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### GOV. McSWEENEY'S CONDITION.

Physicians Report Considerable Improvement, and Now Hold Out Some Hope of His Recovery.

Hampton, May 5.—Reports of ex-Gov. M. B. McSweeney's condition tonight are distinctly encouraging. There has been marked improvement in his condition since last night, and his physicians now hold out some hope of his recovery.

### WINDING UP THE SEMINOLE.

Stockholders Soon to Receive 20 Per Cent on Their Shares.

May 4.—It is announced that the stockholders of the Seminole Company will receive about 50 per cent. on their stock. The company has 50 per cent. paid in part. This means that the \$1,000 par value stock which he paid \$1,000 for, will receive \$500.

The first payment, and the others will follow. The company will even undertake to pay the balance of the 20 per cent. after the 20 per cent. is paid out," said Mr. Frank G. Tompkins, one of the receivers, "we will have some \$20,000 to \$40,000 on hand, the par value of the stock on record amounting to \$271,000, but, of course, the courts would not allow us pay all out at once, as the creditors of the concern and attorneys fees and other expenses will have to be met."

"There is no way to intelligently estimate how much the stockholders will finally get," said Mr. Tompkins, in answer to another question. "That depends mostly on the outcome of the litigation now pending. We have a suit pending against the Southern Life for \$22,500, and suits against about twelve banks over the State ranging from \$150 all the way to \$2,000, claims against all the trustees and against numbers of stockholders who have refused to pay notes they gave in payment of stock. I can't tell you how much the attorneys fees will total, but so far as we are advised the outstanding indebtedness due by the company won't amount to more than about \$2,000. This does not include any attorney's fees."

The money on hand, out of which the 20 per cent. is to be paid to stockholders, is the \$108,000 received from the Southern Life.

By order of the court Mr. A. D. McFaddin, Master in Equity, has published a notice to creditors and stockholders to file proof with Mr. McFaddin by May 18 of their claims. While it is not the intention of the receivers to cut any stockholder out of his money, it will be best for all to file their proofs, as it seems almost certain that stock was sold in a number of instances in this State and North Carolina without any record being made of the transaction. L. M. G.

### SOUTH CAROLINA CASE DECIDED

Max Cohen, Applicant for Bankruptcy Judgment, Wins his Appeal.

Richmond, Va., May 5.—A man indicted on the charge of criminally concealing portions of his property as he seeks protection from his creditors in bankruptcy cannot be convicted on the evidence given by himself. This was the opinion handed down by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals today in the case of Max Cohen, against the United States, reversing the United States Court for the district of South Carolina.

### MR. J. L. ALNUTT, WHO IS CANVASSING THE CITY FOR CUSTOMERS FOR THE PROPOSED GAS WORKS, IS MEETING WITH GREAT ENCOURAGEMENT. NEARLY EVERY HOUSEKEEPER WANTS TO USE GAS FOR COOKING.

## THE ASYLUM INVESTIGATION.

EXAMINATION OF WITNESSES BEGAN WEDNESDAY.

Testimony Not Sensational and Very Little Information Brought Out—Attendants Were Neglectful and Needlessly Harsh in Treatment of Patients.

Columbia, May 6.—Three witnesses were examined by the legislative committee in charge of the investigation of the State Hospital for the insane yesterday. The session started at 10 o'clock in the morning and with a short recess for dinner continued until 7 o'clock last evening. The committee questioned the witnesses principally as to the treatment of patients and the system used on the various wards by the attendants and the officers in charge.

Two of the witnesses examined were former inmates and, under the rule adopted by the committee, their names can not be used by the newspapers. The other was a former attendant or nurse. In the testimony brought out with the examination of the witnesses by various members of the committee and the members of the board of regents, who were asked by Chairman Christensen to make any cross-examination they care to conduct, there was no complaint as to the general conduct of the administration of the affairs of the State Hospital. Charges were made as to misconduct by some of the attendants by the three witnesses but many of the statements made by the board of regents at the first meeting as to needed changes were verified in the testimony.

Two of the members of the committee, Representatives Sawyer and Dick, were not present, although they are expected today. As members of a sub-committee they are making an inspection of some of the institutions in other States and their reports are expected to be of general interest.

The examination yesterday was conducted by Mr. Carey, who, with Senator Bates, is in charge of the legal end of the investigation. Mr. Carey goes thoroughly into every phase of the situation coming under the observation of the witnesses examined so far and afterwards questions were asked by other members on points brought out. All of the members of the board of regents were present and Dr. Babcock, the superintendent, and Dr. Thompson, his chief assistant, were also present, although no questions were asked by any of the officials except at one stage of the investigation when Mr. Glenn asked one of the witnesses a few questions.

One of the witnesses created somewhat of a sensation yesterday when the hearing opened. He was a former patient who had been treated for alcoholism and wished to testify as to conditions. When he appeared in the committee room he interrupted several statements made by the first witness and it was necessary for the marshal to remove him. Afterwards he appeared again, still under the influence of whiskey, and was not allowed to enter the room. Chairman Christensen said afterwards that he did not know the man except by name, a summons having been issued upon request. The nature of his testimony is not yet known.

The members of the committee and the hospital officials were amused at his conduct but it was necessary to suppress him in order that the inquiry might be carried on as rapidly as possible.

The first witness examined yesterday had been an inmate of the institution twice. He suffered from hallucinations which caused a desire for destruction. That he has recovered his mind entirely was shown by his clear statements of facts in many instances and his interest taken in suggestions made as to probable changes that are along the line outlined by the board of regents in the report of the committee. The witness was high in his praise of the work of Dr. Thompson and others with whom he came in contact and while the condition of some of the rooms was bad he condemned principally the fact that there seemed to be no organized effort to cure the inmates by encouraging interest in out-door sports and thus relieving the State of many of its charges. The establishment of baseball, he thought was one of the best features along this line.

The second witness was a former inmate who criticized the condition of the wards in which he served and the dairy and kitchen. He thought there could be a number of improvements. He also reported that some of the attendants had strapped a patient and the fact had been reported to the

## COTTON CROP FORECASTS.

Greatest Cotton Year South Has Known Predicted—Diversification of Crops Idea Spreading.

Colonel John P. Parker, of Monroe, who owns half a dozen cotton plantations in north Louisiana and who was one of the principal operators in the famous bull campaign of three years ago, says that cotton is going higher this year than it ever went before, and 25 cents a pound isn't to be unexpected.

"If the Texas drought continues cotton will go very much higher," said Colonel Parker yesterday at the Grunewald. "A thorough drenching rain will break the market. But it is impossible to have any early cotton now in Texas, and Texas is the biggest of the cotton-producing States. What the boll weevil ate up in Louisiana last year didn't amount to anything. That was a mere drop in the total production.

"Yet, though more cotton was produced last year, there was still a greater increase in the demand. Even with the reduced acreage of this year, if conditions are favorable, there will be more cotton grown than there was last year, and then there won't be near enough to cover the demand. This is going to be the greatest cotton year the South has ever known, and the price of the staple is going higher than it ever went before under ordinary market conditions."

### Reducing Cotton Acreage.

"The cotton acreage up our way is greatly reduced," said M. C. Stockbridge, Manager of the Ruston Oil Mill and Fertilizer Company, of Ruston, at the Grunewald yesterday. "The use of commercial fertilizer this season is nothing in comparison with previous years, and that in itself is an indication of what is being done in reduction. Even with a very favorable season this year, our section couldn't possibly make more cotton than last year, and last year's was only a 40 per cent. crop.

The planters have been diversifying considerably. They are planting more corn and everything that they need on the farm, and putting the surplus in cotton. They are not inclined to regard the boll weevil seriously, but the fact is that they are up against a hard proposition in the boll weevil, the hardest proposition they have ever had.

"Our section has been interested in the promotion of the new railroad from Western Farmerville, but it has not yet materialized. Our new Union Railroad Station, to be used by the Rock Island and the V., S. and P., is now in course of construction."—New Orleans Picayune.

### FRISCO BRIBERY TRIAL.

General Attorney for United Railways on Witness Stand.

San Francisco, Cal., May 5.—The prosecution advanced another step today in presenting the case against Patrick Calhoun, charged with bribery in connection with the obtaining of an overhead trolley franchise for the United Railroads.

Wm. M. Abbott, general attorney of the United Railroads, was placed on the stand to tell of having taken from the mint in May, 1906, \$50,000 in currency, the money which the prosecution declares it will show was paid to the supervisors to grant the franchise. Abbott testified that at the mint, when the general banking place of the United Railroads, on presentation of telegraphic orders from Mr. Calhoun, sent from Cleveland, O., the money was done up in two packages and given to two attorneys, who took it to the United Railroads' office, where it was placed on a table. Abbott said that he had no knowledge of the money after that.

Again in July, 1906, he said, he went with Tiley L. Ford to the mint and helped carry away \$100,000 in the same way. Of the disposal of this sum he was also ignorant.

The next term of the Court of General Sessions will convene the latter part of June.

Real estate in the business district is looking up and big deals are scheduled to be consummated within the next few days.

superintendent, Dr. Thompson. This witness afterwards worked for the institution.

The third witness was a former nurse or attendant and he reported another attendant for striking a patient. There was also a lack of cooperation according to his charges and some of the food, he thought, could have been better cooked.

## THE TARIFF GRAFT.

SENATOR DOLLIVER EXPOSED HIS PARTY'S CROOKEDNESS.

New Tariff Bill Framed for Benefit of Trusts and Corporations of the North and East—Lodge and Dolliver Lock Horns.

Washington, May 5.—Senator Dolliver of Iowa today finished his tariff speech and again he secured the undivided attention of the senate.

Recalling that Mr. Aldrich had said yesterday that it would be shown to the senate that no changes increasing the cotton rates had been made by the senate committee on finance, Mr. Dolliver said that if that was a correct statement, he would expect all of the items carrying senate amendments to be stricken from the measure.

Mr. Dolliver said that a New York paper had quoted Senator Lodge as saying that the new tariff bill "would be of great benefit to Massachusetts" and a Boston paper had quoted him as saying that the specific rates on cotton had been increased.

Mr. Lodge said that it must be a misquotation, "I stated," he said "the ad valorem rates had not been increased."

"Then," responded the Iowa senator promptly, "you were mistaken in stating that, as I have demonstrated to the senate, and if you did not state that to the Boston newspaper, you omitted a very important part of your duty."

"I have mathematically demonstrated that these rates have been increased," said Mr. Dolliver, facing the Massachusetts senator.

"I have great doubt about your mathematical demonstration," replied Mr. Lodge.

"I also," said the Iowa bowing to the Massachusetts senator, "have grave doubt about some of the infirmities of yourself."

Continuing Mr. Dolliver said that the Dingley bill provided a tariff for curtains, upholstery and hangings, but the finance committee, he said, had introduced the words "suitable for" which applied the rates on a vast amount of cotton goods and gives them added duty of 50 per cent. besides 10 cents a square yard, 2 cents a square yard for having superimposed threads, and another cent a yard for mercerization.

Referring to the board of appraisers at New York as "elder statesmen who failed to be reelected," he went on to explain the mercerization of cotton, declaring that 1 cent a yard for that or similar processes provided in the bill was in excess of the cost of mercerization.

Mr. Smoot saying that the mercerization process required Egyptian or sea island cotton. Mr. Dolliver denied the statement and turning to the Democratic side said that was the cotton for which the senator from South Carolina had so strenuously worked for a tariff duty.

Quickly Mr. Tillman disavowed any desire to have a duty on sea island cotton. He added he was enjoying seeing the senator from Iowa throw bricks at his Republican colleagues, but that he did not want him to throw them at him.

"I thought I was throwing him a bouquet," responded Mr. Dolliver.

Again discussing the mercerization of cotton, Mr. Smoot interrupted to say the cotton lost something in the process.

"Yes," replied Mr. Dolliver, "the process of mercerization is like washing your hands—of course you lose a little in the waste."

After the laughter on the floor and in galleries had died out, Mr. Dolliver resumed his discussion of the bill, declaring that he did not hold the members of the finance committee responsible for it as they had been forced to hire merchants to explain the bill to them.

Mr. Bailey declared that there is no schedule in the tariff which exemplifies the frauds and injustice of the entire protective tariff so well as the woolen schedule.

In replying to a question by Mr. Money, Mr. Aldrich ventured to prophesy that within 20 years the representatives of the South in the senate will be voting with the Republicans for protection.

The Sumter District Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, will convene at Manning Wednesday, May 12. The opening sermon will be preached at 8:30 Wednesday evening, and business sessions of the conference will be held both in the morning and afternoon of Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The public is cordially invited to all of these services. It is expected that about seventy delegates will attend the conference.

## PHYSICIAN LODGED IN JAIL.

Dr. W. H. Brown, of Orangeburg, Charged With Breaking Liquor Law.

Orangeburg, May 4.—The State has taken a hand in the prosecution of Dr. W. H. Brown for alleged violation of the dispensary law. Dr. Brown was taken before the mayor several weeks ago on the charge and convicted by a jury, and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$75 or be imprisoned for thirty days. From this verdict and sentence Dr. Brown appealed and executed the proper appeal bond. The hearing on the appeal is to be had at the present term of the court.

Today a warrant was sworn out by Capt. J. F. Claffey on the part of the dispensary authorities on the same charge, and Brown has been arrested and lodged in jail. It is said that Brown will make no effort to be released, but will remain in jail. It is also rumored that Brown will at some time move the court for a change of venue, but, of course, this cannot be done until after a true bill has been brought by the grand jury. This, however, may be rendered at the term now in progress. It is not thought that this prosecution by the State will in any manner interfere with the case brought against Brown by the city.

## BISHOPS ASSIGNED.

Appointments of Interest to Methodists Announced at Nashville.

Nashville, Tenn., May 4.—The college of Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, today made its appointments of Bishops to preside over the various conferences. Among them are:

Bishop A. W. Wilson, North Carolina Conference, Raleigh, N. C., December 1; South Carolina Conference, Abbeville, S. C., December 8; Baltimore Conference, Washington, D. C., March 23.

Bishop Candler, Cuba, mission, San Diego, January 14, 1910.

Bishop Morrison, South Brazil, mission, July 7 to 28; Virginia Conference, Newport News, Va., November 10.

Bishop Hoss, Western Virginia Conference, Paintsville, Va., September 15.

Bishop Atkins, Western North Carolina, Hickory, N. C., November 24.

## HARDWARE DEALERS WILL HOLD ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Fifth Annual Session Will Be Held in Abbeville in July.

The fifth annual convention of the Hardware Dealers Association of the Carolinas will be held at Battery Park Hotel, Asheville, N. C., on July 6, 7 and 8.

The meeting promises to surpass all former ones, there having been an increase of over 25 per cent. in the membership since last year's sessions, at Wrightsville Beach.

It is likely that only the members of the Association can appreciate the benefits derived from these annual meetings. The members not only have a good time, but they learn to know each other and derive much value from interchange of ideas and experiences.

The Association has secured the Auditorium for exhibition purposes, and all the space has been sold to exhibitors.

The year book of the Association is very attractive, and the program furnished therein indicates that the members are in for a good time at this annual meeting.

Every hardware man in the Carolinas, should join the Association.

## MRS. SARAH DAWSON DEAD.

Widow of Late Charleston Editor Dies in Paris.

Paris, May 5.—Mrs. Sarah (Morgan) Dawson, of Charleston, S. C., died suddenly in Paris today. Mrs. Dawson was the widow of Capt. Francis W. Dawson, proprietor of the Charleston News and Courier. She is survived by a son, Francis W. Dawson, a writer, and a daughter, Mrs. Herbert Barry of New York.

## Suicide Near Greenwood.

Greenwood, May 4.—News was received here on Friday of the suicide of Mr. J. E. Yarborough, private secretary to President William Coleman, of the Glenn-Lowry Manufacturing Company, of Whitmire. Mr. Yarborough was a young man with a wife and two children. He had been in ill health for some time and this is supposed to have been the cause of the deed. He shot himself twice, once in the arm and once in the temple.

## TURKS MASSACRE CHRISTIANS

MOSLEM MARAUDERS, PUT TO FLIGHT BY TROOPS.

Attempt to Set Fire to the City Frustrated—At Harni Every Man was Killed, the Mohammedans Sparing the Women and Children Under Ten Years of Age.

Hadjin, Asiatic Turkey, May 5.—Notwithstanding the presence of the troops here, the situation is desperate owing to the lack of food and medical supplies. The troops arrived just in time, as the besiegers had succeeded in setting fire to a house on the edge of the city. The fire spread, but as the breeze was blowing away from the town, only five buildings were destroyed. A heavy rifle fire was kept up against those who tried to extinguish the flames.

The Mohammedans, outside the walls who seemingly numbered many thousands, pushed their attacks energetically against the inhabitants, killing and wounding many. They were so eager to get inside the city and plunder the place that they did not observe the approach of Loutfi Bey and his troops until they were close upon them, whereupon the Mohammedans fled precipitately, carrying off all the cattle outside the city.

## Women and Children Living on Grass

Marash, May 5.—A letter received by messenger from Harni says that every man there has been killed. Only women, girls and boys under 10 years of age have been left alive. The churches and houses were plundered and most of them were burned. The letter, which is from the widow of a clergyman says:

"We have nothing to eat or wear. We are living on grass like animals. Worse than this, the Moslems are trying to force the women and children to become Mohammedans. Some of the women have been carried away."

Much excitement has been here by the attempt to arrest some of those who have murdered Christians.

## Income Tax Returns.

Columbia, May 5.—Comptroller General Jones has for the past few days been receiving returns from the county auditors as to the effect that there are for the most part there have been large increases in the income tax over the year 1908.

The following are the returns received thus far by Comptroller General Jones, showing the comparative figures:

Alken—Number of income taxpayers, tax in 1908, \$116 45; tax for 1909, \$250; increase over 1908, \$133 55. Percent of increase, 114.6 per cent.

Abbeville—Twenty-three taxpayers, 1908 tax \$47; 1909 return, \$274 69; increase, \$227 69. 485 per cent increase over 1908.

Greenwood—Eight income taxpayers. No. income tax in 1908, 1909 return, \$121 19; increase, \$121 19.

Kershaw—Eleven income taxpayers, 1908 return, \$114 85; 1909 return, \$100 95; decrease, \$13 90.

Oconee—Nine income taxpayers, 1908 tax, \$11 50; 1909 return \$109 90; increase \$98 40. 855 per cent increase over 1908.

Orangeburg—Thirteen income taxpayers, 1908 tax, \$124 38; 1909 return, \$145 53; increase, \$21 15. 17 per cent increase.

Sumter—Twenty-two taxpayers on income, 1908 tax, \$323 93; 1909 return, \$512 78; increase, \$188 85. 58 per cent increase over 1908.

Union—Seven income taxpayers, 1908 tax, \$325 50; 1909 return, \$208 30; decrease, \$117 20.

Pickens—Seven income taxpayers. No income tax in 1908, 1909 return, \$346; increase, \$346.

York—Eight income taxpayers, 1908 tax, \$211 30; 1909 return, \$211 50; increase 20 cents.

Lee—Ten income taxpayers. No. return in 1908, 1909 return, \$177; increase \$177.

These are all the returns that Comptroller General Jones has received. The others will be noted from time to time as they reach his office. From other counties it is stated that increases are noted, but these have not come in yet. The sending out of letters of instructions to the county auditors has had some effect. Whether the results are satisfied or not have not been indicated yet.

Presently our railroads will be classed as those which have been merged by Harriman and those that have been merely investigated by the Government.—St. Louis Post Dispatch.