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THE DISPENSARY CASE.

Ordered for Dispensary to Appear Before Judge Fritchard on Question of Changing Supercedas Order.

Asheville, N. C., May 2.—On Wednesday, May 6, in the United States court at Richmond, Va., Judge J. C. Fritchard will hear argument by counsel for both sides in the South Carolina dispensary case, to decide whether or not he will modify the decision, ordering the dispensary to furnish a supercedas bond of \$250,000 pending appeal to the supreme court.

The status of the dispensary case has been somewhat uncertain, as Judge Fritchard left the city without directing any immediate steps on the part of the receivers to take possession of the \$250,000 fund now held by the winding-up commission. It was not thought that Judge Fritchard would take any action in this case prior to his return to Asheville, but he was announced authoritatively last night that the Judge would hear argument for a modification of the supercedas bond on May 6 at Richmond.

It is now learned that the dispensary case has been docketed in the circuit court of appeals at Richmond, and the question of the jurisdiction of the United States court in this case is the subject of dispute at the present time. It is the contention of attorneys for the commission that the commission is a State court, and that being so, the suit brought by the Fritchard company, Wilson Distilling company and other creditors, asking that the receivers for the \$250,000 dispensary fund be appointed, is a suit against the sovereign State of South Carolina, and that the United States circuit court is without jurisdiction. On the other hand, the attorneys for the liquor dealers maintain that the fund is a trust fund held in behalf of the dispensary creditors, and Judge Fritchard when he appointed the receivers decided that the fund was in possession of the dispensary commission was a trust fund, and as such subject to jurisdiction of his court. The receivers, however, have possession of the fund, and it is now thought that the amount of the supercedas bond will be modified and the case remain in statu quo until the hearing of the appeal in Richmond.

TENEMENT HOUSE HORROR.

Fire in New York Causes the Loss of Six Lives.

New York, May 3.—An early morning fire in a 4-story brick tenement at No. 17 Humboldt street, a thickly populated section of Brooklyn, caused the death of six persons and the serious injury of four others. Every member of the family, consisting of a mother and four children, are among the dead. There were many thrilling escapes by police and firemen and it was due to their brave work that the death list was not larger. A half dozen or more persons who were trapped in the upper stories were saved by jumping into life nets. The financial loss caused by the fire is estimated at \$10,000.

LIVES LOST IN HOTEL FIRE.

At Least Twelve Persons Known to Have Perished in the Burning of the New Aveline Hotel at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Fort Wayne, Ind., May 3.—At least 12 persons lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the New Aveline Hotel here early today. The entire interior of the building is a smoldering heap of ruins and how many dead are concealed by the debris can only be conjectured. The hotel register was consumed by the fire and there is no accurate means of determining who is missing.

SUMTER FOR BRYAN.

BUT COUNTY CONVENTION DID NOT FAVOR INSTRUCTED DELEGATION.

The County Convention Today Was, as a Whole, Harmonious in Sentiment and Practically Unanimous for Bryan, But There Was Opposition to Declaration in Favor of Hard and Fast Instructions to Denver Delegates.

The Democratic convention which met in the Court House on Monday, placed itself squarely on record in clear and unmistakable terms in favor of the nomination of W. J. Bryan for the presidency, but the sentiment of the delegates, as expressed in the debate on the several resolutions that were introduced, was decidedly against sending an instructed delegation to Denver.

While the Democrats of Sumter county are for Mr. Bryan and believe in him, they are not in favor of sending their representatives to Denver with their hands tied hard and fast.

The resolution finally adopted on the report of the committee, consisting of R. D. Lee, R. I. Manning, E. W. Dabbs, H. C. Haynsworth and L. P. Jennings, to which all resolutions were referred, was as follows:

"Resolved, That it is the sentiment of the Democracy of Sumter county that it is in favor of the nomination of Hon. W. J. Bryan for the presidency of the United States, and that in our judgment a delegation should be sent to the national Democratic convention charged with the duty of using all honorable methods to secure the nomination of Mr. Bryan as long as there may be any prospect of securing his nomination."

This resolution was adopted by a practically unanimous vote, there being only one or two audible No's when the motion to adopt was put. It was a compromise measure and fairly represents the average sentiment of the convention. Sumter county is for Bryan as long as there is any reasonable hope of his nomination, but it is not for him for ever and a day, regardless of unforeseen developments between this time and the assembling of the convention in Denver or during the sessions of that body.

The convention was called to order at 12.15 o'clock by County Chairman J. H. Clifton. The roll of the clubs of the county was called and Secretary H. L. B. Wells made up the roll of the delegates entitled to sit and vote in the convention.

Col. W. D. Scarborough was nominated by Mr. H. C. Haynsworth and unanimously elected president of the convention. He made a brief speech thanking the convention for the honor.

Maj. H. Frank Wilson was nominated for 1st vice president and Mr. W. O. Cain for 2d vice president. They were elected by acclamation.

Mr. A. A. Manning was elected secretary.

Hon. John H. Clifton was nominated and elected by acclamation to succeed himself as chairman of the county executive committee.

Mr. L. I. Parrott was re-elected member of the State Democratic executive committee without opposition.

Mr. E. W. Dabbs introduced the following resolution:

Whereas, a most peculiar fight is being waged against the nomination of Hon. Wm. Jennings Bryan from Republican sources, (and joined in by "bushwhackers" claiming to represent Democratic sentiment,) now, therefore, be it

Resolved, The Democracy of Sumter county, in convention assembled, hereby expresses its unqualified approval of Hon. Wm. J. Bryan's (condemnation of such so-called Democratic papers as are engaged in this campaign of misrepresentation,) and pledge our delegation to the State convention to work for none but true and tried Democrats as delegates to the national convention, instructed to use every honorable means to nominate Hon. Wm. Jennings Bryan for president of the United States, believing him to be the greatest exponent of the fundamental principles of Democracy since John C. Calhoun, and the only man in the Democratic party who can successfully marshal the hosts of the common people against the tide of Republican imperialism with its glamour of bigness that is fast sapping our liberties as a free people.

He spoke in support of the resolution and in advocacy of sending an

instructed delegation to Denver.

Mr. E. I. Reardon seconded the resolution.

Mr. R. D. Lee spoke in advocacy of an endorsement of Bryan's nomination. He said he regarded W. J. Bryan as the greatest living Democrat in the American union. He did not, however, believe in sending our representatives to Denver with hands tied.

Mr. W. H. Ingram objected to the language of Mr. Dabbs' resolution and suggested that it be modified.

Mr. Dabbs read his resolution and contended that it be adopted as it stood. But he offered for the sake of harmony to strike out the part to which objection was made—the sections enclosed in parenthesis.

Mr. R. J. Manning favored a modification of the resolution. He strongly favored Mr. Bryan, but there are many divergent opinions in the Democratic party and he saw no good to be gained by the use of harsh terms and the creation of discord and strife in the ranks of the party.

Mr. L. D. Jennings offered the following resolution as a substitute:

Whereas the Democratic State convention of South Carolina will soon convene in the city of Columbia for the purpose, among other things, of electing delegates to the national Democratic convention to nominate a candidate for president of the United States as the nominee of the Democracy of this country, and

Whereas we believe it is of the utmost importance to the political interests of the South Carolina Democracy that the South Carolina delegates to said national Democratic convention should be fully posted as to the wishes of the masses of Democrats in regard to who shall be the national Democratic standard bearer.

Therefore be it resolved, That we, the representatives of the Sumter county Democracy, in convention assembled, believe that William Jennings Bryan, the great exponent of Democratic principles who has so valiantly fought for the rights of the people against the illegal and depressing effects of Republican partisan legislation, corporation rule and tariff regulation so inimical to the agricultural and industrial interests of this great country, and particularly to the detriment of the farmer and the laboring man of the South;

Be it further resolved, That the delegates elected by this, the Sumter county Democratic convention, to the State Democratic convention, be instructed to cast their votes only for such delegates from the State Democratic convention to the national Democratic convention as will at the said national Democratic convention vote for William Jennings Bryan as the national Democratic nominee for president of these United States.

Mr. H. C. Haynsworth offered as a substitute for both resolutions, the following:

Resolved, That it is the sentiment of the Democracy of Sumter county that it is in favor of the nomination of Hon. W. J. Bryan for the presidency of the United States and that our representatives in the State convention are requested to be mindful of this sentiment in selecting delegates to the Denver convention."

This resolution appeared to meet with the approval of a majority of the convention, although several objected to any resolution on the subject.

In the debate that followed, Messrs. H. F. Wilson, R. D. Lee, L. D. Jennings, W. B. Boyle, R. I. Manning and others participated. The tangle of resolutions and substitutes in which the convention had become involved was finally unraveled by the adoption of Mr. Manning's motion to refer all resolutions to a committee. The report of this committee was adopted as stated above.

The election of delegates to the State convention was then entered into. There were numerous nominations and quite a number of declinations. The ballot resulted as follows: Geo. W. Dick 72, R. I. Manning 68, J. H. Clifton 64, E. E. Aycock 58, E. B. Muldrow 55, H. C. Haynsworth 49, M. Moise 47, J. J. Britton, Jr., 47, L. I. Parrott 43, W. D. Scarborough 41, J. M. Woodley 41, L. D. Jennings 41, H. W. Cuttino 39, J. K. McElveen 36, L. C. Cuttino 16.

The first eight were declared the duly elected delegates and the other seven alternates.

This concluded the business of the convention and a motion to adjourn was adopted.

The county Democratic executive committee met immediately after adjournment of the convention.

The arrest of 40 men in one day for spitting on the sidewalk in Pittsburgh makes it evident that, after all, everything doesn't go in that city.—Philadelphia Press.

MURDER AT REMBERT.

PETER BUFORD KILLED BY ANNETTE ELLERBE.

Crime Was Committed Tuesday Afternoon and the Body of the Victim Which Was Concealed in a Ditch Was Not Discovered Until Saturday.

On Tuesday, April 28th, Peter Buford, an industrious and well thought of negro disappeared from his home on Mr. E. E. Rembert's plantation at Rembert Rafting Creek township. His wife, Rose Buford, claimed to have no knowledge of his whereabouts. For the first day or two Peter's absence from home caused no special uneasiness nor suspicion, but when he had not returned by Friday inquiry began to be made and on Saturday search began to be made for him. Mr. Rembert and other white citizens of the neighborhood joining the searching party. Peter was a steady hard-working man and it was not like him to leave his farm at a time when his crop needed his attention, hence his prolonged and unexplained absence gave rise to suspicion of foul play.

The searching party finally discovered his dead body concealed in a ditch on the place. There were two wounds on his head, the skull being crushed. Leading from the place where his body was discovered, across the field for some distance was a trail made by a heavy body being dragged along the ground. Suspicion at once fell upon Edward Young, a negro boy who had been working with Peter on the day of his disappearance, Rose Buford, Peter's wife, and Annette Ellerbe, a negro woman who was known to have spent part of Tuesday at Peter's house.

Coroner Flowers was notified of the discovery of the body Saturday afternoon about 4 o'clock and he proceeded at once to Remberts. When he reached the scene it was too late to hold the inquest that night, but arrangements were made for making a thorough investigation on Sunday morning.

When the jury was empanelled Sunday morning the first witness was Dr. M. S. Kirk, who made the post-mortem examination. He stated that either of the two wounds on Peter's head was sufficient to have caused death instantly.

The next witness was the boy, Edward Young. He made a clean breast of the whole affair, testifying as follows:

"I am about 17 years old. I have been working for Peter Buford since January, 1908. On the 28th of April I was at the house at dinner. Miss Rose (Peter's wife) was in the room and cut a piece of ham and gave it to Annette. Peter was mad and cursed Annette and Rose. After dinner Peter and I went to the field. He plowed one round and I then took the plow. Rose and Annette came to the field. I had gone to the further end of the field. When I was coming back I saw Peter standing at the end of the row. When I was near the end of the row, I saw Annette strike Peter on the side of the head. Peter fell to the ground. I was about 30 steps from them. When I got to the end of the row Annette told me to take the mule from the plow and fasten the single tree to his foot. I led the mule to the ditch. Annette loosened the traces and dragged him and threw him into the ditch. Rose was with us. Annette struck him on the head with a shovel after she had put Peter in the ditch. Rose and Annette went back home. I went back home also. Next morning Rose and Annette went to the ditch. Annette covered the body. Rose stood out in the road and watched. Annette brought the shovel back to the house. Annette said if I told anybody they would kill me. Rose scraped the blood up from the ground with the shovel and threw it in the field."

Rose Buford and Annette Ellerbe also testified, but they denied any knowledge of Buford's murder and contradicted Edward Young's story. According to their story the last seen of Peter was when he went to the field to work after dinner accompanied by Edward. They also said that about 5 o'clock Edward came in from the field, put the mule in the stable, got a shovel and returned to the field where he remained a good while. When he came back to the house with the shovel he told Rose that Peter had gone to the store.

The verdict of the jury was: "Peter Buford came to his death from a blow on the head inflicted with a heavy stick in the hands of Annette Ellerbe and that Rose Buford and Edward Young are accessories."

Rose Buford, Annette Ellerbe and Edward Young were arrested and

STATE FOR BRYAN.

MAJORITY OF COUNTIES SEND BRYAN DELEGATES TO COLUMBIA.

The Columbia State Which Has Been Leading the Fight for an Instructed Delegation to Denver Summarizes the Result of County Conventions.

From The State.

That the State of South Carolina will send an instructed delegation to the Denver convention in favor of the Hon. William Jennings Bryan for the Democratic nomination for president of the United States, is made certain by the returns from the various counties received by The State last night.

Dispatches received up to midnight last night indicated that out of the 42 counties in the State 23 are instructed for the Nebraskan, as follows:

Fairfield, Marlboro, Calhoun, Abbeville, York, Greenwood, Chester, Marion, Chesterfield, Laurens, Lancaster, Cherokee, Florence, Horry, Saluda, Greenville, Beaufort, Kershaw, Oconee, Orangeburg, Sumter, Union.

In Lexington and Williamsburg Mr. Bryan was heartily endorsed.

Bryan sentiment prevailed in Barnwell.

The question of instructions was not mentioned in Edgefield, neither was there any mention of national politics in the counties of Berkeley and Spartanburg.

Hampton, Colleton, Darlington, Charleston and Dorchester opposed instructions.

In Anderson every mention of the Nebraskan's name was cheered.

Bamberg sends a divided delegation.

Richland's delegation shows five members in favor of instruction for the Nebraskan.

The total number of delegates to the State convention is 334, of which number 176 are instructed to vote for men pledged to vote for delegates pledged to support William Jennings Bryan for president, showing a majority in the Nebraskan's favor of nine over the entire membership of the convention. This does not include the number of counties unreported, nor does it include the delegates from those counties which endorsed but did not instruct for Bryan.

Of the counties which did not instruct positively for Mr. Bryan, 127 votes are represented and of this number it may be safely estimated 75 will, in the State convention, support delegates favorable to Bryan, giving him a grand total of 251 delegates from the counties thus far heard from.

At 1 o'clock this morning the counties of Aiken, Clarendon, Georgeown, Lee and Pickens have not been heard from. It may be safely assumed that of these five counties at last three will be found in the Bryan column, further increasing the already flattering majority favorable to an instructed delegation to be sent to Denver.

ROYAL POMP AT WEDDING.

Son of Sweden's King Married to Czar's Cousin.

St. Peterburg, May 3.—Prince Wilhelm, of Sweden, second son of King Gustav, the popular Sailor Prince who visited America in 1907, was married this afternoon to Grand Duchess Marie Pavlovna, cousin of the Emperor of Russia and daughter of Grand Duke Paul Alexandrovich.

The ceremony took place at Tsarskoe-Selo, and was accompanied by all the pomp and brilliant display of color characteristic of the most stately court in Europe. The day was marred by frequent falls of snow, which, however, failed to chill the enthusiasm of the great crowds that gathered around the place to catch a glimpse of the Emperor and other royal personages and the arriving guests.

SENT TO U. S. COURT.

Young White Men Are Charged With Circulating Counterfeit Money.

Columbia, April 30.—R. W. Kennedy and C. W. Brown were yesterday bound over to appear at the January term of the United States circuit court held in Columbia, to answer the charge of circulating counterfeit coin of the United States. A large number of witnesses were examined for the government and the defendants took the stand and made statements. United States Commissioner Verner held that the evidence submitted was sufficient to warrant sending the case to a higher court for trial by jury and the defendants were required to give bond in the sum of \$500 each.

brought to this city Sunday night and committed to jail.

STATE LEAGUE OPENS MAY 7.

ORANGEBURG PLAYS IN SUMTER AND CHESTER IN RICK HILL.

Schedule for First Week—Seventy-two Games Will Be Played, Season Closing July 29—Complete Schedule Later.

Columbia, May 4.—As agreed on by the club owners of the State league towns, the South Carolina State league season will open May 7 and will close July 29 with 72 games played by each of the four towns. The following is the schedule of games for the first week as arranged by Secretary E. B. Houseal:

May 7, 8, 9—Orangeburg at Sumter; Chester at Rock Hill.

May 11, 12 and 13—Sumter at Orangeburg; Rock Hill at Chester.

Each of the towns in the league has been wired by Secretary Houseal to the effect that the league will open on the 7th in order that the towns may be prepared for the event. In Sumter there will be "big doings" on the 7th. This is the big day of the T. P. A. convention and other festivities that have been arranged and it is probable that there will be a record breaking attendance for the opening game of the State league season. Everything has been arranged so that the time set for the game will not conflict with the other parts of the day's programme.

Secretary Houseal was at first informed at the meeting of the State league directors held here that the league would open on the 11th and he had the schedule ready by May 1 as agreed on. Then it was announced that the league would open on the 7th and the whole schedule had to be rearranged. Hence the seeming delay in getting out the schedule of games. The secretary will send the complete schedule to each of the towns by next Saturday.

ELECTRIC LINEMEN INJURED.

Two Men Fall From Wires in Spartanburg.

B. M. Steading and B. F. King, two linemen in the employ of the Spartanburg Railway, Gas and Electric Company, fell from a pole in front of the Argyle Hotel yesterday afternoon and were badly bruised. Their injuries were painful, but not serious. Steading suffered a sprained ankle and severe electric shock.

The young men were taking down a sign in front of the hotel, which extended across the street. The wires on which it was suspended fell across the cable wire of the trolley line and caused the young men to receive such a shock that they lost their hold and fell. A great crowd of people were gathered in front of the hotel, and when they heard the cries of pain they looked up and to their horror, saw one of the men falling through the air. They were powerless to help him, but nevertheless, they rushed to the spot. Another instant and the other fellow shouted "Look out, I'm coming!" and down he came upon the curbing of the sidewalk.

It was most remarkable that the men did not meet instant death. Dr. Dorsey attended them at once. King was not so badly hurt, but the doctor had to take Steading home to bring him around properly.—Spartanburg Herald, May 2.

BAILEY WINS OUT.

Texas Senator is Vindicated by Hand-some Majority in Primary Election—Returns Incomplete.

Dallas, Texas, May 2.—After probably the most spectacular campaign known in the political history of the Southwest, dating from March 28 and ending last night, partial returns from the Democratic primaries held throughout this State today to name delegates at large to the national convention 145 of the 245 counties reporting, indicates that the ticket headed by United States Senator Jos. W. Bailey, has received a majority of 15,000 to 20,000 votes.

FATAL FALL FROM A BICYCLE.

Negro Boy Thrown From Wheel as Result of a Collision and Instantly Killed.

Spartanburg, May 4.—Roscoe Hill, a little negro boy, was thrown from his bicycle on South Church street here this afternoon and instantly killed, his head coming in contact with stone curbing. The accident was the result of the boy's fast riding, which caused him to collide with a colored woman who stepped unexpectedly into the street.