

A LINEN SHOWER.

A Charming Entertainment in Honor of Miss Mary Belle Scott.

Weather Prognostication, Friday, January 15th.

The weather vane points in the direction of
 Miss Mary Belle Scott—'89-'09.
 Temperature—Love's Fire
 Humidity—Linen Shower
 Wind Direction, 227 Church Street.
 Wind Velocity, De tout mon coeur
 Duration of Shower, 4:30 to 6 P. M.
 Prognosticator,
 Miss Jennie Chandler.

The above novel invitation printed on a heart shaped piece of linen with pink covers and blue ribbon heralded one of the most delightful entertainments of the season. The interior of the elegant home of Miss Chandler was beautiful, aglow with many lights and elaborately decorated with amilax, ferns, red hearts, and wedding bells.

Miss Chandler, in an empire gown of red messaline, was assisted in receiving by Mesdames J. H. Chandler, English DesChamps, James Haynsworth and Gillespie Scarborough.

On the first landing of the broad stairway, which had been made into a perfect bower of beauty, Mrs. M. S. Chase in her usual charming manner, dispensed fruit nectar.

When the guests had paid their respects to the lovely bride-to-be, Miss Mary Belle Scott, who wore an exquisite diaphane gown of pink messaline, they were shown into the parlors where an interesting contest in archery took place. Mrs. English DesChamps shooting nearest the centre of the heart, received the prize, a box of Huylers, which she presented to the bride-elect.

Miss Mary Belle Scott received the guest of honor prize, a pink work chain.

While the Misses Nelson played the wedding march, the guests were ushered into the dining room. Here the color scheme was pink and blue. Over the table which stood in the centre of the room, hung a huge butterfly while from it, tiny pink and blue ribbons extended to the table. On the end of these ribbons were pink and blue heart-shaped sachets with the bride's picture on each. In the centre of the table and fastened to the chain which operated the electric fan, incorporated in the butterfly wings, hung the bride's sash with a picture of herself and the hostess. When the unsuspecting bride pulled this chain, the butterfly began to revolve and the whole company was literally showered with linen.

The gifts were many and dainty. Misses Theresa Chandler and Alice Hill served delightful refreshment, consisting of chicken salad, turkey sandwiches, crackers, olives, salted almonds and peppermints, followed by coffee and cheese sandwiches.

Before leaving, the guests were asked to cut the bride's cake. The bride-elect cut the dime, Miss Virginia Harby the ring, and Miss Nelson the thimble.

Those who enjoyed Miss Chandler's hospitality were Misses Mary Belle Scott, Virginia Harby, Jane Purdy, Mary Cooper, Hallie Jones, Iva Belle Hughson, Evie Wilson, Gussie Harby, Hallie and Mamie Nelson, Theresa Chandler and Alice Hill; Mesdames W. H. Scott, mother of the bride-to-be, English DesChamps, M. S. Chase, Eugene McCollum, Harry Spann, Gillespie Scarborough, S. C. McKeown, James Haynsworth and J. H. Chandler.

What's an Inch of Rain.

The rain fell in buckets, the thunder rumbled terribly, and the lightning drew zigzag lines of bright gold upon the violet sky.

"So you, too, don't know what an inch of rain is exactly," said the weather clerk, as he looked at the rain measuring instrument. Very few people do, it seems. I'll explain it to you.

"An acre is 6,272,640 square inches. An inch of water on an acre is therefore 6,272,640 cubic inches. That amount, at 227 cubic inches to the gallon, equals 25,000 gallons, of 220,000 pounds, or 100 tons.

"An inch of rain is, in other words, rain falling at the rate of 100 tons to the acre."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

There is no case on record of a cough, cold or lagrippe developing into pneumonia after Foley's Honey and Tar has been taken, as it cures the most obstinate deep seated coughs and colds. Why take anything else, W. W. Sibert.

The total net profits of the Charleston County dispensary for the last quarter of 1908 were \$30,171.07.

A Religious Author's Statement.

"For several years I was afflicted with kidney trouble and last winter I was suddenly stricken with a severe pain in my kidneys and was confined to bed eight days unable to get up without assistance. My urine contained a thick, white sediment and I passed same frequently day and night. I commenced taking Foley's Kidney Remedy, and the pain gradually abated and finally ceased and my urine became normal. I cheerfully recommend Foley's Kidney Remedy. W. W. Sibert.

VETOED PROHIBITION BILL.

Patterson Returns to Senate State-Wide Prohibition Bill Recently Passed by Tennessee Legislature.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 19.—Gov. Patterson this afternoon filed with the clerk of the senate a message, vetoing the State-wide prohibition bill which last week was passed by both houses of the legislature. The governor's action followed adjournment of the senate, after it had passed, on third reading, by a vote of 20 to 13, the bill prohibiting the manufacture in Tennessee of intoxicating liquors. The veto message will be read to the senate tomorrow morning, when it must be sustained or the bill passed over the executive's protest. On original passage the vote was 20 to 13.

Opponents of the bill claim tonight that they count on a change of three senators to their side and that the fourth member, on whose vote the fate of the measure depends, is wavering.

In his veto message, Gov. Patterson charges that such legislation is against the Democratic platform and self-government; that it opposes the recorded will of the people; that experience proves that no arbitrary prohibitive law was ever observed, and its enactment brings no settlement of the question; that it destroys property, reduces State revenues, increases the taxation, takes money from the people to send it elsewhere, foments discord, impairs the dignity of the commonwealth, fosters hypocrisy and invites evasion and deceit in the people.

PASSED OVER VETO.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 20.—Over the veto of Gov. Patterson, both houses of the legislature passed the senate bill which prohibited the sale of intoxicating liquors within four miles of a school house in Tennessee and is in effect a State-wide prohibition act. It is effective July 1, 1909. The vote in the senate was the same as on the original passage.

The house acted at 5:40 this afternoon, the vote standing 61 to 36, the original vote there having been 62 to 37. In each house the passage was effected through a combination of Republicans and "State-wide Democrats.

The galleries were packed in both houses and the debates following the reading of the governor's message were bitter.

The action of the legislature today practically brings to a close one of the most bitter and sensational political fights in the history of Tennessee. State-wide prohibition was the main issue in the recent contest between Gov. Patterson and Senator E. W. Carmack for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, and though Patterson, who advocated local option, won the nomination, the legislature elected in November last, at the same time that he was, has after stormy times gone against him. This came, however, with the aid of Republicans, who gave the bill 22 votes in the house and five in the senate.

The bill to prohibit the manufacture of intoxicating liquor in Tennessee after January 1, 1910, passed the senate today and is expected to pass the house tomorrow.

SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS AND COURIER.

A Splendid Newspaper That Gives the News of the Whole World—Club Rates With the Watchman and Southerner.

Beginning with February 1, 1909, the combination price of the Watchman and Southerner with the Charleston Weekly News and Courier will be raised to \$2.25 a year. Two months remain in which new and old subscribers may take advantage of this splendid combination at the present price, \$2.00. Send in your orders now. Think of it a little. For the small price of \$2.00 you get your own county paper once a week and a twice a week newspaper that covers the news of the whole world both for one year. Published every Wednesday and Saturday, each issue of the Weekly News and Courier contains all the news of importance, not only of the day of publication, but of all the intervening days. The cream of the Associated Press News—the greatest newsgathering agency in the world—and all important happenings in South Carolina are given, as well as striking editorial articles and stories of one kind and another. It has departments for men, women and children. It is a clean newspaper, and it is a home newspaper. 12-2-tf

Expensive Year for Spartanburg.

Spartanburg, Jan. 21.—The year 1908 was the most expensive year in the history of county government. More money was spent in every department than ever known before. Seventy-three thousand dollars were spent in building bridges, and the courts cost the county more than \$11,000. The heavy expenses of the county is a matter of much comment.

PRESIDENT'S PAY RAISED.

AMENDMENT ADOPTED BY VOTE OF 35 TO 30.

Salaries of Vice President, Speaker of House and Chief Justice Increased To \$15,000 and Associate Justices To \$14,500.

Washington, Jan. 19.—The senate today adopted the amendment increasing the salary of the president to \$100,000, including all traveling expenses.

The senate fixed the salary of the chief justice of the Supreme Court at \$15,000, and the associate justices at \$14,500.

The amendment increasing the salary of the president was adopted by a vote of 35 to 30. The Republican senators who voted against the increase were Beveridge, Borah, Brown, Burkett, Clapp, Dolliver, LaFollette and Piles. No Democratic senators voted in favor of the increase.

Senator Warren stated that the committee had accepted the action of the senate in fixing the salary of the speaker of the house of representatives at \$15,000 as significant of its desire to give a similar salary to the vice president, but they did not take the view that the committee's contention favoring a salary of \$100,000 for the president was affected by it. He expressed the hope that the allowance of \$5,000 annually for carriages or other vehicles for the speaker and vice president would be allowed to stand.

FLAG OF CLAREMONT RIFLES.

Battle Scared Banner of Sumter Company Now in Alabama State Capitol.

The following extract from a letter written from Montgomery, Ala., by Mr. W. E. Murray will be of interest to Confederate veterans and the members of Dick Anderson Chapter, U. D. C.:

In looking over the Confederate relics at the State House on yesterday I saw displayed there the flag presented to the Claremont Rifles by the ladies of Stateburg, the day that the company was organized. I was present at the time and recall the circumstance. This company was commanded by Capt. Jas Spann, who was killed in battle. I suppose the flag was taken charge of by his brother, Ramson Spann, who was first-lieutenant in the same company. This flag shows the marks of battle and is in quite a dilapidated condition. It was presented to the U. D. C. of this State by John Spann, son of Capt. Spann. In my opinion the flag is not the property of Capt. Spann or any other individual of the company as it was presented to the company as a whole, and should now become the property of the State of South Carolina. It would be a valuable addition to the Confederate relics and worth the while of the attention of the U. D. C.'s of South Carolina being drawn to the fact.

Bring the Flag Home.

Miss Annie Graham, President, Dick Anderson Chapter, U. D. C.:

My Dear Miss Graham: My attention has been called to an extract from a letter of Mr. W. B. Murray now in Alabama and which was published in the Daily Item, stating that the flag of the Claremont Rifles of this County, is now in possession of the U. D. C. of the State of Alabama. This flag was presented to my old company, the Claremont Rifles, then commanded by its first captain, James G. Spann, in an appropriate speech by Dr. Nelson Burgess in behalf of the ladies of Stateburg neighborhood. It, as well as other company flags, was at one time of the war ordered to be sent home, none but the Confederate battle flags were by orders, allowed to be used, one to each regiment. Capt. Spann sent this flag home for safe keeping. He was afterwards killed and his son John Spann, who had the flag in keeping, presented it to the U. D. C. of the State of Alabama. This flag was the property of the Claremont Rifles, of this County and State, and should be returned to the surviving members of the company. I respectfully ask in behalf of the surviving members of the company, that your organization place itself in communication with the U. D. C. of the State of Alabama, and take such necessary steps to have this battle-scarred banner transferred to your most worthy organization and placed for safe keeping in the capitol at Columbia, S. C. We feel that by an effort on your part, this sacred emblem that we loved so well, and which was our pleasure to take with us into battle, will not be withheld from us by the fair daughters of Alabama. It was our first love in the war, and we are anxious to know that it will be brought back home.

Trusting you will give this matter your very early and earnest attention. I am yours very respectfully,
 E. SCOTT CARSON,
 Late Captain Claremont Rifles.

THE ASYLUM INVESTIGATION.

BILL INTRODUCED PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION.

This Action Was Taken in Response To Request of Dr. J. W. Babcock, Superintendent of the Institution, Who Suggests Several Improvements That Should Be Made—Petition Making Charges Against Management Withdrawn.

Columbia, Jan. 22.—A bill was introduced in both branches of the legislature today calling for a legislative commission of three senators and four members of the house to investigate the affairs of the State Hospital for the Insane and report its findings with recommendations to the next session of the legislature. The bill gives the committee all the powers of a court, providing for a marshal and stenographers, and powers to send for persons and papers and full authority to rule for contempt. It not only authorizes secret sessions but requires all who may attend the meetings as witnesses, defendants, attorneys or otherwise not to divulge any part of the proceedings or testimony under pain of being ruled for contempt. The bill carries an appropriation of \$3,000 to defray expenses, members being allowed a per diem of \$5 and mileage of five cents a mile traveled and witnesses being allowed \$3 a day and the same mileage.

This bill is predicated upon a letter to the general assembly from V. J. Gooding, chairman of the board of regents and Dr. J. W. Babcock, superintendent of the institution, who has been in charge over ten years and who achieved some national reputation last summer on account of his investigation in Europe while abroad with Senator Tillman into pellagra and its insanity producing effects. In their letter Chairman Gooding and Dr. Babcock say:

"The board of regents and the superintendent of the State Hospital for the Insane respectfully urge the attention of your honorable body to the inadequacy of the present provision for and accommodations of the hospital, and the desirability of making certain changes affecting its welfare and management. Among these changes are the regulation of the handling of cases of chronic inebriates and alleged insane criminals, as to which some misunderstanding has arisen as to the scope and proper conduct of the work of the institution, the better classification of patients and the development of a farm colony in the country, beside improvements in other conditions now unsatisfactory.

"We accordingly request that a special committee be appointed to investigate and report upon the condition and affairs of the hospital and its management in order that your honorable body may be fully informed with reference thereto."

The petition which had been prepared embracing serious and sensational charges of brutality and neglectful and cruel treatment on the part of alleged ignorant and inadequately paid attendants and keepers, and accompanied by some fifty affidavits in support of these charges, has been withdrawn from the present. It is possible, however, that this may be read on the floors of both houses if the provision for the investigation is not to the liking of those who have been urging the investigation. In any event it seems certain that very painful revelations will be made which may reflect more on preceding legislatures in failure to make proper provision than upon the management of the institution. But how much will be allowed to reach the public as to the true conditions at the hospital can only be guessed at.

The following is a copy of the bill providing for the investigation:

Sec. 1. That a joint committee consisting of three members of the senate and four members of the house of representatives be appointed by the presiding officers of the respective houses to investigate the affairs of the State Hospital for the Insane, and that such committee make a report; and such recommendations as they may deem proper to the general assembly at the next session thereof; Provided, That the committee shall keep a correct record of its acts and deliberations and the testimony taken before it.

Sec. 2. That the said committee shall have full power and authority to investigate the past and present affairs of the State Hospital for the Insane.

Sec. 3. That said committee be, and are hereby authorized and empowered to call before them by summons or notice, in such form as the committee may adopt, and to be served by the marshal of said committee, or such other officer of the State as may be by the committee required, such person or persons to answer upon oath any and all questions that the committee may deem relevant and may propound to him or them, and upon the failure or refusal of such person or persons to obey such sum-

mons or notice, or to answer such question, or questions, such person or persons shall be deemed to be in contempt of the authority of said committee and may be imprisoned upon the order of the committee in the common jail, to be there held until he or they shall comply with the order of the said committee.

Sec. 4. That for the purposes of the investigation herein provided for the said committee are hereby authorized and empowered to elect a marshal, who, upon being sworn, shall be and become a peace officer of the State, and invested with all the power of sheriffs and constables in the services of any and all processes issued by the committee aforesaid, and with the power to arrest and imprison, upon the order of said committee any and all persons who shall fail and refuse to obey any legal order of said committee, or who shall be guilty of any disorderly conduct in the presence of said committee during any session thereof, or who shall be guilty of any contempt of said committee.

Sec. 5. That the said committee be and the same is hereby authorized to send for and to require the production of any and all books, papers, or other documents, or writings which may be deemed relevant to said investigation, and to require said person or persons in custody or possession of said papers to produce the same before said committee, and any person or persons who shall fail or refuse to act on the order or notice of said committee to produce said books, or other documents or writings, shall be deemed guilty of contempt of said committee, and be punished as provided in section 3.

Sec. 6. That the committee be authorized to employ such stenographers and typewriters as may be necessary for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act. Sec. 7. That the committee be authorized to employ such stenographers and typewriters as may be necessary for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act. Sec. 8. That the committee be authorized to employ such stenographers and typewriters as may be necessary for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act.

Sec. 9. That the board of regents and the superintendent of the State Hospital for the Insane shall have the right to be present in person and to be represented by attorney at any session or sessions at which testimony is taken by the committee; Provided, nevertheless, that the provisions of section 8 shall apply to them.

Sec. 10. That said committee is hereby authorized and empowered to employ a stenographer or stenographers, and any other person or persons the committee may consider necessary for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act.

Sec. 11. That said committee shall, as soon as practical, organize by election of a chairman and secretary from their number; and that the sum of three thousand dollars, if so much be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses of the said committee, and the treasurer of the State is hereby authorized and required to pay the said sum or any part thereof upon a warrant or warrants drawn by the secretary of said committee.

Sec. 12. That each member of said committee shall receive \$5 per day, and five cents per mile for each mile traveled while engaged in the business of said committee; that each witness summoned to appear before said committee, shall while in attendance thereon receive the sum of \$2 per day beside five cents per mile for each mile traveled going to and returning from the said meeting of said committee.

Sec. 13. This act shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the governor.

SOLD TO C. & O.

Purchase of the Virginia Air Line Announced.

New York, Jan. 19.—The sale of the Virginia Air Line to the Chesapeake & Ohio railway was announced today. The Virginia Air Line is 35 miles long and runs from Strathmore to Gordonsville, Va. It forms a connecting link between the James river division and the Richmond and Alleghany division of the Chesapeake & Ohio.

The members of the First Baptist church at Anderson have increased the salary of the pastor to \$2,500 a year.

White Burglars Arrested.

Union, Jan. 21.—About ten days ago the store house of the J. F. Atman Company at Jonesville, was entered in the night time and something like \$250 worth of merchandise was stolen. Three young white men were arrested last night and lodged in jail here, charged with being the parties who committed the theft. Their names are Bascone Melton, Clarence Sumner and Oscar Fultz. All of them, it is said, have confessed.

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TAX NOTICE.

The County Treasurer's office in Court House building, will be open for the collection of taxes without penalty, from the 15th day of October to the 31st day of December, 1908. The levy is as follows:

- For State, 5 1-2 mills.
- For County, ordinary, 2 3-4 mills.
- For Sinking Fund loan of 1907, 4 mill.
- For Sinking Fund loan of 1908, 1-4 mill.
- For Constitutional School, 3 mills.
- Polls, \$1.00. Capitation Dog tax, 50 cents.

Also Special School tax as follows:
 School District, No. 1, 2 mills.
 School District, No. 2, 2 mills.
 School District, No. 3, 2 mills.
 School District, No. 4, 2 mills.
 School District, No. 8, 1 mill.
 School District, No. 11, 2 mills.
 School District, No. 12, 3 mills.
 School District, No. 13, 3 mills.
 School District, No. 14, 3 mills.
 School District, No. 16, 2 mills.
 School District, No. 17, 3 mills.
 School District, No. 18, 2 mills.

A penalty of 1 per cent. added for month of January, 1909. Additional penalty of 1 per cent. for month of February, 1909. Additional penalty of 5 per cent. until 15th day of March, 1909, when the tax books will close for the collection of taxes for fiscal year, 1908.

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