

DISPENSARY REVELATIONS.

COMMISSIONERS CALL CHARGES "MALICIOUS LIES."

Also, Some of the Charges Get the Merry Laugh—As to the Bank Deposits, It is Said There Was Reason Method in Their Procedure.

Columbia, Feb. 5.—The dispensary commission met yesterday to consider some matters and went into executive session. A public hearing on one of the claims was postponed on account of news from a Northern city that a party who had been summoned could not get here.

While the commission was sitting around the fire waiting on telegraphic news, Capt. C. E. Henderson of Atlanta suggested to the newspaper men that the matter of the banks in which the funds of the State are deposited had not been discussed sufficiently and on account of the "charges made" by certain individuals he wished the public to know where the funds are.

The clerks looked up the memoranda for the newspaper men. The office building at the dispensary is practically dismantled. The walls are dingy, the floors are half covered with a dust-beadened matting, and the furniture shows the decrepitude of a rapid decline. On one of the windows the one by which Commissioner Tatum once sat, and in which comfort puffed at his cheerful and homely old pipe, was scrawled with soap on a pane. "Thinking fondly of days gone by."

"Ah, days gone by! Once upon a time a committee of investigation was appointed. At this time the dispensary headquarters was a gay and cheery place. Now it is as lonesome as Vincent Chio's prohibition club under infestation. And it is here, in the very graveyard of the buried hope of greed, that the commission is digging up the skeletons. The former commission sat in the State capitol on account of convenience. But it is more fitting that the disinterment should take place here.

Upon Capt. Henderson's suggestion Dr. W. J. Murray, chairman of the commission stated "with reference to the slanders which have been circulated" that the funds received from the sale of stock had been put in the banks in the State which helped the commission. Many banks communicated with declined the proposition. Two of these are the Bank of Columbia and the Carolina National bank. George W. Williams' bank in Charleston is another. The Bank of Sumter declined. The reason of these banks for doing so was that the commission wished 4 per cent interest and also wished to withdraw the money on call. There was a panic impending and many of the banks did not wish to be embarrassed in any such manner as to call upon them without notification for a large deposit would have hurt them in time of a disaster.

"Another point," said Dr. Murray, "is the fact that some of the banks did not wish to give collateral. This is the point that worried us for a long time. The commission did not wish to keep \$300,000 tied up without interest, and yet we could not let out such an immense sum without protecting ourselves.

"One bank, the Palmetto National in Columbia, at first indignantly declined to put up any collateral, saying that to require such was an imputation upon the solvency of all the banks of the State. But they appreciated our position and helped us out. The first large bank to help us out in the matter of getting interest for our deposits was the National Loan and Exchange. This institution readily and gladly put up the collateral."

While the clerks were preparing the list of deposits, Dr. Murray was questioned about a rumor that he had benefited himself personally by buying alcohol from the dispensary at greatly reduced prices for use in his wholesale drug business.

"Do you know," said Dr. Murray, "that since we have begun to prod these rascals out of their holes they and their friends have spread all sorts of malicious lies about this commission. I don't care myself. I have been in business too long in South Carolina for any such chatter to worry me or hinder me in the discharge of my duty. You may inform yourself from the books."

These books show that when the old State dispensary died there were 10 barrels of alcohol, aggregating in value something like \$1,200. Of these Dr. Murray bought three at \$2.50 per gallon. He did not pay cash for it and later charged himself interest on the account. Later he bought two barrels at \$2.45 per gallon, the prevailing market price. The same price was paid on a four barrel order by the Geer Drug Company of Charleston and a wholesale concern in Greenville. Dr. Murray stated he had bought as much as \$3,300 worth of alcohol in a year from the old dispensary. These five barrels aggregated about \$575.

"One other matter, Doctor. It has

been stated in a dispatch purporting to come from Asheville, that among the laymen in attendance is the chairman of the dispensary commission, Dr. W. J. Murray of Columbia, who is said to have sought the position he holds. Instead of having accepted it reluctantly, as he has induced the public to believe

"Oh, don't bother me with such foolish inquiries," replied Dr. Murray. Later Gov. Ansel was asked about the matter. While the governor is firm, he is never impolite and he merely replied that there was absolutely no truth in the statement and that it was out of the evident efforts to discredit the commission for some sinister purpose. He stated positively that he offered the position to Dr. Murray and had to insist upon its being accepted.

MORE NEWS OF THE DISPENSARY GRAFT GAME.

Columbia, Feb. 7.—In the State yesterday appeared an official announcement that E. Ehrlich of Atlanta had brought suit against Ullman & Co. and the Anchor Distilling company of Cincinnati. As these firms have figured extensively in the proceedings of the commission to wind up the affairs of the old State dispensary, there was some inquiry as to the nature of the claims of Ehrlich against the liquor firms named.

It may be recalled that Ehrlich is the party who swears that he had got for M. A. Goodman the job of traveling representative in South Carolina for Ullman & Co., and that he and Goodman and Himmelbauer and Manheimer were to share and share alike in the profits. Now Ehrlich claims that he has been defrauded by the others—or by Ullman and Strauss—of his part of the profits. This is more of the humor of the plunder-bund.

The complaints alleges that Adolph Ullman and L. C. Strauss were co-partners in trade in Cincinnati under two firms, Ullman & Co. and the Anchor Distilling company.

That he and M. A. Goodman, Onton Himmelbauer and Leo Manheimer entered into a partnership in August, 1904, to act as salesman for Ullman and Strauss. They were to receive for their services one-half of the profits derived from their business. His portion would thus have been one-eighth of all the profits.

The suit is brought in this State because said defendants "have property within the State of South Carolina to wit: A chose in action or debt due them by the State dispensary commission."

Ehrlich alleges that the gross profits from the business in this State for the year ensuing from August, 1904, were \$67,000.

His one-eighth of this would have been \$8,375. As a matter of fact he received \$3,300 for the year. Therefore he claims judgment for \$4,800 as his pro rata of the South Carolina business.

It may be recalled that Ehrlich when sworn in Atlanta gave the following affidavit to the agents of the State recently:

"That he was engaged in selling liquor for Ullman & Co. of Cincinnati, O., and had associated with him M. A. Goodman, L. Manheimer and Himmelbauer from August, 1904, to July 31, 1905. During this time large quantities of liquor were sold the South Carolina State dispensary that he met M. A. Goodman several times in the city of Columbia, S. C., for the purpose of conferring with Goodman in advancing sales of liquors and for consulting and agreeing upon the best plans for conducting their business. That M. A. Goodman, his associate, told dependent that it cost him a great deal of money to get the business from the South Carolina State dispensary; that Boykin and Towill, members of the board of dispensary directors, were his friends on the board and that he paid them to buy from Ullman & Co. That in course of his association with said Goodman as herein stated dependent received a letter from Goodman in the handwriting of Goodman on the letter heads of the Common wealth Distilling company of Louisville, Ky., dated August 17, 1904, addressed 'My Dear Barney' and signed Morton A. G. with an unsigned postscript on the fourth page. This letter speaks for itself."

It is evident that Ehrlich has never had a proper accounting for the extraordinary expense in South Carolina.

Reason Enthroned.

"Because meats are so tasty they are consumed in great excess. This leads to stomach trouble, biliousness and constipation. Revise your diet, let reason and not a pampered appetite control, then take a few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and you will soon be well again. Try it. For sale at all druggists. Samples free.

Herbert King, of Lancaster, fell from a train and broke one of his legs.

"DeWitt's Carbolized Witch Hazel Salve is the best for cuts, burns, boils, bruises and scratches. It is especially good for piles. Sold by all druggists.

COTTON ASSOCIATION MET.

SOUTH CAROLINA DIVISION IN SESSION WEDNESDAY.

Representative Gathering — Meeting Was Harmonious and Stand Made for 15-Cent Cotton—Officers Elected.

Columbia, Feb. 6.—The South Carolina division of the Southern Cotton association met in council chamber yesterday. Not only were the farmers of the State represented but there were many men present from other walks of life, especially business men and bankers. The meeting was entirely harmonious and the stand for 15-cents cotton was stoutly maintained by the members. The determination was present that the farmers should be the ones to fix the price of cotton and that with a firm action they would be able to dictate to the men who bought the cotton to make it into goods and put same on the market. President Smith in speaking of the meeting said it was about the most successful and most largely attended that had yet been held by the association. He said he felt that great good would be accomplished by the association and that it was never in better shape than at the present time.

After the meeting had been called to order the election of officers took place. The result of the election was as follows, it being decided that the office of secretary and treasurer should be consolidated and held by one man:

President—E. D. Smith of Lynchburg.

Vice president—E. L. Archer of Spartanburg.

Secretary and treasurer—F. H. Hyatt of Columbia.

President E. D. Smith has been president of the association since its organization, and the members were very appreciative of his service. After it was decided to elect a secretary and treasurer in one man, Mr. F. H. Hyatt was elected to this office by acclamation.

There was considerable discussion on the election of the two executive committeemen who, in company with the president, are to attend the meeting of the Southern Cotton association to be held at Dallas, Tex., on February 19. Mr. Richard I. Manning of Sumter stated that the prosperity of the South was dependent upon the work of the association and there were several others who advocated a careful and judicious selection of the executive committeemen.

The result of the election was as follows:

To attend Southern Cotton association meeting—E. L. Archer of Spartanburg and J. W. McCown of Florence. The delegates at large to the national convention are as follows: E. D. Hodge of Clarendon, G. W. Gunter of Newberry, R. S. Blalock, J. M. Kinard of Newberry, T. B. Davis of Greenwood and J. R. Fairley of Orangeburg.

Many Sleepless Night, Owing to a Persistent Cough—Relief Found at Last.

"For several winters past my wife has been troubled with a most persistent and disagreeable cough, which invariably extended over a period of several weeks and caused her many sleepless nights," writes Will J. Hayer, editor of the Burley, Colo., Bulletin. "Various remedies were tried each year, with no beneficial results. In November last the cough again put in an appearance and my wife, acting on the suggestion of a friend, purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The result was indeed marvelous. After three doses the cough entirely disappeared and has not manifested itself since." This remedy is for sale by all druggists.

ORANGEBURG CHURCH MONEY.

War Claim of \$983.33 to be Paid by Congress.

Washington, Feb. 7.—The house took up the omnibus war claims bill today and passed the only South Carolina item in it, which was for the benefit of the trustees of the German Lutheran church of Orangeburg, the amount being \$983.33.

As Orangeburg is in Representative Over's district credit should be given him for getting the bill passed by the house. In a short time the amount above stated will be paid to the trustees of the church.

While the bill was under discussion a long wrangle ensued because many representatives who had items pending which were left out claimed that they should have been incorporated in the bill as it was reported to the house. Amendments which were offered to that effect, however, failed and the bill stood as reported. It is probable that the other claims will be passed later if put on in the senate.

Simple Remedy for La Grippe.

"La grippe coughs are dangerous as they frequently develop into pneumonia. Foley's Honey and Tar not only stops the cough but heals and strengthens the lungs so that no serious results need be feared. The genuine Foley's Honey and Tar contains no harmful drugs and is in a yellow package. Refuse substitutes. Jan-feb

BILLIONS FOR TITLES.

FIVE HUNDRED AMERICAN GIRLS BUY TITLES.

Cupid's Influence Has Caused Vast Fortunes to be Carried Over Seas, But Only Occasionally Were the Matches Love Affairs.

New York, Feb. 5.—More than 500 American girls have married titled foreigners, and a careful statistician has figured that a trifle more than \$308,000,000 has been taken over seas through cupid's influence. This amount does not include the fortune of Miss Gladys Vanderbilt, who became the bride of Count Szechenyi.

Not only have the marriages of American heiresses filled the depleted coffers of foreign noblemen, but many of the fair Americans have presented the titles. Also have the American wives become prominent in politics and society of foreign countries, notably those who have married British noblemen.

But the record of infelicitous international marriages is certainly appalling and the divorce court history of the past few years teems with the names of titled foreigners who married rich American girls. There are few of these cases in which the American wife did not bring the suit either for separation or divorce.

Some of the matches have been love matches, and in these instances with few exceptions, the American wives have been happy. But these are the exceptions that prove the rule. Unhappiness, shame and ignominy have come in most of the international marriages.

WILL NOT HANG YET.

Negro Convicted of the Murder of John Young is Granted Respite.

Spartanburg, Feb. 6.—Will Foster the negro convicted and sentenced to pay the death penalty for the murder of John Young, will not be hanged here tomorrow, his counsel having given notice of appeal to the supreme court. His execution is stayed pending a decision.

Sheriff Nichols received official notice from the governor today staying Foster's execution.

"The trouble with most cough remedies is that they constipate. Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup acts gently but promptly on the bowels and at the same time it stops the cough by soothing the throat and lung irritation. Children like it. Sold by all druggists.

J. H. Clark, a young white man, was arrested in Greenville charged with obtaining passes from the Southern by making false representations.

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Tax Returns For 1908.

OFFICE OF COUNTY AUDITOR, SUMTER CO.

Sumter, S. C., Dec. 5, 1907.
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, 1908.

Tindall's Store, Thursday, Jan. 2d.
Privateer, Jenkins' Store, Friday, Jan. 3d.
Manchester, Levi's, Tuesday, Jan. 7th.

Wedgfield, Thursday, Jan. 9th.
Stateburg, Friday, Jan. 10th.
Hagood, Tuesday, Jan. 14th.
Remberts, Wednesday, Jan. 15th.
Dalzell, Thursday, Jan. 16th.
Gordon's Mill, Friday, Jan. 17th.
Mayesville, Tuesday, Jan. 21st.
Shiloh, Wednesday, Jan. 22d.
Norwood's X Roads, Thursday, Jan. 23d.

Oswego, Friday, Jan. 24th.

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, 1908.

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 each and every case the number 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, 1908, except those incapable of earning a support from being maimed or from other causes, are deemed taxable polls, and except Confederate soldiers 50 years of age, on January 1st, 1908.

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 20th day of February, are subject to a penalty of 50 per cent.

J. DIGGS WILDER,
Auditor Sumter County.
Dec. 11-Feb. 20, '08.

The Jumping Off Place.
"Consumption had me in its grasp, and I had almost reached the jumping off place when I was advised to try Dr. King's New Discovery; and I want to say right now, it saved my life. Improvement began with the first bottle, and after taking one dozen bottles I was a well and happy man again," says George Moore, of Grimesland, N. C. As a remedy for coughs and colds and healer of weak, sore lungs and for preventing pneumonia New Discovery is supreme. 50c. and \$1 at Sibert's Drug Store. Trial bottle free.

You hear "He was one of the best men that ever lived" oftener than "He is one of the best men that ever lived."

"Health Coffee" is really the closest coffee imitation ever yet produced. This, the finest coffee substitute ever made, has recently been produced by Dr. Shoop of Racine, Wis. Not a grain of real coffee in it either. Health Coffee is made from pure toasted cereals, with malt, nuts, etc. Really it would fool an expert—who might drink it for coffee. No twenty or thirty minutes boiling. "Made in a minute," says the doctor. Levy & Moses.

All the revolvers taken from prisoners at Portland Ore., were melted up and made into a stove for the police station.

Ask Yourself the Question.
"Why not use Chamberlain's Pain Balm when you have rheumatism? We feel sure that the result will be prompt and satisfactory. One application relieves the pain, and many have been permanently cured by its use. 25 and 50 cent size. For sale by all druggists.

ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION TESTERED GREAT DEMOCRAT.

Makes Strong Speech at Majestic Theatre in Jersey City—Says Democratic Principles Are Growing Stronger.

Jersey City, N. J., Feb. 6.—An enthusiastic reception was accorded William J. Bryan at the Majestic theatre this afternoon. He was introduced as "the next president of the United States," which evoked applause from the large audience.

The keynote of Mr. Bryan's speech was that Democratic principles are growing stronger, while those of the Republican party are weakening. After the speech at the Majestic he addressed the Women's club and later left for Passaic.

Mr. Bryan, in his speech at the Majestic, said in part:

"Today the Democratic party presents a united front and is more harmonious than I have ever known it to be. Traveling from one State to another I find everywhere that Democrats are ready to fight for pure Democracy. Why is it that our party enters into this fight with the spirit that it does? It is because time has vindicated the attitude of the Democratic party. The Democratic party has foreseen our danger and pointed out the remedy. Our opponents are always talking about complicated questions of government. Thomas Jefferson, the founder of the Democratic party, said the art of government was the art of being honest."

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For the next few weeks I will fill all orders for cabbage and beet plants at the following prices: 1000 to 4,00, \$1.25; 5000 to 9000, \$1.00; 10,000, 90c. Special prices on larger lots. Cash with order or O. D. if preferred. We guarantee satisfaction and safe delivery of plants.

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