

RURAL POLICE BILL.

APPOINTMENT AND DUTIES OF RURAL POLICE IN SUMTER COUNTY.

A Bill to Provide for the Establishment of a Rural Police System in Sumter County; to Discontinue Dispensary Constables in Said County and to Devolve the Duties Hereof Performed by Them Upon the Rural Police.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

Section 1. That upon the approval of this Act it shall be the duty of the Governor upon the recommendation of the County Board of Commissioners of Sumter County to appoint three able-bodied men from the registered voters of said county, who are of good habits, courage and discretion, and not addicted to the use of alcoholic liquors or drugs, and shall commission them as county policemen for a term of two years, subject to removal by the County Board of Commissioners of said county.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of said policemen, under the direction of the said Board of Commissioners of Sumter County, to patrol and police the county, especially in the rural districts and in the unincorporated towns, and to prevent or detect, and prosecute, all persons for violations of the criminal laws of every kind, making arrests upon their own initiative, as well as upon complaint and information, and to report all known or suspected violations of the criminal laws to the sheriff at least once a week, and they shall at each term of the Court of General Sessions appear before the solicitor and report the condition of lawlessness in the county and be instructed by him in their duties.

Sec. 3. Said policemen shall patrol the entire county at least once a week by sections, assigned to single policemen by the said Board of Commissioners of Sumter County, for one or more days, remaining on duty at night, where necessary to prevent or detect crime or to make arrests, and they shall always be on duty not less than ten hours a day, except when granted occasional indulgence or leave of absence by the said Board of Commissioners. They shall frequent public places where people congregate, or disorder is probable, or vagrants may loaf, or alcoholic liquors may be sold, drunk or given away, and shall have access to all freight or express offices in the county, and examine shipments of liquors to see if the law is being violated, and they shall, as often as practicable ride by houses that are off the public highway and in lonely places, and especially such as are without male protectors, using every means to prevent or detect crime and arrest and prosecute all persons for violation of any and all criminal laws.

Sec. 4. Said policemen shall have the same powers as are conferred on magistrates, constables and deputy sheriffs, and authority for any crime committed in their presence, to arrest without warrant: Provided, When an arrest is made without a warrant the person so arrested shall forthwith be carried before the nearest magistrate and a warrant of arrest procured and disposed of as the magistrate shall direct.

Sec. 5. That each policeman, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall, in addition to the oath of office now prescribed by Section 25 of Article III of the Constitution, as amended by Section 582 of the Code of laws of South Carolina, 1902, Volume I, take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation, to wit: "I do further solemnly swear (or affirm) that during my term of office as county policeman, I will study the Act creating my office and prescribing my duties and will endeavor to inform myself of the criminal laws of the State, both statutory and common law, and will be alert and vigilant to enforce the laws and to detect and bring to punishment every violation of the same within my county, and will conduct myself at all times with due consideration to all persons, and will not impose upon any person, especially the weak or ignorant. So help me God."

Sec. 6. That each policeman, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall enter into a bond, made payable to the county, to be approved by the Clerk of Court and County Supervisor, and filed with the Clerk of Court with two good sureties, or an approved surety company, in the sum of one thousand (\$1,000) dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties, and for such damages as may be sustained by reason of his malfeasance in office or abuse of his authority. His oath also shall be filed with the Clerk of Court.

Sec. 7. The policemen aforesaid shall be paid an annual salary of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) each upon the warrant of the County Supervisor, or the County Treasurer, the same to be paid in monthly installments out of the ordinary county funds: Provided, That said policemen shall

provide themselves with uniforms, policemen's billets, and such firearms as may be prescribed and approved by the foreman of the grand jury, and with horses for regular use in riding over the county and performing duty as mounted policeman and shall bear all expenses incident hereto. Failure on the part of any policeman to provide himself with the equipments mentioned in this proviso, shall be deemed sufficient cause for and shall require his removal from office.

Sec. 8. Said policemen shall serve no civil process, or perform any similar duty, nor hold any other office except that of notary public during their term of office, nor shall they personally perform any other kind of work, so as to give their whole time as policemen. Any violation of the provisions herein shall be good cause for removal from office.

Sec. 9. It is hereby made the duty of the sheriff of Sumter County to aid and instruct said policemen in the discharge of their duties.

Sec. 10. It is also hereby made the duty of the magistrates of Sumter County to aid said policemen in the discharge of their duties.

Sec. 11. That after the appointment and qualification of the rural policemen provided for in this Act, no dispensary constables shall be appointed by the Governor for Sumter County, and all duties heretofore performed by such dispensary constables shall devolve upon said rural policemen.

Sec. 12. All Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

SHOT AT RABBIT; KILLED BIRDS

Quer Luck of Huntsman—Man Mysteriously Disappears—Other Happenings at Lynchburg.

Lynchburg, Feb. 22.—The roaring of the rain a couple of nights ago and the velocity with which it moved caused some of our neighbors to imagine that their houses were rocking, when it was only their narrow body shaking. But for a fact the wind was terrific, though of short duration.

Farming preparations are at a standstill—nothing is doing.

Col. J. A. Rhame is out again, we are glad to report.

Mr. B. F. McLeod remains about the same. The terrible weather is much against one of his extreme age, but he is a man of unusually even, uniform and temperate habits, which is much in his favor.

A few evenings ago Mr. Isaac Keels' dog set something which, while he was out bird hunting, he thought, of course, was a bird, but when he urged the dog forward a rabbit jumped up and ran off. Mr. Keels shot it, but having only crippled it, he shot it again, just as it was disappearing in a little clump of bushes, and this time it tumbled over. When he went to pick it up, he discovered that he had killed two partridges with the same shot that brought the rabbit down. Although Mr. Keels was somewhat excited over this unusual occurrence, he hesitated about telling it in the absence of the other witness, who was a minister of the Gospel of undoubted veracity. Until he discovered the birds he did not know that he was near any partridges. No more birds were around there.

Very little fertilizer is, so far, shipped to this station. As it now appears the farmers will reduce their fertilizing bills to about 50 per cent of the quantity used last year. This will amount to much more than the small reduction of acreage. Reduce the fertilizer and the cotton crop and the cotton will certainly be reduced. A great many people attach but little importance to the acreage question, as there are so many ways to whip the devil around the stump. There is a quantity of unpicked cotton on some farms yet, and some of it will never be picked.

Mr. Isaac Keels has advertised his house and lot in this place for sale.

Mr. Dick McElveen, formerly of Shiloh, has bought some valuable real estate in this place and is now a most welcome resident.

Some marriages in the near future to be reported soon.

A Mr. Brown, who bought property in this town several months ago, and who was living here, left here very mysteriously several weeks ago for parts unknown to his family or any one else. He worked at the saw mill.

Dr. R. E. Yellott has gone to Baltimore, Md., but we still have two physicians to care for the sick.

Business is fairly good in this little town.

DR. SMITH ACCEPTS CALL.

DAVIDSON'S PRESIDENT TO HEAD WASHINGTON AND LEE.

Has Been at North Carolina College 25 Years, 11 Years as President of Institution.

Columbia, Feb. 27.—A telegram received in Columbia yesterday afternoon announced that Dr. Henry Louis Smith, president of Davidson college, has accepted the presidency of Washington and Lee university, Lexington, Va., tendered him some time ago. The announcement will be of peculiar interest to South Carolina, especially to Columbia, where Dr. Smith is well known. He delivered two addresses in this city Sunday. He is a brother of the late Dr. Samuel M. Smith, for years pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Pro. Reed Smith of the faculty of the University of South Carolina is his nephew.

The news of the call of the Davidson president to the presidency of Washington and Lee created much excitement in North Carolina and many letters were written begging him not to accept the honor. Educators in Virginia were equally insistent that he heed the call.

Dr. Smith has been at Davidson for 25 years as a teacher and president. This is his 11th year as the head of the Presbyterian college. He will remain at Davidson for the remainder of the session, assuming his duties at the Virginia institution in the summer.

He succeeds Dr. Gregory H. Denny, who on January 1 became president of the University of Alabama. Washington and Lee is now headed by John L. Campbell and Henry D. Campbell as joint presidents.

Dr. Smith is one of the best known educators in the United States. He received the degree of A. B. from Davidson college in 1881; Ph. D. in 1890 from the University of Virginia; LL. D. of the University of North Carolina in 1905. His brother, Dr. C. Alphonso Smith, is Poe professor of English at the University of Virginia.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NOTES.

Membership Campaign—Starts Monday Morning.

Captains Walsh and Moses of the Blue and Red teams respectively are making their plans for the membership campaign which will start in on Monday morning next at 9 A. M., prompt. Every man in the city will be asked to join the Chamber of Commerce and to unite with his fellow citizens in pushing Sumter to the front.

Are you a booster or are you a knocker? Are you finding fault with what others are doing for Sumter? If so, what are you doing for Sumter? Every man can do something. Have you done that something? There are men living in Sumter and in other cities for that matter who live and die for themselves alone. They have accumulated some property but they are rank failures. There are men living and doing in Sumter today whom Sumter could not afford to lose. There are others who, so far as their community is concerned, are just so much dead wood. The time is rapidly passing in America when a man is honored alone for the amount of money he has accumulated. Rather is he honored for what he has done for his fellows. There is plenty to do in every line. Are you doing your share?

The annual election of the Chamber will be held on the 19th of March. Nine members of the new Board of Directors must be selected at this time. The election will be held during the hours of the day at one of the stores and the ballot will be printed. Every member in good standing will be allowed to vote at this election.

The big annual meeting and supper will be held on the 26th of March. Mr. L. J. Parrott has charge of the arrangements for this supper. The Presidents and Secretaries of the various Chambers of Commerce in the State will be invited to attend this meeting. It is hoped that a State Board of Trade may be organized at this time. Every business man in Sumter should make a note of this date and be on hand. It is our opportunity to show the rest of the State that Sumter is on the job.

Since the Commission Form of Government Act has become a law, it will soon be necessary for the voters of Sumter to petition to have the question submitted to them for decision. The special provisions applying to Sumter were secured through the efforts of a special committee of this Chamber.

For a sprain you will find Chamberlain's Liniment excellent. It always the pain, removes the swelling and soon restores the parts to a healthy condition. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by all dealers.

LUMBER MEN VISIT SUMTER.

Representatives of Pennsylvania Railroad Come Here to Inspect Lumber.

Representatives of the Forestry and Purchasing Departments of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company were in the city the latter part of last week to investigate the quantity, quality and price of lumber in this section with a possible view of making purchases in the future.

The Pennsylvania Railroad buys practically all of its short leaf pine lumber from this section and are large purchasers from the local lumber dealers. There were six representatives of the railroad in the city who remained here for one day, being taken out by the local lumber dealers to inspect the lumber in the vicinity.

LIEUT. LYKES LOCATED.

Army Officer Dropped from Roll and Branded Deserter.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Information has reached the war department of the whereabouts of Lieut. Gibbs Lykes, of Lykesville, S. C., who was dropped from the army rolls as a deserter several days ago, after unavailing efforts had been made for many months to locate him. It had been feared by the family that Lieut. Lykes had committed suicide.

To restore Lieut. Lykes to his position in the army and to his citizenship would probably require a special Act of Congress. At the instance of Senator Tillman, the war department had extended the time allowed the lieutenant before branding him as a deserter, and it is most unfortunate that he was not found a few days earlier.

STATE TRACK MEET IN SPRING.

Six or Eight Colleges Ready to Participate in Event at Carolina.

University of S. C., Feb. 24.—A track meet between a number of South Carolina colleges has been planned for the early spring in Columbia. Already about six or seven schools have signified their intention of entering the meet, and it is expected that it will be one of the largest in the history of college athletics in South Carolina.

The promoters of the meet are working hard and are putting forth every effort to make it a grand success. The University of South Carolina is an excellent place to hold the meet, as it is the center of the State, and affords an ideal place to attract a large attendance. Later the State High school meet will be held on the same grounds, Davis Field.

DR. MILLS SUCCEEDS J. R. LIGON.

Elected President of Board of Health in Place of J. R. Ligon, Resigned.

At a recent meeting of the board of health Dr. W. E. Mills of this city was elected on the recommendation of the mayor as President of the board Dr. Mills is now city physician and his health will meet with the general approbation of the people of the city.

The resignation of Mr. J. R. Ligon, who has been president of the board of health for several years was received and read at the last meeting of council and Mayor Jennings stated at the time that he had not yet given the matter sufficient thought to make recommendation, but that he would make a temporary appointment until the next meeting of council when he would be ready to make a recommendation for a permanent appointment. Following the appointment of Dr. Mills as temporary president of the board, the board met and elected him president.

As the work of the city physician requires Dr. Mills to keep himself informed of the sanitary conditions in the city and any epidemic of diseases it was thought by the board that his election as chairman would further the work against diseases in the city, as the chairman of the board has authority to act in cases which arise without calling a meeting of the board of health, and as chairman of the board Dr. Mills would have authority to give instructions to the health officer immediately upon the outbreak of any epidemic of disease.

This is the season of the year when mothers feel very much concerned over the frequent colds contracted by their children, and have abundant reason for it as every cold weakens the lungs, lowers the vitality and paves the way for the more serious diseases that so often follow. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cures, and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers.

Do you know that more real danger lurks in a common cold than in any other of the minor ailments? The safe way is to take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, a thoroughly reliable preparation, and rid yourself of the cold as quickly as possible. This remedy is for sale by all dealers.

MISPLACING OF CROSSON BILL.

GOVERNOR'S SECRETARY MAKES AN EXPLANATION.

Bill Providing Winding-up of Dispensary Affairs Accidentally Slipped Down Into Draw in Governor's Office, says Secretary.

Columbia, Feb. 27.—Both houses of the General Assembly are marking time, awaiting the three-day limit to expire on all Acts passed after they have been placed in the hands of the Governor, and they are determined to take no chances on matters which they have passed not becoming law. To this end both houses are having prepared a list of all Acts delivered to the Governor, the date of delivery, the ones sent to the Secretary of State, those signed and those unsigned. This list will probably be furnished tomorrow, and it is possible that final adjournment may be reached tomorrow night, although this is to be decided later. Several Acts were on Monday sent to the Secretary of State unsigned, and that these may become law this session the Legislature will have to sit Thursday. The only vetoed measure remaining to be disposed of is that of Senator Sullivan's telephone bill. The Anderson Senator will call this matter up for its passage over the veto if a quorum is present.

The General Assembly was held over this, the eighth week, largely on account of the failure to find the Crosson bill, providing for the winding up of the affairs of the State dispensary in the Secretary of State's office on Saturday night. The report came from the Governor's office that the bill had been sent to the Secretary of State Saturday, unsigned, but a search failed to locate it. The receipt of the assistant clerk of the senate showed that the measure had been delivered to the Governor on Friday morning, and when this information was conveyed to the Senate an executive session was called and the Legislature decided to remain over this week.

Mr. Alex Rowland the Governor's private secretary, had delivered a large number of bills to the Secretary of State on Saturday and he was under the impression that the Crosson bill was among them. However, he found on looking among his receipts Saturday that there was none there for this bill from the Secretary of State. Searching among the effects in the office Monday he discovered the Crosson resolution under some requisition papers. He stated that he had a large number of bills on his desk Saturday which he took over to the Secretary of State, among these had been the Crosson Act, but it slipped off his desk and into the drawer where the requisition papers stay, the drawer being right under where the large number of bills were placed on his desk. On discovering where it had been misplaced he at once took it across to the Secretary of State. He thought he took it there with the big batch Saturday and was surprised when it was stated that it was not there. Of course, this matter created a good deal of talk and comment and the above is the explanation as given to The News and Courier correspondent.

The legislative committee which is to probe into the affairs of the late State dispensary, will not hold the first meeting tomorrow as intended but will one week from tomorrow, which will be March 6. This statement was made here tonight by Representative Evans, secretary of the committee, in response to an inquiry. The prolonging of the session of the General Assembly is the cause of the postponement of the meeting.

The senate held another short session today, lasting only ten minutes, and adjourned until tomorrow at 1.15 P. M. Before doing so, however, they adopted a concurrent resolution offered by Senator Christensen instructing the clerks of the Senate and House to furnish the Secretary of State a certified copy of the Senate and House Journals of the session of this year. The resolution was ordered sent to the House.

Senator Hill wanted the Senate to meet tonight at 8 o'clock, at which hour the House was in session, but the majority opposed this, Senator Weston stating there had been an understanding that the adjournment would not be reached before Wednesday or Thursday, and offered a substitute that when the Senate adjourn it adjourn to meet tomorrow at 1.15 P. M. Then on motion of Senator Young the Senate adjourned.

Now is the time when political documents are sent from Washington at the government's expense.—Wilmington Star.

Here is a message of hope and good cheer from Mrs. C. J. Martin, Boone Hill, Va., who is the mother of eighteen children. Mrs. Martin was cured of stomach trouble and constipation by Chamberlain's Tablets after five years of suffering, and now recommends these tablets to the public. Sold by all dealers.

The One Thing.

Florence Times. Some idle correspondent writing to The Columbia State wants to know how Judge Jones stands on the liquor question, as if that was an issue or it made any difference how or where he stood. The issue this time is "South Carolina."

There is no better medicine made for colds than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It acts on nature's plan, relieves the lungs, opens the secretions, aids expectoration; and restores the system to a healthy condition. For sale by all dealers.

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The Praise That Comes From Thankful Sumter People.

One kidney remedy never fails. Sumter People rely upon it. That remedy is Doan's Kidney Pills.

Sumter testimony proves it always reliable.

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For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

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STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF The Farmers' Bank & Trust Co.

LOCATED AT SUMTER, S. C.

And it's Branches

At the Close of business, Feb. 20, 1912

RESOURCES.	
Loans and Discounts,	\$483,834 77
Overdrafts,	2,175 58
Bonds and Stocks owned by the Bank,	5,000 00
Furniture and Fixtures,	2,076 75
Banking House,	19,630 81
Due from Banks & Bankers,	20,107 08
Currency,	4,863 00
Gold,	452 50
Silver and other Minor Coin,	5,241 63
Checks and Cash Items,	2,916 21
Total,	\$550,317 63
LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock Paid in,	\$120,000 00
Surplus Fund,	30,000 00
Undivided Profits, less Current Expenses and Taxes Paid,	14,966 03
Due to Banks and Bankers,	111 55
Dividends Unpaid,	40 00
Individual Deposits subject to check,	220,138 01
Savings Deposits,	102,298 76
Time Certificates of Deposit,	11,228 21
Certified Checks,	185 00
Notes and Bills Rediscounted,	5,000 00
Bills Payable, including Certificates for Money Borrowed,	25,000 00
Total,	\$550,317 63

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, County of Sumter.

Before me came G. L. Warren, cashier of the above named bank, who, being duly sworn, says that the above and foregoing statement is a true condition of said bank, as shown by the books of said bank.

G. L. WARREN, Cashier. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28th day of February, 1912.

O. L. YATES, Notary Public.

Correct Attest: C. G. ROWLAND, GEO. D. SHORE, R. J. BLAND, Directors.

Many a Man

Is a critic because he likes to be contrary. You can go contrary to the wishes of your friends and neighbors and sometimes get the best of them; but go contrary to the dictates of nature and you always get the worst of it.

If Nature Says Spectacles,

Why, Spectacles it must be. Nature won't accept just Spectacles though; they must be right Spectacles. We can give the kind nature demands, and our prices are right, too. Graduate optician in charge.

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Jeweler and Optician.