

TATUM'S SHOWING.

COMMISSIONER ASSERTS THAT STATE DISPENSARY IS SOLVENT.

He Says That all Debts Can Be Paid and Have a Balance Left—The Figures Given—Gen. Willie Jones' Statement.

Columbia, July 24.—Mr. W. O. Tatum, State Dispensary Commissioner, today gave out the following statement:

"Recently a number of papers, and Mr. J. Fraser Lyon, candidate for attorney general, asserted that the dispensary was insolvent; that if it were put in liquidation it could not pay its debts. At the time this statement was made, I came out in a card asking a suspension of judgment, and asserting that the dispensary was perfectly solvent. I said I could produce the figures to prove that the dispensary was amply able to pay every dollar it owed I have the figures to more than sustain my contention, and will submit them in this statement. It took much time and lots of work to go through the great mass of accounts at the State dispensary, and prepare a condensed statement showing exactly the condition of the institution. I could not expect the newspapers to publish all the figures in their columns, but I invite any citizen, particularly Mr. Lyon and the editors of the papers which questioned the solvency of the dispensary, to call at the State dispensary and examine for themselves the books and accounts, and so verify the statement I have prepared. Now, here are the figures, condensed to the point, where any mind can grasp them and any memory retain them:

"On June 1, 1906, the State dispensary owed for whiskey, beer, etc., a total of \$735,886.94. Since June 1st, and up to and including July 21, 1906, there has been paid on the above accounts a total of \$451,095.61, leaving a balance of \$284,881.33. But of this balance, \$197,388.67 is not yet due, which leaves the amount due on old accounts \$87,492.71, and the State dispensary had on hand at the close of business July 21st, a cash balance of \$96,518.76, or \$9,026.01 more than enough to pay all accounts then due.

"However, when the new board of directors were restrained by order of the dispensary investigating committee from paying old accounts of the dispensary, instead of letting the dispensary funds be idle, they discounted a number of new accounts, by this course making an extra profit for the State of \$2,998.22. Of the accounts so discounted, an aggregate of \$79,119.76 would not have been due on or before July 21, so had not those accounts been so discontinued, the cash balance on that day would have been \$175,638.52, or \$88,145.81 more than enough to have paid all accounts due at that time.

"On July 21st, the State dispensary owed for whiskey, beer, supplies, etc., \$443,225.34, though only \$87,492.71 of this amount, as stated above, was due on that date. Any assertion that the dispensary is not solvent and could not pay out every dollar it owes if it went into liquidation, seems ridiculous, when the assets of the institution are compared with that total of its debts.

"On July 21st, the total of its debt was \$443,225.34, to meet which it had easily assets of \$900,000 in round figures, made up of \$96,518.76 cash on hand, about \$665,000 of stock in the State and county dispensaries, real estate which cost \$56,360.56, supplies of bottles, seals, corks, etc., machinery and office supplies. If all its assets were sold at fifty cents on the dollar, they would be more than sufficient to pay its indebtedness. In the above I have given the value of the real estate at its cost price, but it must be remembered that it was bought before the tremendous boom of recent years. The opinion of real estate men, architects and the county auditor of Richland county, is that a very conservative estimate of the present value of the dispensary real estate would be \$110,000. Accepting that figure, would make the dispensary's assets a million dollars with which to meet debts of less than \$410,000. Far from being insolvent, if the dispensary were closed out it could pay every cent it owes and hundreds of thousands of dollars into the school fund, to which it has contributed in the last ten years \$1,351,697.63, besides paying \$2,991,225.49 to the towns and counties in that same period, a total of \$5,342,922.12.

"What is the condition of the dispensary today? The facts given above sustain my contention that the dispensary is in better condition today than ever before. When I took charge of the dispensary in March 1904, the dispensary's condition was shown by the following statement compiled on February 29, 1904:

Quarterly Statement of State Dispensary for Quarter Ending February 29, 1904.

Assets.
Cash in State treasury February 29, 1904. \$ 17,680 25
Teams and wagons. 64 00
Supplies (inventory Feb-
ruary 29, 1904) 84 82

Machinery and office fixtures. 6,316 06
Contriband (inventory February 29, 1904) 1,42 47
Real estate. 52,860 65
Merchandise in hands of dispensers February 29, 1904. 400,558 85
Merchandise (inventory of stock at State dispensary February 29, 1904) 490,036 69
Suspended accounts. 2,896 25
Personal accounts due State for empty barrels, alcohol, etc. 5,830 75

Totals. \$1,012,537 98

School fund. \$ 519,664 12
Personal accounts due by State for supplies, whiskeys, wines, beer, alcohol, etc. 492,873 86

Total liabilities. \$1,012,537 98

"It will be noticed how the cash was on hand at that time. The amount of stock was \$890,000 in round figures, or \$225,000 more than on July 21, 1906. Of that stock about \$350,000 was represented by an accumulation of hard stock which had not been worked off since the institution began business. This has been worked off during my administration, and the present stock contains hardly \$20,000 worth of anything except new, fresh and salable goods. This alone represents a tremendous improvement of condition in the last few years.

"Besides, in the liabilities as represented in the statement of February 29, 1904, there was over \$300,000 of accounts past due, some of them as much as six months overdue. This condition compared to the statement for the present day ought to be convincing to any reasonable mind of the improvement of the financial condition of the dispensary.

"The school fund is not a debt of the dispensary, but its profits and loss account. It is less understood than any other feature of the dispensary. This article is too long to permit me to stretch it further by adding an explanation of the school fund. I will give such an explanation later in another article."

Gen. Willie Jones also gave out the following statement:

"After reading Commissioner Tatum's statement, and after having examined the balance sheet of the books of the institution, I say without hesitation, that I regard the present condition of the finances of the institution as in better shape than at any time during the last ten years. I was Chairman of the Board from April 1st, 1896, to April 1st, 1897, and also a member of the Board by appointment of Governor Heyward about six months in 1903, and I feel that I am thoroughly familiar with the affairs of the dispensary."

RUSSELL SAGE'S WILL.

New York, July 26.—When the will of Russell Sage is read this afternoon it will be disclosed that, with the exception of an insignificant bequest to an only sister, Mrs. Fannie Payne, of Oneida, N. Y., who died two years ago, Sage has left everything to his widow.

Other relatives will probably contest the will on the ground that while Sage was in full possession of his faculties he made a will providing for all of his relatives, but that following his mental breakdown in 1901, a new testament was made, placing his entire fortune at Mrs. Sage's disposal. It will be contended by them that Mrs. Sage exerted undue influence over him in the distribution of his wealth.

The will shows that the estate amounts to \$60,000,000.

YOUNG MAN DROWNED.

Mullins, July 25.—Mr. Fred Scarborough was drowned this morning in Pee-Dee river, near here, while bathing with a picnic party. Mr. Scarborough was only about 20 years old, a son of Mr. Thos. Scarborough, and nephew of Ex-Congressman Scarborough. The body had not been recovered at 8 p. m.

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A FRANCHISE WAR.

Mayor Johnson, of Cleveland, Adopts Forcible Measures Against Street Railway.

Cleveland, O., July 25.—War began on the Cleve and Electric railway this morning when a force of 500 city employees was sent to tear up the tracks on Fulton street. The action of Mayor Johnson was a surprise to the railway officials, who say they will get an injunction. The war is the result of the franchise fight between Mayor Johnson, who wants 3 cents fares, and the railway officers who asked the city council recently for a renewal of their franchise.

Cleveland, O., July 25.—Judge Ford has issued an injunction ordering the city workmen, under Mayor Johnson, not to tear up the tracks.

"I will pay no attention to it," said Mayor Johnson, when notified of the injunction.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

London, July 25.—The Inter-parliamentary peace conference this morning adopted a resolution urging the next Hague conference to discuss the limitation of armaments. In the meantime pressure will be brought to bear on various parliaments represented at this conference, to take action regarding the subject as well as to define what shall constitute contraband. A luncheon followed the session at which Wm. J. Bryan, Ambassador Reid and the ambassadors of several of other powers and a number of British Cabinet officers were present.

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" * 1 Lucknow to Sumter	" 5 50 pm
" *57 Gibson to Sumter	" 9 20 am
" 52 Charleston to Greenville	Leaves 9 31 am
" *46 Orangeburg to Charleston	" 9 35 am
" 79 Elrod, N. C., to Columbia	" 11 05 am
" * 2 Sumter to Lucknow	" 9 50 am
" 78 Columbia to Elrod, N. C.,	Leaves 6 05 pm
" 53 Greenville and Columbia to Charleston	" 6 30 pm
" 32 Augusta to Florence	" 6 40 pm
" *56 Sumter to Gibson	" 6 50 pm
" *47 Charleston to Orangeburg	" 8 20 pm
" 55 Wilmington to Columbia	" 9 35 pm

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Train *24 Sumter to Darlington	Leaves 8 30 am
" *19 Sumter to Robbins	Leaves 10 00 am
" *20 Robbins to Sumter	Arrives 7 30 am
" *25 Darlington to Sumter	Arrives 9 10 pm

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Train *70 Camden to Sumter	Arrives 9 00 am
" *71 Sumter to Camden	Leaves 9 36 am
" *68 Camden to Sumter	" 5 45 pm
" *72 Wilson Mill to Sumter	Arrives 12 30 pm
" *73 Sumter to Wilson Mill	Leaves 3 30 pm
" *69 Sumter to Camden	" 6 31 pm

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