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COUNTY BOARD MEETING.

RAILROAD APPROPRIATION PAID OVER TO CITY CLERK AND TREASURER.

Matter was Discussed in all its Aspects by Members of County Board, Members of the Legislature and Representatives of the Chamber of Commerce. Motion That \$12,000 be Paid over to Clerk and Treasurer of City of Sumter Immediately, as Authorized by Act of Legislature, Adopted Without a Dissenting Vote.

The County Board of Commissioners met in special session today to take action on the appropriation of \$12,000, to assist the county and city of Sumter in extending and improving their railroad facilities, as authorized by act of the legislature. All members of the board were present. The object of the meeting was stated by Supervisor Pitts and the clerk was directed to read the supply bill for Sumter county, in which the county commissioners are authorized to pay the amount above stated to the City Treasurer for the purpose set forth. He then read a communication from the grand jury, conveying the resolution adopted at the special session of that body held Friday endorsing the proposed appropriation and recommending that it be paid immediately as authorized. Next was read a statement from County Attorney L. D. Jennings reciting the history of the efforts to secure the Seaboard railroad for Sumter, the work done by the committee of the Chamber of Commerce, of which he was chairman, and the appropriation of \$20,000 by the City of Sumter. He also stated the reasons for asking the county to make an appropriation for the same purpose. He declined to give an opinion on the legal aspects of the matter on account of his connection with the railroad proposition.

Mr. Manning submitted a proposition to indemnify the Supervisor and Commissioners against any loss or harm in the event that any questions should ever be raised to the legality of the action of the board in carrying out the authorization of the legislature.

Commissioner W. J. Young moved that the appropriation be paid over immediately to the Treasurer of the City of Sumter, as authorized by Act of the legislature, on the conditions set forth by Mr. Manning. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mims, and being put to a vote was adopted without a dissenting vote.

The necessary papers were immediately executed and the check for \$12,000 drawn in favor of City Clerk and Treasurer C. M. Hurst. The delivery of the check to the representative of the city concluded the matter and the financing of the plan to bring the Seaboard Air Line to Sumter was successfully consummated after months of effort on the part of the progressive citizens who constitute the Chamber of Commerce, the organization that is doing so much for the development of the county and city of Sumter.

FIRE MONDAY MORNING.

Trunk and Clothing Burned in House on Washington Street.

The hose wagons were called out Monday morning by an alarm from South Washington street at a house owned by the estate of T. C. Williams and occupied by a negro woman by the name of Rachel Conyers.

The extent of the fire was small, a trunk and a good deal of the clothing of the woman being burned in the fire. The firemen succeeded in extinguishing the fire without using the hose.

Dr. S. C. Baker is moving houses on the property recently purchased on Calhoun street by him to the rear of the lot so that they will face on Myrtle street which will probably be opened up at some time in the future. Dr. Barker expects to build a residence on Calhoun street at some time in the not distant future.

VALUABLE LOT CHANGES HANDS.

A. L. Jackson Makes Sale of Corner Lot, Main and Bartlette Streets, to J. K. Crosswell.

A change in the ownership of valuable property in this city recently was the sale consummated Friday when Mr. A. L. Jackson sold his lot on the corner of Main and Bartlette streets to Mr. J. K. Crosswell for \$30,000, an increase of several thousand dollars over the price paid for the same about eighteen months ago by Mr. Jackson when he purchased it.

The lot is on the northwest corner of the two streets and is 106 1-2 feet facing on Main street, and 247 feet on Bartlette street, being one of the best lots in that portion of the city. As Mr. Crosswell already owns the adjacent lot on Main street his property will be extremely valuable, located as it is in this desirable section.

SUMMARY OF WHISKEY CASES.

Results of Cases Which Have Been Tried up to Present Time.

As a result of the whiskey cases which have been tried up to Monday—cases resulting from the work of the two negro detectives, hired by the city, and who have been working here for several weeks under the direction of Policeman McKagen—by the recorder, with or without juries, there have been thirty-one convictions, one mistrial and one case of not guilty. The cases were all worked up by the detectives after Officer McKagen had directed them to those persons whom he had reasons to suppose were blind tigers and he with the detectives in every case have given such testimony as led to the convictions.

Of those persons who have been tried, six have paid their fines and been discharged, two are now out on bond pending the hearing of their appeals, and nine have been committed to jail or the county chain gang. It is probable that some of these will pay out before they serve out their terms. It is also probable that those who have appealed will also pay their fines, if they lose in the appeal in the higher court.

The city has received \$390 revenue from the cases and has done some efficient work towards ridding the blind tigers out of the city and keeping them down for some time to come. Besides this it has driven some of the worst characters out of the city, persons who heard of the detectives being in town before the city was ready to make its raid on the blind tigers and who took themselves off to more salubrious climes. The total number of days imposed on those who were convicted amounted to \$70, while the fines imposed amounted to \$1,820. There are still several more cases before all of those arrested have been before the recorder and the city juries which sit on the cases for trial as to their guilt or innocence.

CIVIL COURT IN SESSION.

Case of J. A. Miller vs. Atlantic Coast Line Commenced.

The case of J. A. Miller against the Atlantic Coast Line railroad company was the first case taken up when court was convened Monday morning. Court was called to order at 9:30 o'clock and after some time the case was called. Judge H. F. Rice of Aiken, who recently presided here at the Spring Term of the Court of General Sessions, presided.

The case taken up has elicited considerable interest from the public. It was heard here last year before Judge Shipp, and a non-suit was ordered, the State Supreme Court reversing this decision and remanding the case back to the lower court for trial. Up to the time of adjournment for dinner only one witness had been put up by the plaintiff, Mr. Miller, and the defendants had just completed their cross-examination. There was quite an array of lawyers on both sides of the case, which is a suit for \$75,000. Messrs P. A. Wilcox, L. W. McLemore and Mark Reynolds representing the railroad and Messrs. L. D. Jennings, J. H. Clifton, R. D. Epps and E. Z. Best of Columbia representing the plaintiff.

Among the out-of-town members of the State Bar present at court Monday were Messrs. P. A. Wilcox and L. W. McLemore of Florence and E. Z. Best of Columbia.

Y. M. C. A. BUILDING OPENED.

APPROPRIATE EXERCISES SUNDAY NIGHT MARK OPENING OF HEADQUARTERS FOR YOUNG MEN AND BOYS.

Prof. D. W. Daniel Makes Eloquent Address—Exercises Sunday Night Mark Formal Opening This Afternoon—Every Creed Represented in Large Audience at Academy of Music—Universal Rejoicing in City Over Event.

Coming together with one purpose in view and universal rejoicing in their hearts at the event which was about to take place, persons of every religious creed, Protestants, Catholics and Jews, men women and children, united in the exercises held at the Academy of Music Sunday night which marked the formal opening of the Young Men's Christian Association building in this city.

The exercises were short, but impressive, and were heartily joined in by the throng of people who filled the building to overflowing, so that many turned away unable to secure seats in the crowded theatre. Beginning promptly at 8 o'clock the exercises, presided over by Prof. S. H. Edmunds, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Y. M. C. Association, were solemnly and impressively carried through. There was not a hitch in the carrying out of the program, the address of Prof. Daniel of Clemson College being the feature of the occasion.

Prof. Daniel spoke in his usual eloquent and forceful style, the principal theme in his address being "unselfishness." He brought out how the erection of this building was an act of unselfishness which would in the future more than repay the city in the training of its future citizenship. He stated that it was much better to prevent a man from "going to the bad," than to cure him after he had "gone astray."

Seated on the rostrum were the Board of Directors of the Y. M. C. A., the ministers of the various churches in the city, the active officers of the Y. M. C. A. and the choirs of the various churches, the members of which joined together in singing the various songs. The exercises were appropriate and brief. Prof. Edmunds stated in his introduction of Prof. Daniel that that gentleman had come here to help the citizens of Sumter to start the campaign to raise funds for a Y. M. C. A. building and it was fitting that he should again be present when the work was consummated, to congratulate the people of Sumter upon the results of their efforts.

The exercises held Sunday night marked the formal opening of the building which will from henceforth be a common home to the boys and young men of the city for their moral, religious and physical training, but the formal opening will not take place until this afternoon. At that time the doors of the building will be thrown open and everybody is invited to visit and inspect the young men's and boys' headquarters. The event will be one of great rejoicing to the people of Sumter and will be one on which the citizens can look with pride and self congratulations, for the building is one that any city could well be proud of, a magnificent monument to the progressiveness of Sumter's citizenship. Within its doors Sumter's young men will be given the benefit of all of the accumulated knowledge concerning those things that go to make them more manly and strong and that will in the future make them better citizens and men of whom their city can well feel proud.

A Beautiful Picture.

Gaffney Ledger. Did you ever notice how really beautiful chewing gum makes a girl appear? Tell her de facto, and gazing steadily, one can not find a more ideal picture. With a sharp click, clack, her teeth, so white and pearly, are clashing together, and with cowish glee, she masticates her cud. Then, too, one can note her health tinted, well rounded cheeks and they grow a terial assistance of a big "hunk" of gum. And really who can imagine a fairer spectacle than that her dainty upturned nose, as it gently rises and falls in wave like undulations over the abyssal depths revealed at each pressure against the maw. Oh, how deliciously tempting that rosebud mouth is as the maiden fills it with a soft pliable chunk, and champing like a festive goat revealing in the luxuries of the succulent tomato can, she greets you in tones husky with gum.

BLEASE HOLDS LETTERS.

LEGISLATIVE BODY REFUSED RIGHT OF INSPECTION.

Chief Executive Tells Committee That Order From Circuit Judge Will be Necessary to Make Him Surrender Felder Letters.

Columbia, March 16.—"The governor said that he would not turn over the letters to the committee except on the order of a circuit judge."

This statement was made before the legislative dispensary investigating committee yesterday by Senator Clifton, a member of the committee who called on the chief executive with Representative J. J. Evans, to make request for the inspection of certain letters alleged to have been written to H. H. Evans by T. B. Felder, the Atlanta attorney.

"I think that we can get that order from the circuit judge," said a member of the committee. It is expected that the matter will be carried into the courts.

H. H. Evans of Newberry, appearing before the committee Thursday and yesterday, told of receiving certain letters from T. B. Felder, the Atlanta attorney, offering to form a "whiskey corporation" to secure the business of the old State dispensary in South Carolina. These letters, he said, were in the hands of the governor. H. H. Evans said that he would try to secure the letters. He failed and the committee yesterday appointed Senator Clifton and Representative Evans to call on the chief executive and ask for the letters. The committee met with a refusal. H. H. Evans, in his testimony, charged wrong intentions on the part of Felder, and said that the letters would substantiate his statements. He said that he was anxious for the letters to be presented in evidence. The committee desired the letters for inspection.

H. H. Evans and L. W. Boykin, former members of the board of directors of the penitentiary were the only witnesses to appear before the committee yesterday. They told the committee in a general way of the work of the board of directors. Many questions were asked as to the methods of purchase.

John Bell Towill stated Thursday that the board would meet and place small orders and that during the time between the quarterly meetings, large quantities of whiskey were received. Both witnesses denied that they were responsible for the shipments of whiskey and charged the practice to G. H. Charles, clerk of the old State board, now deceased. Both witnesses charged that T. B. Felder, the Atlanta attorney, had tried to "frame up a whiskey corporation." Few material points were brought out at the hearing.

Both witnesses denied the insinuations that Attorney General Lyon had been paid sums of money to stop prosecutions or for immunity. They paid high compliments to the work of the Ansel commission and thought that the members were honest men. The governor, in his special message number four, said that some money was paid to the attorney general. He also dismissed the Ansel board for incompetency. Evans and Boykin were asked directly concerning the charges of the governor.

The committee took a recess yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, until next Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

The first witness called at the sessions yesterday morning was L. W. Boykin, former member of the dispensary board of control. He was questioned by the committee as to the purchase of whiskey by the board. He was asked by the committee concerning the statement of Towill that small orders were made at the regular meetings and that large quantities came in between the regular quarterly meetings. He said that he complained to W. O. Tatum concerning the large shipments of whiskey which were made without order from the board.

"Do you know who ordered the large quantities?" "I do not."

"Did you protest against the illegal shipments?" "I did."

"Did the other members protest?" "Yes."

"Who was responsible?" he was asked.

He said that the orders were placed by G. H. Charles, the clerk. Mr. Charles is dead. W. O. Tatum, mentioned by the witness, was the commissioner of the dispensary.

Mr. Boykin declared that Mr. Tatum was very much worried over the action of Charles in ordering the large amounts of whiskey. The entire

blame for the large orders were placed on Mr. Charles.

The witness said that he had met T. B. Felder on one occasion while in Columbia and that he had received several letters and telegrams from Felder. He said that Felder was "always worrying him" for orders. He did not know the business of Felder.

The witness told of a conference in 1905 at the Jerome hotel in Columbia between Felder, Towill, Evans and himself. He thought that Evans had introduced him to Felder. He said that Felder questioned him as to who was going to run for the positions on the dispensary board.

"Felder outlined a plan, stating that he controlled several of the largest whiskey distilleries in America and he wanted to get some business in South Carolina," said Boykin.

Mr. Boykin said that he left the room, refusing to discuss the plan offered by Felder. "I would have told Towill that Felder had a lot of gall to come here and make a proposition like that," said the witness.

The witness denied that he knew of any State official receiving graft in connection with the dispensary. He had heard of some graft by the whiskey companies.

Boykin said that he had been called before the Blease commission. He did not give testimony, but made an affidavit, which was furnished to the legislative committee. On question by the committee he gave a list, so far as he remembered, of the "reputable liquor houses." Reverting to the Felder letters and telegrams he said that they merely asked for a conference. He said that he had never heard of a row between Felder and H. H. Evans.

The witness did not remember how "Hub" Evans received the alleged proposition by Felder to get business in South Carolina.

"Does it come within your knowledge that money was ever paid to Attorney General Lyon or any other State official?" "No sir."

The witness denied that he had ever received any money outside of his salary.

"I would not doubt but that they are the men of highest honor. They are upright." This statement was made by Mr. Boykin when asked as to his opinion of the members of the Ansel commission. He thought them to be competent men and well able to wind up the affairs of the dispensary.

H. H. Evans was recalled by the committee. He continued his story of the relation of T. B. Felder to the State dispensary. He said that Felder was alleged to have become the owner of the Sidney Lucas Whiskey company of Nashville. He said that during one conversation Felder had told him that he had his (Evans') stock in the Sidney Lucas company already paid for.

Evans said that he told Felder that the plan to form a whiskey corporation was impossible, "because it would have been impossible to place the goods." He said that the conversation was after the conference in 1905. Evans told of the conference in Columbia between Felder, Towill, Boykin and himself. He said that they all left the room together after Felder had outlined his scheme.

Evans said that he knew of no officer in the State of South Carolina that received any money in connection with the State dispensary other than the compensation allowed by law. He said that he heard of some rumors that gifts had been given. He "tried all kinds of parliamentary ethics on me." He stated that M. A. Goodman had offered him "the cold hard cash" to get business for a new company.

"There is John Black. He has been pardoned, he is free to come up here and testify. Ask him about these matters." Evans said he kicked M. A. Goodman down some steps for offering a bribe. He said that Goodman afterwards received some business. All whiskey, he said, was bought on request of the commissioner of the dispensary. Evans was questioned by the committee as to houses represented by Goodman.

"Did you give the governor any information set out in message No. 4?" "I did not."

"Did you tell the governor that the statement that you held a conference with Attorney General Lyon, John Gary Evans and T. B. Felder was a mistake?" "I did," replied Evans.

"I think that I did discuss the alcohol with him," said Mr. Evans. "I did not know anything about the price of the alcohol," he continued.

"Do you know anything either by the record or otherwise of any of the charges made by the governor in message No. 4?" "I do not," replied Evans.

GANG PREPARED FOR SIEGE.

OUTLAWS WELL FORTIFIED IN VIRGINIA MOUNTAINS.

Services of the State Probably Necessary to Capture Assassins of Court Officials, Posse so Far Failing to Apprehend Fugitives—Camping Site Selected Should Siege by Militia be Decided on—Many Visit Scene of Tragedy.

Hillsville, Va., March 17.—Two thousand feet above sea level, among the crags and caves of the Blue Ridge Mountains, the Allen gang, who demonstrated their contempt of constituted law by a massacre of the Judge, the prosecuting attorney and the sheriff of Carroll County court last Thursday, continued today, to defy capture.

The day's search by a posse of 75 detectives and citizen volunteers demonstrated that unless the militia is sent here to begin a systematic siege of the hiding places of the outlaws they may never be brought to answer to the indictments for murder returned here yesterday. For such a plan a camping site was selected today by representatives of Governor Mann. The county authorities are working in harmony with the State, and orders may soon be issued for companies of militia, if not for the search, certainly for the formal arraignment of the prisoners, which is scheduled here for March 26. The arraignment is likely to be postponed.

Those who know the paths and passes of the highland and the points of vantage from which outlaws could ward off an attacking force with least hurt to themselves, say that the Allens unquestionably are concealed behind the overhanging precipices of Denville's Den, half way between here and Mout Airy, N. C. There, with provisions and ammunition, of which it is said they have plenty, an attacking force would find approach almost impossible. Some think it may be necessary to dynamite the mountain citadels.

Quiet prevailed in Hillsville today. The village pastor preached in favor of capital punishment at all times and there was no mistaking whom he meant. From the countryside came the curious on horseback, muleback by ox carts and rigs of every description, fording the high water of the creek and climbing the steep hills to the summit, where reposes the hamlet of Hillsville.

DR. WILEY RESIGNS.

Balked in His Work He Decides to Leave.

Washington, March 15.—Dr. Harvey W. Wiley left the laboratories of the bureau of chemistry tonight—where for nearly 29 years he had been chief chemist—no longer a government official, but determined to champion the cause of pure food from the ranks of the people.

Friction with his superiors and irreconcilable differences of opinion as to the enforcement of the pure food and drug act were the reasons given by Dr. Wiley for handing in his resignation to Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture.

Dr. Wiley will devote the remainder of his life, according to a statement issued by him today, to the "promotion of the principles of civic righteousness and industrial integrity which underlie the food and drug act, in the hope that it may be administered in the interest of the people at large instead of that of a comparatively few mercenary manufacturers and dealers."

MORE BLIND TIGER CASES.

Flora Brown and Alice Fisher Convicted of Selling Whiskey.

The work of Police Sergeant McKagen and Detective Glanton has again resulted in the conviction of blind tigers. This time the offending parties are Alice Fisher and Flora Brown, two dusky denizens of the Epperson houses on Sumter street.

Both were indicted for selling whiskey and the trial before the recorder Thursday without a jury resulted in their conviction. Each was given the choice between serving 30 days in the county jail or paying a fine of \$75. The two women were arrested Thursday.

Moved to New Office.

We have moved to our new office, 122 South Main street, opposite the postoffice. We are taking care of your old business; what about some new policies? Wallace and Moses, Insurance, Phone 577.