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**AIMS OF LEGISLATORS.**

Messrs. Belser and Dick Tell What Work They Will Undertake.

The members of the general assembly from Sumter county all left for Columbia Tuesday morning, except Dr. Geo. W. Dick, chairman of the ways and means committee, who left Monday afternoon. Before leaving the item reported called on Messrs. Belser and Dick to find out what special work they would undertake at this session of the general assembly. Messrs. Epps and Clifton were both out of town yesterday and could not be seen this morning before they left, so their ideas for legislation were not obtained.

Mr. Belser stated that he would expend his efforts first and foremost to have a bill passed regulating and equalizing taxes throughout the State, so as to make the tax system an equitable one for everybody.

The next most important piece of legislation which he contemplated was the establishment of a State highway commission, a step toward the improvement of the public roads and the securing of federal aid in the building of roads.

Other bills to which he would especially lend his efforts were those relating to primary reforms and regulation, compulsory education, and the fixing of a definite policy for the government and conduct of the State Hospital for the insane. A matter of local legislation which he would work on was the matter of re-annexation of the part of Lee county which had recently voted to this effect. While these matters would be especially looked after by him, he would, of course, give his attention to other matters of importance, as they came up.

Dr. Dick stated that, as chairman of the ways and means committee, he would lend his special attention to the matter of keeping down the budget in the appropriation bill.

In this connection it will be of interest to the people of Sumter to know that Dr. Dick has paid two visits to Columbia recently in the checking up of the accounts of the clerk to the sinking fund commission, the ordinary sinking fund, the redemption fund and the insurance fund, and has gone over the list of expenses for the State during the past year, including items ranging from seventy-five cents to ninety-eight thousand dollars, the sum amounting up nearly a million dollars.

"During the eight years while I have been on the committee," Dr. Dick stated, "the tax levy has not been raised, although one year it was lowered for political purposes, being again raised the next year." This year, he understood, the budget would be especially heavy and he would work to keep the levy down to what it has been heretofore.

He stated that a great deal of confusion has been caused by the extra one mill levy and he would try to include this in the general appropriation this year.

"I expect a hard term for my committee," said Dr. Dick, "especially as we have lost three of the best workers on the committee, Messrs. Rembert of Columbia, James of Darlington and Schroeder of Charleston, all of whom have died since the last session."

The annual budget of expenses for Sumter county was filed out last week by the clerk to the board of commissioners and the supervisor and sent to the comptroller general, in order that he can arrange for the necessary levy this year. The levy for Sumter

county will probably be the same as it was last year, with the possibility of being a quarter or half a cent less.

**FARMERS' UNION MEETING.**

State Body to Convene in Columbia January 19-20.

Columbia, Jan. 11.—The following call was issued to the Farmers' Union today:

The State Farmers' Union will convene in Columbia January 19-20, to consider legislation that will affect the interests of the farmers.

The executive committee will meet at the State Secretary's office Monday, January 19, at 3.30 p. m., and the union at 7.30 p. m., in one of the large class rooms at Davis or LeConte College on the University campus.

By order of the president,  
J. Whitner Reid,  
Secretary S. C. State Farmers' Union.

**Real Estate Transfers.**

R. J. Bland to C. Taylor, lot on Main street of town of Mayesville, \$2,500.

H. J. Harby to J. H. Myers, 77 1-2 acres in Stateburg township, \$2,000.

A. H. Stuckey, E. J. Wilson and Tom Reese, trustees, to Tisby Reese Bennett, lot in county, \$100.

Hugh C. Haynsworth to E. S. Shuler, lot on Myrtle street, \$200.

W. W. Skinner to H. J. Hinson, 51 1-2 acres in Sumter township, on Bishopville road, \$3,000.

R. B. Belser and Franklin M. Spann to J. Herman Myers, 300 acres on Sumter-Camden public road 3 1-2 miles from city, \$20,000.

Master to D. E. Smith, 27 acres in county, \$700.

H. J. Harby and I. C. Strauss to Burrell Moody, 56 1-4 acres in Rafting Creek township, \$2,812.50.

Master to John K. McElveen, interest of Minnie McElveen, and Evelyn Barnett McElveen, \$800.

**Death of Former Sumter Pastor.**

Those who knew him will regret to hear that the Rev. Mark S. Peckham, for a number of years pastor of the Christian church on Calhoun street in this city, died at his home in Kentucky several days ago.

**Marriage License Record.**

Licenses to marry have been issued to the following colored couples: Geo. Harrington and Alma Doney, Mayesville; Aleck Capers, Paxville, and Beanie Watson, Summerton; W. S. Lowry and Elsie Evans, Sumter.

**Arrests by Rural Policeman.**

The following persons were arrested at Wedgefield by Rural Policeman Norris Tuesday and fined by Magistrate W. J. Rees.

Little Williams, disorderly conduct, \$2.00.

Richard Phillips, carrying concealed weapon, \$20.00.

Ben Dinkins, carrying concealed weapon, \$20.00.

**Aeroplane Case Settled.**

The case against John S. Berger by the Gay-Oh Bottling Works of Columbia was settled here Monday by the attorneys of the two parties by Mr. Berger's attorney paying the other lawyer the debt and costs. The machine was allowed to be moved from Sumter to Charleston upon this condition by the deputy sheriff, acting for the sheriff, who is out of town.

Mr. B. J. Rhame, State bank examiner for South Carolina, was in the city today.

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They will produce larger crops, enrich the soil and make it more productive for future crops. Ask our agent or write us direct for information about the best fertilizer for your land.

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Charleston, South Carolina  
We use only the best U. S. Phosphate, Fish Scrap, Blood, Turbidity, German Potash, etc.

**FIFTEEN DEAD FROM COLD.**

New York, Jan. 15.—With fifteen dead in Metropolitan district from the recent blizzard the temperature is rising steadily today. It was 30 above this morning. Many churches were thrown open to shelter the homeless. Coffee and sandwich wagons were sent through the poorer quarters to relieve the hungry.

**POWDER MAGAZINE BLOWN UP.**

Richmond, Jan. 15.—John Jones, a negro, walked into the powder magazine today smoking a cigarette. He was blown to atoms. The explosion jarred the city like an earthquake.

The board of county commissioners met in the city Thursday and left in automobiles for an inspection trip over the roads in the southern and western part of the county. They expect to stop at Mr. W. S. Burkett's residence for dinner and continue the trip in the afternoon.

**Tax Return Notice.**

I will be at the following places on the day appointed, either in person or by deputy, for the purpose of taking tax returns for fiscal year beginning January 1, 1914.

Returns this year should be made of all Real Estate, personal property, capitulation road tax, poll and dogs. Auditor's office will be open from January 1 to February 20 for taking returns. 50 per cent penalty will be charged against all failing to make returns.

- Tridals, Tuesday, Jan. 6.
- Privateer, Wednesday, Jan. 7.
- Levi Felling, Thursday, Jan. 8.
- Wedgefield, Friday, Jan. 9.
- Claremont, Tuesday, Jan. 13.
- Hageod, Wednesday, Jan. 14.
- Rembert, Thursday, Jan. 15.
- Dalzell, Friday, Jan. 16.
- Bredon, Tuesday, Jan. 20.
- Mayesville, Wednesday, Jan. 21.
- Oswego, Thursday, Jan. 22.
- Pleasant Grove, Monday, Jan. 26.
- Shiloh, Tuesday, Jan. 27.
- Norwood Cross Roads, Wednesday, January 28.

R. E. WILDER,  
County Auditor

**"MOTHER" JONES A PRISONER.**

Trinidad, Col., Jan. 12.—"Mother" Jones, the strike leader deported from the south Colorado coal fields January 4 by the militia, returned to Trinidad this morning from Denver. As soon as her presence was learned by the military authorities she was arrested and taken to the San Raphael hospital, where she was held incommunicado.

**MEMPHIS POLICEMAN ELECTROCUTED.**

Lost His Life Trying to Protect Public From Live Wire.  
Memphis, Jan. 15.—Patrolman Andrew Jackson, aged 40, was electrocuted this morning from a live electric wire which fell into the street. Jackson was trying to keep the public back and accidentally touched the wire.

**Tobacco Barn Flues**

I have contracted for a large quantity of material for Tobacco Barn Flues and can furnish flues promptly and at the right prices. QUALITY GUARANTEED. See me before placing orders.

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Sole Distributors For South Carolina.  
Also All Other Seeds. Write for Catalogue

**SPRING 1914**

**The Sumter Dry Goods Co's.**

**WHITE SALE**

**SPRING 1914**

And Early Spring Showing of Colored Wash Fabrics Will Begin on Monday Morning Next, Jan. 19th, and will continue during the entire week.

As an added attraction to these Annual Events, it is our custom, by way of introducing the new lines, to make special prices during the sale, thus making it a matter of profit to YOU, as well as a pleasure to ourselves at this time. Many entirely new Novelties will be shown in both white and colored effects, and our word for it, for attractiveness, no previous season has ever equalled this showing for Spring 1914, and you are cordially invited to see the display.

**THE SUMTER DRY GOODS CO.,** Sumter, South Carolina