WYLIE TELLS OF REBATE.

FORMER BOARD MEMBER GIVES TESTIMONY AT CHESTER.

Proceedings in Dispensary Graft the State. Trial - Frequent Tilts Continue Between Opposing Counsel-Henry Samuels Testifies, but not Subjected to "Grilling" as at Columbia-Other Witnesses Introduced by

Chester, Nov. 8 .- Testimony tending to implicate Jodie M. Rawlinson, John Black and H. Lee Solomons in pensary, constituting over acts, pursuant to a conspiracy among themselves, together with Jas S. Farnum, John E. Early, Morton A. Goodman and Joe B. Wylie, was adduced today through State's witnesses in the trial of the much talked of dispensary graft cases. before the Sessions Court of Chester County.

For five hours Joe B. Wylle, former member of the board of cortrol, was on the stand, telling the story of his conduct while in office, together with Black and Rawlingon. Henry Samuels, former whiskey drummer, and at one time mayor of the city of Chester; Robert Gage, cashier of the Commercial Bank, of Chester, and H. Wilkin, secretary of the Consumer's Beer Company, of Charleston, of which Jas S. Farnum is president, were also on the stand, contributing various testimony, which the State purposes weaving into a chain of evidence, proving a combination or conspiracy to cheat and defraud the State to the sum of \$133,000. Monday's Features.

The features of the day's proceedings were the ruling, by the court. that the books and records of the old dispensary were competent evidence and were admissible, the debate as to whether or not the alleged rebate giving increased the cost of the liquors purchased by the dispensary, thereby cheating the State out of funds properly her own; the contentions as to coercion of witnesses and promises of immunity; the question asked of Joe Wylle, as to whether or not on yesterday he had told John Black "I know you are not going to be convicted;" Wylie's testimoney that two of the defendants in the present setion, Black and Rawlinson, had told him they had gotten rebates from Lee Solomons; that he, himself had gotten his share of these rebates; the testimony of H. Wilkin, that he could not find certain books and papers of the Consumers' Beer Company, after they had been audited by the State and city auditors; the testimony of Henry Samuels, that he had been a medium through whom certain large checks had been cashed here in Chester, and the cash turned over to Joe B. Wylie; the verifying of these checks by Ropert Gage, cashier of the bank through which the dealings were had, and the story of the "red inked hundred dollar bill." the telling of which was practically the same as that in Columbia, in the trial of James S. Farnum.

Attorneys Become Personal.

The childish bickering of the lawyers continue, although somewhat abated this afternoon. Insinuations and denials were the order of the day during the morning session. Both Attorney General Lyon and Attorney Gaston appeared somewhat angered at one time and at another Attorney W. S. Nelson said to Mr. Lyon: "We are responsible for what we say and can settle this outside of Court." Several spectators have expressed supreme disgust at the manner in which the case is proceeding.

The prime move of the defense today, as it appeared, was to discredit Joe B. Wylie, witness for the State. another effort, through cross-examination of other witnesses was to detach the dealings of Joe B. Wylie from the actions of the other two members of the board, now on trial. The State has endeavored to show that Wylie, as a party to the alleged conspiracy, received certain rebates. his portion of which he kept, and the other two-thirds of which he turned over to the board. Through Wylle, the State is endeavoring to show that Solomons was a party to the rebate giving, in that Wylie received his portion of them, as divided up by the other members.

Every Point Contested. The State has had an uphill fight | all day, the defence contesting every point. The fat was thrown in the fire when the question was asked Wylle: "Did the board receive any rebates on the purchases made at its March meeting in 1906?" At once Mr. Gaston interposed objection, claiming that the question presumed that a conspiracy had already been formed. The Court. however, ruled the question competent and the witness testified that all their rebates on these first purchases had

Possibly the warmest fight of the day was over the contention as to whether or not the State had really been cheated and defrauded, whether or not rebate giving increased the cost of liquors to the State. The

State contended that no matter if gain, it was a breach of trust and torneys for the defense had let him willing witness before the winding- ing much interest on the part of the the cost was the same as to parties or constituted a crime. In addition, At- off so light this time, as compared up commission. He acclared that he concerns other than the dispensary, torney General Lyon offered in evi- to the grilling he got in the Colum- had been subpoenzed and was if rebates were given they should dence a page of the 1906 invoice bia trial. Witness declared he did afraid he would be sent to jail if have been turned into the State treas- book, showing that while Budweiser not know. Mr. Lyon asked: "Have I did not tell" them what he knew. ury, not into the pockets of the in- beer was quoted at \$10.50 from Gug- you not been talking to some of Dr. Murray had declared that the get the books in by indirect method. Many Features Marked the Day's dividuals holding offices of trust for genheim & Sons, of Savannah, the their attorneys today?"

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board purchased it at \$12.02 per bar- "No," replied Mr. Samuels, and he ed any witnesses, Carter, of Savannah, in the employ in reality cheated out of the extra asked him.

no matter if the Government had got- little interest was the question by At- the testimony of Dr. W. J. Murray to testify as to their authenticity, has eral Lyon read the proceedings of ten value received for services, if the torney General Lyon to Henry Sam- yesterday as to coercing witnesses, by been a question occupying consider- the board at its first meeting. March

Samuels Not Coerced.

office had been used for personal uels, as to why it was that the at-asking Samuels if he had been a able time and discussion and elicit- 6, 1906.

rel from the Anheuser-Busch Com- could not explain why those same. As to why the State has not sum- the books and records was argued at Col. Abney cited the case of Capt. pany, arguing that the State was in embarrassing questions had not been moned Mose H. Mobley, of Columbia, length, the Court finally ruling them fermer clerk of the board of control. in whose hands the books and rec- matters pretaining to the trial of the which the Supreme Court ruled that Another matter that excited some The defence attempted to discredit ords of the board of 1906 were kept, cause now in hand. Attorney Gen-

spectators. The defence asked why the State did not produce Mobley in stead of making a long, hard fight to

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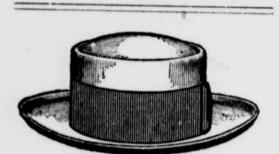
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