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**THE SPEAKING TO-DAY.**

As several times published in these columns, the candidates for state offices will speak in Lancaster to-day. The meeting will likely be held on the court house square. While the substance of their speeches delivered at other points in the state have been published from time to time in The News, so as to enable our readers to see where they stand on public questions and policies, many of the candidates are personally unknown to the most of the citizens of this county, and it would be well, therefore, for all who can possibly do so to turn out to-day, to see and meet the men seeking your suffrages and to hear what they have to say.

**THE STATE CAMPAIGN.**

About the only unusual feature about the state campaign this week cropped out at Bishopville and Chesterfield. At the former place Ragsdale, candidate for attorney general, declined, it is said, to share his coughdrops with his opponent Lyon, because the latter, he alleged, had become personal in his remarks. At Chesterfield, Ragsdale denounced as a lie the charge that he is connected in any way with dispensary grafters and accused Lyon with likening dispensary officers to buzzards. Lyon denied that he had ever called the names of Directors Wylie and Rawlinson in any of his speeches.

**RAILROAD SERVICE IN SOUTH CAROLINA.**

The executive committee of the South Carolina Traffic Association has issued an address to the people of the State in which it severely arraigns the railroads for not giving better service. This association was organized at Greenville last May, being the result of a conference held in that city of representatives of various boards of trade in the state.

The executive committee in the address referred to says:

"We can justly claim that in the past few years this State has greatly increased in prosperity and with this increase has been

the consequent increase of railroad traffic, both passenger and freight. According to the admissions of officers of the railroads, this increase is equivalent in many cases to more than 100 per cent in the past five years. Notwithstanding this, during such time the railroads have done practically nothing to increase facilities of travel, but on the contrary have in many instances allowed their rolling stock and road bed to deteriorate and in some instances to become positively dangerous to travel; they have been apparently indifferent about compliance with the laws of this State and to the rules of the railroad commission, relating to the length of time to be consumed in the transportation of freight; they have been equally as indifferent to the compliance with their own schedules, and have within recent years done little to increase the facilities for travel which are now justified by the increased travel. Apparently no interest is felt in and no attention given to local travel and traffic, which is to a great degree the remunerative part of the traffic of the railroads, and in which the increase during the past few years has been probably greatest.

Much of the foregoing is true, but we doubt if the railroad companies are guilty of all the indifference charged against them.—The News has at various times taken the railroads to task for apparent dereliction of duty to the public, but, at the same time, we believe in giving corporations as well as individuals credit where credit is due them. Now, in the case of railroads, it doesn't appear reasonable that their owners, with millions and millions invested in the transportation business, would be as indifferent as alleged to the maintenance and improvement of their valuable properties and to the accommodation and convenience of the public. While in many instances the railroad companies have not done everything in their power to better their service, it is scarcely doing them justice to charge them with wholesale indifference in the matter.

Railroads have many difficulties to contend with about which the general public knows nothing. One great trouble with the railroad companies is that they failed to foresee and prepare for a few years ago the unprecedented era of prosperity the whole country is now enjoying. In consequence of such failure to anticipate what was coming, the railroads to-day have far more business than they can possibly handle with anything like expedition. Passenger trains are overcrowded and freight congested at almost every point. The companies are finding it impossible to obtain the additional rolling stock needed, for the reason that plants manufacturing cars and engines already have more orders than they can fill. Some manufacturers have enlarged their plants, but, like the farmers, they are suffering from scarcity of labor. Young men are not flocking to the machine shops as they did in years past. They find it more pleasant and profitable now to remain on the farms, to enter the professions or engage in other pursuits.

It is well, therefore, while we are "cussin'" railroads for poor service, to remember that they, too, have burdens to bear and difficulties to overcome.

**Prohibition--How it Works in South Carolina--Lancaster's Showing.**

The Columbia State of Thursday contains replies to inquiry made by it from the fifteen counties in the State that have voted out the dispensary, under the Brice law, as to how prohibition is working. With the exception of Horry, the reports show improved conditions under prohibition. The reply from Lancaster is as follows:

"In response to The State's request the following expressions concerning conditions in this county have been obtained. Mayor Wilie is absent from the city and no expression could be obtained from him, but the acting mayor, Warden T. S. Carter, said:

"There has been great improvement in conditions of both town and county. Virtually no blind tigers now. Rarely see or hear of a drunk man. Remarkable increase in cash trade of town. People thoroughly satisfied with prohibition."

Sheriff John P. Hunter says: "There is much less drinking and drunkenness than when the dispensary was here. Believe a majority of the people here want to see State and county dispensaries wiped off the face of the earth."

M. J. Gardner, county supervisor Lancaster: "Conditions over county greatly improved. Seldom hear of a blind tiger. Majority of people satisfied with prohibition."

I. T. Hunter, chief of police: "Conditions wonderfully improved in town of Lancaster since dispensary closed. Records show only five (5) arrests for first six months of this year as against fifty-four (54) arrests for same months of 1905. Fewer blind tigers. Jug trade somewhat increased. People satisfied with prohibition."

[The dispensary was voted out of Lancaster October 3, 1905, with 126 votes for dispensary and 965 against.]

**Explanatory Card from Sheriff Hunter.**

Mr. Editor: Please allow me space to state that I did not say, as the head lines in yesterday's Columbia State reported, referring to the whiskey question, and conditions, etc., in Lancaster county, that "Sheriff Hunter of Lancaster declares his people are satisfied."

What I said is as follows:—"There is much less drinking and drunkenness than when the dispensary was here. Believe a majority of the people here want to see state and county dispensaries wiped off the face of the earth." This is what I said, thought and believed. I did not say, nor can I say that my people are satisfied; for while I believe a majority of them are much pleased about the dispensaries being voted out of our county, at the same time I don't believe that they will ever be satisfied until the importation of whiskey can be checked.

Respectfully,  
John P. Hunter.

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**Big Riot at Negro Church--Liquor the Cause.**

Rock Hill Herald: Another big Sunday riot was pulled off at Mt. Hebron church about a half mile from Leslie station Sunday afternoon about 4 o'clock. The parson had just finished baptizing one of his colored flock when a great excitement was started on the outside of the church. Pistols were being discharged, negroes were yelling and cursing and the meeting

came to a close. From all we were able to gather the majority of the mob on the outside of the church were all filled with good old North Carolina corn and were feeling lively; each also being armed with a gun. The origin of the riot could not be learned, but we feel safe to say that liquor was the cause of it all. Fortunately no one was seriously hurt. Hill Barber, a respectful negro of that community, who was standing off watching the wild mob, was hit a terrible blow above the left eye.