmaster General.

Correction in Tillman Article.

The following correction of the article on Senator Tillman by James Creelman is sent out by Pearson's Magazine:
"It was not General Earle who asked the question as to how old Senator Tillman was when the war closed, and why he was not in the Confederate army. It was Judge A. C. Haswell, who, after Senator Tillman received the nomination over Earle was put forward as an independent, and, of course, badly beaten. General Earle and Senator Tillman, though opposing candidates in 1890, became good friends, and he was afterward elected to the senate in 1896, and died within two months after he was sworn in."

NAVIGATING THE AIR.

Two Aeronauts Trying to Make a Trip From New York to Baltimore.

New, York, June 18.—Dr. Julian H. Thomas and Charles Levee, the aeronauts, who made an ascension here last night have been heard from today. It is expected they will try to reach Baltimore before descending. They were last seen at Little Falls, N. J.

STATE CAPITAL NEWS.

JUDGE HYDRICK RENDERS DECISION IN LAURENS DISPENSARY CASE.

Prof. Tate, of Charleston, Called to South Carolina University—Dispensary Director Put Under Peace Bond Not to Attack J. Fraser Lyon.

Columbia, June 13.—Judge Hydrick handed down his decision in re Wright vs. Ed L. Jones, in which he reversed the decision of the State board of canvassers. This case was a proceeding growing out of the dispensary election in Laurens county held on the 9th day of January, 1905, under the Brice law. In this election the majority of votes as counted was in favor of no dispensary. A protest was filed before the county board by Mr. Wright and the county board held that as so many irregularities existed and no legal election had been held and accepted, declared the one held void and of no effect. Both the dispensary and the anti-dispensary sides appealed to the State board. The State board found certain irregularities to have existed as a matter of fact in this election but they held that, as no fraud was charged or shown to exist, the election should be held as valid and the decision of the county board was accordingly reversed.

A writ of certiorari was obtained from Judge Hydrick and argued before him on the 26th day of April in Columbia. He has sustained the ground of the petition that inasmuch as this irregularity did exist after the production of required registration certificates and proof of payment of taxes, no valid election was held and consequently reversed the state board and sustained the position taken by the county board. The dispensary consequently will still continue to operate in Laurens county.

Whether an appeal will be filed by prohibitionists, who are represented for Ferguson, Featherstone and W. R. Richey, is not known. Messrs. Belinger and Welsh of this city, and Mr. John M. Connor represent Mr. Wright.

A dark horse has entered the gubernatorial race. W. A. Edwards, whose home is in Saluda county, between Ward's and the county seat, filed his pledge and paid his assessment today, as a candidate for governor in the primary this summer.

He is the darkest kind of a dark horse. It was very difficult to obtain any information about him. A Saluda county man was finally found who knew him. He said Mr. Edwards was a prosperous farmer, who had been engaged in mercantile business, but had given that up and was now living on his home place. According to this information, Mr. Edwards is a kinsman of the Rev. Joab Edwards, who has figured in politics in the past, his last appearance having been as a candidate for senator from Lexington county two years ago, when D. F. Efrid was elected.

While it could not be ascertained definitely what Mr. Edwards' platform would be, it is supposed that he will ask suffrages as a prohibition candidate.

The following also filed pledges today.
John C. Sellers, of Marion, as a candidate for railroad commissioner.

D. E. Finley, of York, for re-election as congressman from the fifth district.

A. F. Lever, of Lexington, for re-election as congressman from the seventh district.

A report from Inspector A. W. Edens to council last night discovered that the job Gild & Co. performed for the city under the supervision of Engineer Ludlow of laying 6-inch pipe from the property lines to the sewer mains, is a botch and may have to be done over. This is the job the city paid \$43,000 for. It was finished much faster than was expected. The sewerage committee of council commented on the situation in vigorous language and on motion of Alderman Lynch the report was adopted and a special meeting of council is to be called in a few days to hear from the engineer, the water works commission being also invited to attend.

The board of trustees of the University of South Carolina concluded its work yesterday by electing to the department of education an additional graduate of the Peabody Normal School, now principal of the Memminger Normal school. Mr. Tate is a graduate of the Peabody Normal college of Nashville, Tenn., and has spent six summers in post graduate work in the University of Chicago in the line of mathematics, psychology and the science of education. He was born and reared in the magnificent mountain section of Tennessee, and is

a man of great physique and superb energy. He has taught in Tennessee in Arkansas and in Texas, and is hardly 35 years of age. He has thus had a broad experience and training and is in every way a strong man. About 7 years ago Dr. J. L. M. Curry was consulted by the school board of Charleston and asked to recommend the best available man for principal of the Memminger High and Normal school, the pride of the Charleston educational system. This position is second to that of superintendent of city school of Charleston, and is in line of succession to the city superintendency, which is one of the highest salaried school positions in the South. Dr. Curry selected Mr. Tate and upon this high endorsement Mr. Tate was brought to Charleston, where he has since had the strong support of the school board and has done a work which has attracted attention throughout the State.

The affair between Mr. John Black of the dispensary board of directors and Mr. J. Fraser Lyon of the investigating committee, which began on Friday, June 1, by a threatened attack on the latter by the former, was closed yesterday by Mr. Black being placed under a peace bond for \$1,000 and Mr. Lyon being dismissed. The hearing yesterday was held in the court of Magistrate Moorman, having been postponed from the day after the trouble. It was set for 6 o'clock, but about 2:30 o'clock, Mr. Black, with his attorney, appeared before the court and without any formality waived a preliminary hearing and simply left the disposal of the matter to the discretion of the court.

ALL THE CANDIDATES.

An Alphabetical List of the Men Entered for United States Senate, Congress and State Offices.

Columbia, June 19.—Following is a complete list of all the candidates for all the State offices to be voted for in the primary election, which will be held August 28:

United States Senate, B. R. Tillman and W. W. Lumpkin.
For Congress, First district, George S. Legare, incumbent; Second, J. O. Patterson, incumbent; G. L. Toole and B. B. Hare; Third, Wyatt Aiken, incumbent; J. E. Boggs; Fourth, J. T. Johnson, incumbent; W. C. Irby, Jr., G. H. Mahon; Fifth, D. E. Finley, incumbent, T. J. Strait; W. P. Pollock; Sixth, J. E. Ellerbe, incumbent; Seventh, A. F. Lever, incumbent.
Governor, M. F. Ansel, C. L. Blease, J. E. Brunson, W. A. Edwards, A. C. Jones, R. I. Manning, John J. McMahan, John T. Sloan.
Lieutenant governor, T. G. McLeod.

Secretary of State, R. M. Cowan, J. B. Morrison, L. M. Ragin and M. P. Tribble.

Attorney general, J. Fraser Lyon, J. W. Ragsdale and Leroy F. Youmans, incumbent.

Comptroller general, A. W. Jones, incumbent; G. L. Walker.

State treasurer, R. H. Jennings, incumbent.

Adjutant general, J. C. Boyd and L. W. Haskell.

Railroad commissioner, J. H. Wharton, incumbent; James Casler, J. M. Sullivan, J. A. Summersett and J. C. Sellers.

State superintendent of education, O. B. Martin.

Mr. C. A. Smith of Timmons ville, one of the most popular men in the State, has been persuaded to file a pledge and announce himself for lieutenant governor in case Mr. Featherstone or some other man of the same views should run. Mr. Smith yesterday withdrew his pledge when he heard that Mr. Featherstone was not in the race. Mr. Smith is president of the Bank of Timmons ville, is president of the State Baptist convention and vice president of the Southern Baptist convention and a man of force and character. He would have made a fine run had he remained in the campaign, but he said yesterday that he cares nothing for the office and had consented to run merely in the interests of a great cause, but as there was no candidate for governor on his platform he would not run himself for the second place.

The race for the attorney general will be next in interest to that for governor. Mr. Lyon left yesterday afternoon, placing his check and pledge in the hands of a friend who filed it with Chairman Jones today less than an hour before the list was closed. Five minutes later a friend filed Mr. Ragsdale's pledge with his check. In a letter to his friend Mr. Ragsdale said that he would not oppose Mr. Youmans, but if any other man entered the race to file his pledge. He asked his friend to wait to the last and be particular not to enter him unless other opposition developed to Mr. Youmans.

DISPENSARY INVESTIGATION.

THE INVESTIGATION ADJOURNED TO JUNE 26.

An Attempt Made to Have a Prepared Statement Exonerating the Carolina Glass Company Entered on the Records, But it is Defeated—Some Interesting Letters From Mr. Farnum's Files.

Columbia, June 14.—The dispensary investigating committee has taken a recess until June 26 at noon. There were four members of the committee present when this decision was reached, and the members of the committee were getting restless and wanted to go home. When the committee meets on the 26th some definite plan relative to the payment of the \$700,000 worth of deferred payments will be considered. The expectation was that the sub-committee would have been able to submit its views on these claims at today's meeting. The report was dictated, but could not be gotten ready for the committee, as most of the members had to go home on the afternoon trains, and the meeting the latter part of the month was largely ordered to consider these claims of the liquor houses. The motion included that such other matters as might be desired be then brought up, and no one knows what is likely then to come up.

At the afternoon session Mr. Francis H. Weston made a passionate address to the committee, in which he asked for fair play for the officers and stockholders of the Carolina Glass Company.

Mr. Lyon objected to any prepared statement going in the record, as he wished the committee to have the right to cross-examine all residents of the State, who were within the reach of the committee. It was decided to hear the representatives of the Carolina Glass Company at the next meeting of the committee.

The committee did not do much at its regular session today. Only one witness was put on the stand, Mr. Dudley, of Carlisle. He stated that he was in Greensboro, N. C., in 1904, and that he then saw Mr. Butler, who was a liquor drummer, and that Mr. Butler showed him a telegram from H. H. Evans, in which an appointment was made to meet Butler at Hot Springs, N. C. Mr. Butler explained to Mr. Dudley that he was going to Hot Springs to see Mr. Evans about business with the dispensary. After that he saw Mr. Butler and asked him how he came out in his appointment with Mr. Evans at Hot Springs, and he said that it was all right and he went on to say that the sessions of the board in Columbia were "sitting farces," and by this he meant that the real business of the dispensary, the buying and trading, was conducted outside of the State.

A number of letters were gotten from Mr. Farnum's files in Charleston, before the conflict between Mr. Farnum and the sub-committee, were presented today. The committee presented letters today from Dispensers Harmon and Ferguson of Spartanburg, asking liquor firms for samples and cases of their goods. The point of these letters, and they were numerous, was that they were written after the visit of the committee to Spartanburg and the exposure at that time. Evidently the dispensers were not affected by the position of the committee against such requests for whiskey from the houses selling to the State, but kept up their silent system of blackmail. Liquor was sent on such requests by Cook-Bernheimer, Strauss, Spritz, Grabfelder and others. Letters from quite a number of dispensers, asking for samples were offered in evidence. This practice is not at all peculiar to the Spartanburg dispensers, but appears to be very general.

A number of letters from Mr. F. M. Mixson to J. W. Kelly & Co., were offered, and in several of these letters he states that he was all right with Messrs. Boykin and Towill, but that he had been unable to do anything with Mr. Evans. He wrote about the introduction of the resolution to investigate the dispensary, and said that he thought that it was inspired by Mr. Evans and was directed by him against his colleagues in the board. Col. Mixson in his letter indicated that the impression was that the committee would amount to nothing.

One of the striking bits of evidence was Mr. Lyon's comparative bills. He presented the bid of the Roskam-Gerstley Company, for "Old Saratoga," dated February 27, 1902. This bid was for \$13.75 per case for quarts. Old Saratoga was then bought in large quantities at \$13.75 per case by the State. Mr. Lyon presented a bill, dated February 17, 1902, for five cases of "Old Saratoga." This was billed to an ordinary dealer at \$11.50

per case of quarts, less 4 per cent. Mr. Lyon said that this bill was from a bona fide firm and of a bona fide purchase of five cases, at \$3.25 a case less than it was bought for by the dispensary. "Old Saratoga" is regarded as a standard brand, and Mr. Lyon remarked that it was needless to multiply such evidence.

Several telegrams were presented from G. H. Charles, clerk asking J. W. Kelley & Co. to ship liquor without certificates. This Mr. Lyon said, was in violation of the law of the State.

It was just before the committee adjourned for today that Mr. Weston made his appeal for the officers of the Carolina Glass Company. He said all he wanted was to have the evidence printed in full, so that the people might judge for themselves and see that the stockholders of the Carolina Glass Company had done absolutely nothing wrong. He thought the committee was made up of honest men and would not for worlds injure the precious reputation of any one.

Mr. Lyon said he thought the request perfectly reasonable and all he wanted was the right to cross-examine. Mr. Weston said he had Mr. Ben Taylor and Mr. Norton present and would have every officer present in ten minutes if the committee would only hear them now. Members of the committee said they had to leave here this afternoon, so it was decided to hear the Carolina Glass Company side later on.

There were a number of representatives of liquor houses, whose claims have been held up for the present to await the verdict as to their claims, but the sub-committee had not filed its report and nothing was done today on this subject. Mr. Spivey wanted the committee to act at once and settle the issue.—News and Courier.

DOUBLE PAY CHARGE.

From Columbia Record.
On the 5th of June The Record contained a local article in which the statement was made that a Record man had heard that all the members of the dispensary investigating committee except one had drawn double per diem during the session of the general assembly the first part of this year.

The article then proceeded to set forth the efforts of The Record man to ascertain if there were any truth in that report. . . .

After publication of the article of which the above is a summary, a gentleman who is on very friendly terms with some members of the investigating committee gave The Record man a tip. He said Mr. Blease was not the only member of the committee who had not taken double pay; that there was another, who would not feel like rushing into print to defend himself, as that might be construed as a reflection by him upon those members of the committee that had helped themselves to double pay. Immediately upon receipt of this information, copies of the following letter were mailed to Messrs. Gaston, Fraser, Lyon, Christensen and Spivey:

"Columbia, S. C., June 9, 1906.

"Dear Sir: It has been suggested to me that I may have done some members of the dispensary investigating committee an injustice. I can assure you that nothing was further from my intention. I have no malice toward the committee and I feel sure that no member of the committee does or will object to turning full light on all of his public acts. They are legitimately a subject of criticism. I was so positively informed that all of the members of the committee except one had drawn double pay during the session of the legislature for days when the committee as well as the legislature met, and this information was backed up by Mr. Blease's statement, that I thought I had done all that fair play required when I requested the chairman of your committee in writing and in person for a statement. Since thinking it over I see wherein injustice may have been done by my method of procedure, and I am today writing identical letters to the five members of the committee to whom I did not write in the first instance, so as to give each an opportunity to answer for himself this question:
"Did you or did you not take per diem both as a committeeman and as a legislator for days during the last session when both your committee and the general assembly held meetings?
"I consider this a legitimate question which I, as a citizen, as well as a newspaper man, am entitled to an answer.
"If through misinformation, or the strange reluctance of your chairman to answer a proper question, I have done you an injustice, I will be more than willing to make the amplest apology."

Mr. Gaston replied as follows:
Chester, S. C., June 11, 1906.

"Dear Sir: Replying to your letter of the 9th instant, I did not take double per diem during the session of the legislature and investigating committee while they were in session at the same time.
"Yours truly,
"A. D. Gaston."

Mr. Fraser replied as follows:
"Dear Sir: Your favor of the 9th instant was received this morning. In reply I would say soon after our committee organized for work I received a letter from a dispensary officer whom I had known pleasantly for some years asking me for some information as to my personal connection with certain reports that were in circulation. I wrote him that without any desire to be discourteous to him personally I must decline to answer any questions. That I had been appointed by the general assembly and I must report my official acts to the body which appointed me. This rule I have observed consistently and have made no public denial of any criticism that has been made, and if I am to suffer for it, I must suffer. Every vote and act is the subject of adverse criticism. I can not explain or deny it all, so I have concluded not to begin. When the work of the committee is done I will be able to answer for my acts, but until that time I do not feel that I should defend myself.
"Yours very truly,
"T. B. Fraser."

Messrs. Christensen and Spivey have so far not made any reply to the letter of inquiry.
The letter to Mr. Fraser Lyon was mailed to him at Abbeville and forwarded by some one there to "J. Fraser Lyon, Columbia, S. C." The envelope was opened and the torn envelope and the letter were mailed back to The Record, presumably by Mr. Lyon, without answer or comment.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.
County Executive Committee Dissolves the City Democratic Clubs and Directs That Ward Clubs Be Organized.
A meeting of the County Democratic Executive Committee was held Saturday, county chairman J. H. Clifton and secretary H. L. B. Wells, both being absent, Maj. Moore was elected chairman pro tem.

A resolution was passed dissolving the clubs in the city of Sumter and requiring them to organize next week in the several wards of the city, and to send their representatives to the next meeting of the Executive Committee which is to be held at eleven o'clock next Saturday, the 23rd inst. Mr. DuPre appeared before the committee and asked that a new club be allowed to organize in the territory recently adjudged to belong to Sumter County, and which had been in dispute between Sumter and Lee Counties.

A resolution was also adopted that secretary Wells notify each member of the Executive Committee to attend at a meeting to be held on Saturday next for the purpose of arranging the county campaign and attending to such other business as may properly come before the committee.

SUMTER TAKES OPENER.
After Three Days of Waiting the Game Cocks Get One—A Fast and Exciting Game—A Large Crowd—The Features.
Sumter started at the bottom in the race for the pennant in the South Carolina State Base Ball League, and never took an upward start until Saturday. The Game Cocks are now out of the cellar and by the end of the week they hope to occupy a high place in the percentage column.
A large crowd was out. The bleachers and the grand stands were filled.
Promptly at 4:30 o'clock umpire A. K. Sanders called the game. Sumter took the field and the visitors went to the plate to face Sitton and his puzzling curves.
For three and one-half innings neither side could score; in fact, hardly any one got to first base.
It was not until Sumter's half of the fourth, that the rosters could give vent to their enthusiasm.

SUMMARY.
Sumter—Sitton and Thompson.
Darlington—Flowers and La Fayette.
Runs:
Sumter 4; Darlington 1.
Errors, Sumter 0; Darlington 1.
Hits, Sumter 4; Darlington 8. Hit by pitched ball, Smith. Wild throw, Sitton. Umpire, Mr. A. K. Sanders. Scorer, Mr. H. P. Moses.

Carl Smith, a 16-year-old cotton mill operator was drowned at Brookland, near Columbia Monday.