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Columbia Barrooms.

In many a town and village of South Carolina young men, and men not so young, are saving their dollars for a vacation in New York. They are desperately bent on getting away a little while from the humdrum of life at home. If they do not intend to be wickered themselves in New York, they expect to be refreshed and entertained by the naughtiness of others—the men and women mingling in the cafes and restaurants along the "Great White Way," the flashing of cut glass and silver under the blazing lights, the popping of champagne corks, the song, the dance, the abandon of the pleasure chase. Times have been rather dull here in South Carolina, for a long time—except in Charleston.

Nearly two years ago a member of the staff of The State, went to Charleston during the racing season and wrote for his newspaper a description of the "tiger" in his lair. It was a glowing but by no means over-colored picture of a "wide-open town." Its publication did not in the least affect conditions in Charleston.

The journey of a hundred and thirty miles to Charleston is not necessary to obtain the facts and setting for a similar story now. The open bar room is here. One may find in Columbia, without exploring the obscure sections of the city, much the same "gay life" that one would discover in New York—the wine, the women and the song. One may even have his evening at an attractive resort marred by high words and a necessity for calling in "strong arm" men to put down a disturbance when the warm blood of youth has become super-heated by strong potations.

The State does not intend to convey the impression that such places are numerous or such scenes and incidents frequent in Columbia, but the open saloon is here. Why there are not fifty or a hundred instead of a dozen or twenty, we do not know. We do know that in the present circumstances no man wishing to engage in the whiskey trade can be prevented from opening a barroom in Columbia without unfair discrimination against him and favoritism towards others.

"No, you can't stop it; you can't check it," said an observant visitor a few days ago, "and the reason why is that Columbia has 'arrived.' You have money here now, your 'gilded youth' has it and would spend it. Columbia has passed from the village stage and the same problems face you that face other cities. Your barrooms have come to stay!" That is the challenge and the accusation. We dispute it. We believe that Columbia's moral sense is not so deadened that it will suffer this disgraceful condition.

The question before Columbia is not one of the sale of whiskey. It is whether or not the laws shall be broken and demoralization of the community invited. Always there has been illegal liquor selling in Columbia, but heretofore it has been a hiding and skulking traffic. Now it is for the community to consent to and approve of open traffic in defiance of the laws or stamp it out.

We have recited the plain, staring facts. Except as to the number of its barrooms, whiskey traffic conditions in Columbia are not better than in Charleston, or Savannah. The barrooms are open. That is the whole case.—The State.

Marriage License Record.

A license to marry has been issued to Mr. J. A. Wilder, Sumter, and Miss Carrie Singleton, Tindal.

Licenses have also been issued to James DuRant, Dalzell, and Ella Thompson, Oswego; Albert Butler and Viola Conyers, Summerton.

Chicken thieves are generally not particular just what chickens they take, but when one visited Mr. A. S. Merriman Saturday night he took two nice frying size chickens, which he had just secured on Saturday and deposited in a separate pen in the other fowls, which were not molested.

SIX COMPANIES HOPELESS.

INSPECTOR REPORTS ON SOUTH CAROLINA MILITIA.

Changes Needed to Bring Others to Efficiency Demanded—No Recommendations.

Washington, Nov. 19.—The war department today wrote the governor of South Carolina a letter bearing on the recent inspection of South Carolina troops and while the department declined to make public here the contents of this letter before it has been received by the governor it is understood that in plain terms it calls attention to the very unsatisfactory condition of the troops at the present time. Lieut. Col. David C. Shanks of the army made an inspection of the troops in compliance with orders from the secretary of war between October 6 and October 21, 1913.

The object was to determine the condition of the 12 companies which had been inspected and reported as unsatisfactory at an inspection made in March and April, 1913. "I do not wish to make any recommendations in regard to these companies," the report says. "There may be considerations affecting them or important reasons for retaining them that are not fully known to me.

"The following expression or opinion regarding their present condition and reasonable prospect of improvement is based upon the idea that the United States desires to encourage military instruction in every way; it does not want to withdraw opportunity for military instruction in any case where it seems reasonable to suppose that the government may receive even a fair return for the money invested or the efforts made.

"Based upon this idea it is my belief that the companies located at Chesterfield, Bamberg, Barnwell, Bennettsville, Conway and Lancaster are in such condition as to render it extremely improbable that the government would ever receive from them any kind of satisfactory service. The company at Walterboro, I believe, has improved to an extent such as to warrant its continuance without change in the commissioned personnel."

The companies at Elloree, Darlington and Company C, Second infantry, at Columbia, have an enlisted personnel that would promise considerable improvement with changes in the commanding officers, the report says.

Company B, Second South Carolina infantry, is referred to as being "not in as good shape as any of the last three mentioned," and it is intimated that there should be a change in its commanding officer also.

"Company B, First infantry, at Liberty Hill, has no armory or proper store rooms," the report goes on. "Its membership is scattered over the surrounding country. The showing of this company under all its disadvantages was fairly good, and its enlisted personnel in physique and appearance and drill was about as good as any I saw. As a drill instructor, its captain was quite as good as any."

An analysis of this in the absence of specific and more direct information which is contained in the letter from the war department to the governor of South Carolina, leaves little room to doubt that, taken as a whole and with special reference to the companies at Chesterfield, Bamberg, Barnwell, Bennettsville, Conway and Lancaster, the federal authorities are not satisfied with their showing. This is the state of their condition even after the warning order which several of the South Carolina companies received from the war department last summer.

It will be noted also that the companies at Elloree, Darlington, and Companies C and B at Columbia, must show improvement before their general condition will be satisfactory to the secretary of war. It is assumed that upon receipt of the letter from the secretary of war to the governor of South Carolina by the latter, the matter will assume definite shape. It will then be known also whether or not any of the South Carolina troops are to lose their federal appropriation or whether they will continue as at present.

TRUSTEES IN SESSION.

Clemson Board Holds its Regular Meeting.

Clemson College, Nov. 19.—The board of trustees is in session, all the members being present except Senator Tillman. The meeting is for considering routine matters, being one of the regular meetings at which no appropriations or elections are made.

Calhoun County Dispensers Named.

Dispensers for Calhoun county have been named by P. F. Spigner, chairman of the Calhoun County Dispensary board. The dispensers appointed by the board are R. S. Spigner, dispenser for St. Matthews, and J. M. Craswell, dispenser for Fort Motte. The appointments were filed with Secretary of State McEwen today.

DAIRYING ALONG THE SEABOARD

Encouraging of Live Stock Industry Also a Feature of Campaign to Benefit Farmers of South Carolina.

Just at this time no industrial movement means more to the farmers of South Carolina than dairying and live stock development, and those who take advantage of the valuable assistance offered in fostering this industry are bound to receive manifold benefits. The development of this industry throughout South Carolina will provide a lasting return for many of the farmers, will improve their stock breeds, will put more money in circulation and will help to bring up the soil fertility. These things mean better conditions for the farmers and the enhancement of the values of farm lands. As a part of a campaign to encourage dairying and livestock development in this State, Mr. H. T. Prosser, agriculturist of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad, in a series of articles dealing with the subject, will tell how these industries may be developed and the results as indicated above accomplished, also how his road proposes to co-operate with those farmers who desire to better their conditions. Mr. Prosser's first article follows:

During the last fifty years the farmers along the Seaboard have grown corn, cotton, hay and tobacco, or other clean cultured crops. When labor was cheap and plentiful and the land fresh and fertile these crops were easily grown and were productive, but conditions have changed and every wide-awake and thinking man realizes that he is no longer prospering by old methods of farming—and that he must change and keep abreast of the times, or sell his farm for what he can get out of it, or leave it in the hands of uninterested and destructive laborers and seek employment elsewhere for the support of himself and family.

Why not stay on the farm, (make it attractive,) make the home and farm attractive for the boys and girls and keep them from going to towns and cities for employment among strangers, where they are surrounded by temptation and pitfalls on every hand?

Can you thoughtful mothers and fathers value in dollars and cents the morality, health and future prosperity of your children? Think of the opportunities you can help them to take advantage of and help them to become useful and influential men and women, who are take your place in after years. By doing this you are building a monument which stands for you always.

Along the Seaboard Air Line Railway there are exceptional opportunities for the farmer to take up a very profitable and pleasant line of work—that of pork, dairy and poultry farming. The territory traversed by the Seaboard is calling for the farmer who is interested in helping himself. The Seaboard is interested in you, and wants to assist you in taking the dairy and live stock industry—an industry which means for you larger profits, more fertile soils and pleasant and profitable employment for your boys and girls. The soils are ideal for raising forage crops in abundance, as corn, alfalfa, cowpeas, clover, vetch, soy and soja beans, velvet beans, rape, angels and sorghum. The climate is mild all the year around, the grazing season lasting nine months in the year. The farmers are near the Eastern and many local markets for live stock and dairy products.

The Seaboard expects to put into effect low baggage rates over this State for hauling milk and cream to market, as has already been done in North Carolina and Virginia, where hundreds of the farmers living as far as eight miles from the railroad are shipping cream to a market in Washington, D. C., and are realizing a splendid profit. An example of the baggage rates: A five-gallon can of cream can be shipped to Washington, D. C., from Charlotte, N. C., a distance of five hundred miles, for twenty-seven cents, which includes return of empty can to the owner.

These rates have recently been instituted by the expert agricultural and dairy agent for the Seaboard, Mr. N. T. Prosser, formerly professor of agriculture, University of Florida, whose offices are in Hamlet, N. C.

Experiments in your territory prove the following facts and figures:

"When you sell a ton of hay you receive \$25, but you ship away from your farm \$5.36 worth of fertility.

"When you sell a ton of butter you receive from \$600 to \$700 and sell from your farm 36c worth of fertility.

"South Carolina spends millions of dollars for meat, and meat comes from the dairying sections of the West. They raise hogs on skimmed milk. Why can not we do the same?

There is no reason why these conditions should exist, but many reasons why South Carolina should be an exporter rather than an importer. It is the purpose and determination

of the Seaboard with the assistance of the farmers of South Carolina to change these conditions of affairs.

"Are you an exporter or an importer? Are you willing to help yourself? We want you to be an exporter.

"It has been conservatively estimated that there is an annual drain of nearly two millions of dollars for dairy products of the State of South Carolina. South Carolina loses that much in one line of agricultural activity, directly or indirectly, in a year's time. Think how our State would grow if that much more money could be kept in circulation within her borders. South Carolina's people sent out to other States about one million dollars directly every year for an article of necessity which could be produced more cheaply in this State than in those to which the money is sent."

WRECK ON SOUTHERN TRAIN.

Head-on Collision Between Two Fast Trains—Several Passengers Injured But None Fatally—Tramp May Die.

Columbia, Nov. 20.—In a head-on collision between Southern Railway trains No 23 and No. 24, Columbia to Jacksonville and Jacksonville to Columbia, respectively, at 3.30 o'clock this morning, at Barton, 83 miles from Columbia and not far from Savannah, Ga., several passengers were slightly injured, according to official reports received here. A white trespasser, T. A. Lloyd, of Marion, S. C., who was concealed between the two cars was seriously injured and may die. There were no fatalities. None of the train crew was injured. Two locomotives and the express cars on both trains were turned over. Officially there was no cause assigned for the wreck, but unofficially it was stated that a fog enveloped the two trains. The wreck was cleared at noon and the South-eastern limited was able to pass.

CANVASS FOR EACH COUNTY.

State Tick Eradication Committee in Session.

Columbia, Nov. 20.—With a view of organizing and perfecting plans, the executive committee appointed to direct the campaign begun by the Columbia Chamber of Commerce against the cattle tick in this State met here yesterday in the office of the secretary of the Chamber. R. B. Herbert was elected chairman, R. W. Holcombe secretary. The members of the committee were guests of the commercial body at an informal luncheon at the Jefferson hotel.

The following statement was given out at the office of the chamber:

"The executive committee appointed by B. H. Rawl, chairman of the meeting held for the purpose of assisting in the eradication of the cattle tick in South Carolina, was held in the offices of the Chamber of Commerce today. Those present were: R. M. Cooper, Wisacky; S. G. Stoney, Charleston; J. L. McIntosh, Dovesville; D. F. Efrid, Lexington, and R. B. Herbert, Columbia, who are all members of the executive committee.

"R. B. Herbert of Columbia was elected chairman of the committee, and R. W. Holcombe was made secretary.

"The matter then of securing the cooperation of the State of South Carolina in the work of tick eradication was taken up and discussed and the work of the committees was outlined, subordinate committees being appointed in all the counties in South Carolina.

"The committee expressed itself as very much pleased that the press had given the matter such publicity and that the matter of securing an appropriation had been so favorably commented on in general.

"The matter of legislation looking towards assisting the farmers in securing a rate on lime for cover crops was a phase which also received attention.

"The Chamber of Commerce is in receipt of a number of letters from all over this State showing the widespread enthusiastic interest in this matter. Many correspondents congratulate the chamber on its progressiveness in taking up this matter."

MUST WORK TOGETHER.

Cooperation Needed in Enforcing Pure Food Laws.

Washington, Nov. 17.—Dr. Cary L. Alsberg, chief of the federal bureau of chemistry, at the fifth annual convention of the food control officials of the United States today declared that cooperation between State and federal authorities was necessary to bring enforcement of the pure food and drugs act to its greatest efficiency.

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Great State Wide Sunday School Campaign.

Sumter County Association to Hold Its Convention on December 5th—Plans for Campaign.

Beginning at Spartanburg, November 28th, and ending at Rock Hill, December 8th, there will be a great Sunday School campaign touching ten of the principal cities of the State, Spartanburg, Greenville, Newberry, Union, Columbia, Charleston, Sumter, Florence, Conway and Rock Hill. This campaign is being conducted under the direction of the South Carolina Sunday School Association, and is the first tour of the kind ever inaugurated in the State.

Mr. W. C. Pearce, of Chicago, Ill., has been secured for this tour. Mr. Pearce is Associate General Secretary of the International Sunday School world today. He has given his life to the study of Sunday School problems and knows his work as few men do. His splendid insight into human nature, his keep humor, his great personal magnetism and his splendid address make him a speaker much in demand. Mr. Pearce is no stranger in South Carolina. He has visited the State several times before, being at the last State Sunday School Convention at Sumter. Those that have heard him are eager to hear again, and those who have not, have a rare treat in store.

Associated with Mr. Pearce in this campaign will be some of the best known Sunday School men in the State. Rev. W. I. Herbert, President of the State Association, Rev. W. H. K. Pendleton, Chairman of the State Executive committee, also Dr. E. O. Watson and Hon. Horace L. Bomar, for some points of the tour.

The general theme of the campaign will be "Sunday School Evangelism," and methods of ingathering will be discussed and practical measures suggested. Out of the white population of 679,162 in South Caro-

lina there are 500,890 still untouched by the Sunday School enrollment including all denominations. Since 83 per cent of the church membership of the different churches come through the Sunday Schools, it can readily be seen how large a field is open to this phase of Christian work. It is a large contract to try to reach more than 500,890 people through the teaching service of the church, but in this day of big things the Sunday School has its part. William T. Ellis has said that the greatest enterprise on the face of the earth today is the Christianization of America because America is the base of supplies. The reaching of the unreached in South Carolina will not only be a betterment of civic conditions, but will make this State a force in the evangelization of the world.

The plans for the campaign in the different cities are being laid with great care. Spartanburg, Greenville and Columbia are already planning for banquets or luncheons where the business men of those cities are to be given an opportunity to meet Mr. Pearce socially.

The Sumter County Sunday School association will hold its convention in conjunction with this campaign on December 5th. All the Sunday schools in the county are urged to send delegates. Entertainment will be provided and every one is assured of a pleasant and profitable time.

Send names of delegates to Mr. Bartow Walsh, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee.

Printed programs will be ready for distribution in a few days. Write the President, Rev. W. I. Herbert, or C. A. Witherspoon, Secretary, for as many copies as can be used advantageously.

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