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Second Day's Proceedings

Dispensary Investigating Committee Asks Legislature for Larger Powers--Other Matters.

Columbia Record:

The principal business of general interest in the legislature today was the introduction of the bill to give the investigating committee larger powers. It was read the first time in both houses.

The dispensary committee reported as follows:

"The committee appointed to investigate the state dispensary respectfully report that it has proceeded with the investigation in accordance with the terms of the concurrent resolution under which it was appointed, and submits herewith the testimony taken to date. Your committee is of the opinion that it is advisable to proceed further with the investigation, but finds that its power to compel attendance of witnesses is very doubtful. Your committee, therefore, submits herewith a bill granting to it such powers as it deems necessary to carry into effect the purpose of the concurrent resolution."

A resolution to ascertain what elections it is necessary to hold this year was adopted.

Senator Marshall had state house bills recommitted.

A bill was introduced to require clerks in the secretary of state's office, treasurer's office, adjutant general's office to give bond.

Senator Johnson's bill to prevent strikes and lockouts was made a special order for Wednesday.

IN THE HOUSE.

The principal action taken in the house today was its refusal to adopt the bill to sell the state farms. The bill was introduced by Mr. Ardrey, who thought the farms a poor investment.

By a vote of 79 to 31 the bill was killed.

The proposition to elect judges for sixteen years was killed.

Mr. La Fitte's bill to make the cursing of one person by another equivalent to an assault was killed.

A bill by Mr. Hamel to require fertilizer companies to print on bags the avoirdupois weight of each ingredient was killed.

Mr. Kershaw introduced a bill to abolish the immigration department.

Mr. Richard introduced one to repeal statute providing for holding special terms of courts of sessions.

Mr. Herbert offered one to exempt from jury duty and road tax all active members of the militia.

Mr. R. R. Hicklin, of Richburg, spent Wednesday in Lancaster.

Kershaw Happenings.

Bank Building to be Erected --Kershaw and Heath Springs Methodist Charges --K. of P. Officers--Other Items of Interest.

From Kershaw Era.

The board of directors of the bank of Kershaw met last week and appointed a committee to have charge of the new bank building to be erected at once. It is to be a handsome two-story building and will face the store of the Kershaw Mercantile & Banking Co. According to plans drawn by an architect there will be two rooms on the first floor, the corner one to be used by the bank, the other to be rented for a store or some other purpose. The second story will consist of a lodge room for the several fraternities in town and a number of office rooms. It is probable that work on the building will commence in thirty days.

At the recent session of the Methodist Annual Conference held in Spartanburg there was a rearrangement of the Presiding Elders districts and two new districts were formed.

In the redistricting Kershaw and Heath Springs charges were restored to the Sumter district, of which Rev. H. B. Browne is the Presiding Elder. Mr. Browne's first visit to this charge will be the first Sunday in February when he will very probably preach here at night.

The following newly elected officers of Hanging Rock lodge No. 42 K. of P. were installed last Thursday night to serve the present year:

J. M. Lowry, C. C.
R. M. Vaughan, V. C.
J. A. McCaskill, P.
R. L. Blackmon, M. E.
R. A. Dobson, K. of R. & S.
C. B. Horton, M. A.
C. L. Dye, M. W.
J. B. Magill, I. G.
J. W. Powers, O. G.

We are in receipt of a copy of the Telephone, Sylvania, Ga's, paper. Sylvania is the home of Mr. J. S. Gladney, who formerly lived in Kershaw. The paper contains a "write up" of the town and in mention of the Oil Mill at that place, of which Mr. Gladney is manager, the Telephone says some very complimentary things about him, of which he is in every way worthy. We are glad to know he is appreciated in his new home.

The warehouses of K. T. Estridge & Co. and Stevens Mercantile Co. at Bethune were destroyed by fire. There was no insurance on either building.

Mr. Gary H. Watts, who was formerly with the J. M. Carson Co., has bought the stock of goods of the late W. T. Catoe, and will continue the business at the same old stand.

Miss Connie Benton, of Wadesboro, N. C., accompanied her cousin, Miss Sallie Benton,

home and will spend a while here.

Miss May Cunningham, of Lancaster spent last week in Kershaw as the guest of Miss Placidia Rolling.

Miss Lou Beckham is visiting her brothers, Messrs J. A. and J. C. Beckham, in St. Matthews.

E. D. Blakeney, Esq., will leave today for a business trip to Washington, D. C.

The First National Bank

Officers Re-elected--Fine Financial Showing--Though Established less than Five Months ago, Net Earnings at Rate of Ten per Cent. per Annum.

At a meeting of the directors of the First National Bank of Lancaster held Tuesday, in accordance with the law governing national banks, the officers were re-elected as follows: Charles D. Jones, president; R. E. Wylie, vice president; E. M. Croxton, cashier.

The net earnings of the bank were shown to be at the rate of ten per cent. per annum for the four and a half months the institution has been in operation—truly a highly creditable and satisfactory showing. Ordinarily, a new bank is regarded as doing a good business when it makes expenses the first year. But here we have Lancaster's young financial institution making a handsome profit over and above all expenses in less than five months of its existence, which fact testifies in no uncertain way to the excellence of its management.

Mr. Green Ferguson Meets With Bad Accident--Loses an Eye.

Mr. Green Ferguson, one of Lancaster county's most progressive farmers, living in the Waxhaws, met with a most unfortunate accident Thursday, resulting in the loss of the sight of one of his eyes. Mr. Ferguson was trimming off the branches of a cedar tree, preparatory to making a post, when one of the limbs struck him in the eye, destroying the sight. He came to Lancaster and consulted Dr. M. P. Crawford, who pronounced the sight entirely gone.

Mr. Witherspoon's Condition--Getting Along Nicely.

The friends of Mr. Hasel Witherspoon, whose name is legion, will be greatly relieved and gratified to learn that he is rapidly recovering from the effects of the wounds inflicted by Dr. McDow's bullets in last Saturday's difficulty. Fortunately no unfavorable symptoms have developed and Mr. Witherspoon's ultimate recovery is now almost assured—thanks to a divine providence, the skill of his physicians and watchful, tender nursing.

—The store and goods of Garrison & Jordan at Fort Lawn were burned a few days ago. The fire started overhead from a defective flue. There was about \$600 insurance which will only partially cover the loss.—Chester Lantern.

More Dispensary Scandal.

The Investigating Committee Makes Sensational Affidavit before Supreme Court in Farnum Case.

Columbia Special to Charlotte Observer, Jan. 11th: The dispensary investigating committee uncovered more scandal this afternoon, which sprung surprise on the members of the Legislature and others. Messrs. Hay, Christens and Lyons, of the committee, went before the Supreme Court and made oath that J. S. Farnum, a dispenser in Charleston, had not turned over all the letters, as was ordered by the Supreme Court some time ago.

As an instance, it was sworn that a letter written by M. N. Block, of Macon, Ga., president of the Richland Distilling Company, of this city, to Farnum, said as follows: "Dear Sir: In reference to a letter of introduction forwarded to me from Seibels, beg to state that on the advice of friends I was persuaded to take \$500 worth of stock in this paper, edited by James Henry, Rice, Jr. Mr. Seibels also agreed to take a similar amount. It was understood that Evans, Tatum, Towill, and Boykin were also to take stock in this paper as were several other parties who feel an interest in the dispensary. For this reason I consented to take the stock as stated above. Besides, I believe Mr. Rice is a power in South Carolina, and can be of help to us."

After hearing his affidavit, the court ordered that Farnum be given until Monday to show cause why he should not be committed for contempt of court for not turning over this letter with the others. It is understood that the committee has other letters, or copies of them that are just as sensational. Rice is the editor of a paper published in Georgetown. Seibels is president of a bottle factory here. Evans, Towill and Boykin are dispensary directors and Tatum is State liquor commissioner.

Another Victim of Pneumonia

Mr. J. E. Robinson of Walkersville Section, Dies this Week.

Mr. J. E. Robinson, a well known citizen and farmer of the Walkersville neighborhood, died at his home at Wilson's Old Store on Monday, of pneumonia, after a severe illness of about eleven days. His remains were buried at Tirzah Presbyterian church on Tuesday. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. W. Ratchford. Mr. Robinson was about thirty-three years of age and is survived by a wife and two small children.—Waxhaw Enterprise.

Death of Capt. J. N. Sowell

The Brave old Confederate Veteran and Patriotic Citizen Succumbs to an Attack of Pneumonia--Burial at Douglass Yesterday Afternoon.

Capt. John N. Sowell, whose critical illness, of pneumonia, was noted in Wednesday's issue of The News, died Thursday, about midday, at the home here of his son Mr. Jesse Sowell. Though not unexpected, his death has caused deep sorrow throughout the community and county, for he enjoyed the confidence and friendship of all who knew him.

Capt. Sowell was a native of Kershaw county and was 83 years of age the 27th of last December. He was married, before the war, to Miss Elizabeth Clyburn, daughter of the late Lewis Clyburn, who died a few years ago. Eight children blessed their union and those surviving are: Messrs. John and Lee Sowell, of Chesterfield; Messrs. Roach and Thomas Sowell and Mrs. W. J. Williams, of the Douglas section; Mrs. Amos Hough, of Kershaw, and Messrs. Henry and Jesse Sowell, of this place.

A man of strong patriotism and dauntless courage, Capt. Sowell promptly volunteered his services to his country at the outbreak of the civil war. He served as Captain of Co. B., 4th Regiment of Reserves, and was at one time a member of Co. E., 12th S. C. Regiment, Gregg's Brigade. He made a brave and fearless soldier and a daring commander. He participated in many a hard-fought battle and was at one time desperately wounded, being shot in the shoulder.

Capt. Sowell was a man of firm, positive character and ever had the courage of his convictions. Until bowed by the weight of years, he was a man of remarkably fine physique, strikingly commanding in appearance, as typified in several of his sons surviving him. He was a consistent member of the Baptist church, which he joined 55 years ago.

The remains of the gallant old Confederate veteran and good citizen were laid to rest yesterday afternoon at Douglass church, the Rev. T. A. Dabney conducting the funeral services.

Aged Lady Accidentally Buried to Death.

Miss Beckie Lowry, who alone near Prospect, N. C. town, died in her yard last afternoon. It seems to have been accidentally burned. She was about 65 years of age.

—Mr. J. M. Sowell, of Lancaster, Mr. Sowell is a citizen and he is cordially welcomed here.

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