

Springs stuff. But be circumspect in all your dealings with the board as an unguarded remark may get us in serious trouble."

"March 27.—Write to your friends among the county dispensers and push our goods."

"April 8.—Shipped two cases to G. H. Charles, (secretary of the board,) to be given away. Rush among the dispensers."

"May 17.—Keep up your work with the dispensers. Shipped the cases to the Metropolitan and Columbia clubs."

"May 25.—Let us know what day our friends will be here, so we can nurse them and fire them up."

"May 31.—Met South Carolina delegation and did everything to make them feel happy. They had a big time here." (Col. Mixson afterward explained this was a party of men from all over the state.)

Here was read a letter from Houston Rucker, of Chester, to Kelley & Co., complaining of the watered condition of a bottle of their goods procured from the dispensary and ordering some to be sent direct to him at Columbia, "some of the genuine stuff, the colonel carries about with him on his trip to give to his friends."

"June 8.—Hope to receive large orders. Hope the retail price will be reduced. Try and get our friend to advise us when he will be here so that we can look after him."

"June 10.—If you can let us know when to expect our friend. Will rush 300 cases."

"All Members Our Friends."

"June 29.—Understood retail price had been reduced. Have shipped to Will and Boykin cases as you direct."

"July 11.—Congratulations to the colonel on his winning ways. Believe all members of the board are our friends now."

"Aug. 9.—Demands coming in from individuals referred to county dispensers."

"Sept. 7.—Arrangements for conference in Columbia between the firm's representatives, White and Lezenski and Mixson, and members of the board."

"Sept. 15.—Party we wanted to see was here yesterday. Sorry we did not see B. and T. in regard to the case left at the hotel. Told Mr. Evans he could have it. Will send B. and T. case each. As to J. W. Harmon, (dispenser at Spartanburg) have already sent him two cases and regard his request as a gouge, but will ship."

"Oct. 10.—White saw our friend in Atlanta and fixed things up with him."

"Letter from Col. D. Card, division freight agent of South Carolina railway, reporting on tracer of case shipped to Director Towill, says ease of "mineral water" at Batesburg for him and refers in sarcastic manner to South Carolina state officers violating the law by having whiskey shipped them as mineral water."

"Nov. 2.—Ready and waiting for order of 10th." (Mr. Gaston notes that the firm anticipates orders not yet made.)

"Nov. 7.—By 15th will be ready to make carload shipment, when order arrives. Writing to Evans also."

"Nov. 19.—First car on road and larger car to follow in few days."

"Dec. 5.—Completed shipment of the 1,500 cases. Hope for another good order at next meeting."

Tried To Bribe Mixson.

Col. Mixson asked and was granted the privilege of making a statement without being cross examined. His statement was to the effect that so far as he knew neither Mr. Towill nor Mr. Boykin had ever met the Silver Springs people and Clerk Charles of the board was also without their acquaintance.

Capt. R. E. Blakely, an assistant bookkeeper under ex-Commissioner Mixson, testified to overhearing an interview between Commissioner Mixson and Mr. Sam J. Lanahan, the purport of which was that Lanahan came in to talk his goods and Mixson told him that he would have nothing to do with him in a business way as he had his whiskey flooding the state for tigers. Witness never saw any letter from Mixson advising the board of Lanahan's attempt to bribe him. Never heard of the bribe being offered until this investigation.

Mr. H. W. Richardson, a revenue officer at the time of Col. Mixson's administration, was the next witness. He was a friend of Col. Mixson and his duties as a revenue officer kept him frequently at the dispensary. He

said he was approached on one occasion by a whiskey representative whose name he could not recall, remembering merely that he was from Cincinnati. The representative opened the conversation by asking Mr. Richardson's opinion of Col. Mixson and after getting a very high estimate, said: "Well, I have formed an opinion of him, he is either an honest man or a damn fool." The representative explained by saying that "Mixson had refused an offer of \$5 a barrel on goods bought from this Cincinnati house, and he can order as much as 100 barrels a month from me, which would amount to \$6,000 a year for him."

Witness said he reported the matter to Col. Mixson next day. Col. Mixson was agitated and said the man had made him the offer but that he had always stuck to make an honest living and didn't propose to break over at this late date.

Bottles For Boys.

Mr. G. H. Charles, secretary of the board, testified to whiskey representatives visiting the board room, and explained some financial matters. So far as he knew Director Boykin had never represented Lanahan. In answer to a question to give the names of a dozen or more whiskey houses who sent him cases of goods from time to time with the bottles marked for various employees at the dispensary, the names of these firms showed that three of them had a "community of interest" in the Richland distillery. I. W. Bernheim, S. J. Lanahan and J. S. Farnum are directors in the Richland concern and connected with big out side concerns.

Witness then touched on the old row of years ago, where the contraband room was entered by a "hocus pocus key" by members of the board and where Clerk Seth W. Scruggs was indicted for breaking into it and taking a pair of slippers.

Judge Prince's Statement.

Judge Prince was seen by a reporter for the Daily Mail and asked about the statements made by Chief Constable Fant with regard to corruption in the dispensary and the investigation by the legislature.

Judge Prince stated that he did not care to make a statement until he could see exactly what Mr. Fant's testimony was. He did say to the reporter, however, that no papers or evidence, and no specification of charges were ever filed with him by Mr. Fant or by any one else. He had never heard of any being filed with Governor McSweeney or with Senator Tillman. Judge Prince says that, so far as he can remember, Mr. Fant never mentioned to him in any way the management or conduct of the constabulary force at Spartanburg, but that in a casual conversation Mr. Fant did once state that some constable, perhaps a chief constable, at Greenville, whose name has escaped the judge's memory, had been guilty of some misconduct. The judge advised Mr. Fant to get up affidavits about the matter and file them with the governor. He afterwards heard no more of the matter.

Capt. McGowan's Statement.

Spartanburg, Aug. 25.—Capt. Wm. McGowan was seen today concerning the statement of Chief Constable Fant. He said that he has never had any connection with dispensary officials, except as an attorney.

He said that he called on Chief Fant and asked him for the twenty-eight names of men who had asked him to assist them in securing dispensary positions and Chief Fant told him that it was only hearsay, but he would try and get the names.

He stated that he never spoke to Attorney General Gunter about securing appointments on the constabulary force in his life, except probably one time, which was about three or four months ago.

Mr. Gross, of this county, asked him to speak a good word with Chief State Constable Hammett and also asked him to see Attorney General Gunter and get him to speak a good word to Chief Hammett for him. He said he promised to do this, but don't think he did. All of his dealing with the dispensary officials has always been that of an attorney and if any of them now wanted his services they could get them by paying

BAD FEELING IN COMMISSION.

Mr. Lyon Very Sensitive—Takes Exception to Motion of Mr. Blease—the Men not Permitted to Scrap.

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 25.—As the morning session of the dispensary investigation was drawing to a close rather listlessly a surprise was sprung in an entirely unlooked for tilt between Senator Cole. L. Blease, of Newberry, and Representative J. Fraser Lyon, of Abbeville, which would have resulted in a personal encounter, but for the fact that Chairman Fraser stepped between the two men and prevented them from coming to blows.

Mr. Lyon was examining Secretary Charles of the dispensary directorate, when Senator Blease moved to adjourn on the ground that the stenographer, who was sick, had been on duty for four hours and a half.

Mr. Lyon took exception to this in a mild sarcasm about his being in the hands of the committee when Chairman Fraser asked him if it would be agreeable for him to suspend.

"I intended nothing personal by my remarks," said Senator Blease, rising. "The chairman himself will tell you that it was at his suggestion that I made the motion. If I chose to make any personal reference to you," he added, "it would be plain enough for you to see."

"Yes, and when you do it, I will smash your face," Mr. Lyon called back, shaking his fist over Chairman Fraser's shoulder.

"You won't get a chance; you will never get to me," reiterated Mr. Blease.

"I know you carry your pistol with you, but that makes but little difference," said Mr. Lyon.

Senator Blease raised his coat tail and insisted on the marshal searching him for a weapon, saying at the same time, "I have no weapon, but I meant I would kill him before he got to me."

The room was crowded and the men were prevented from getting to each other. There has been bad feeling in the commission for some time.

TEACHER WANTED.

The trustees of Smyrna school will meet September 8th for the purpose of electing a teacher for the coming year. The school will run from six to seven months. All applicants must send their applications to any one of the undersigned trustees.

Rev. R. C. Ligon,
J. S. Boozer,
Geo. P. Boozer.
Trustees.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS.

The regular fall examination for teacher's Certificates will be held in the court house at Newberry on Friday, September 15, 1905. Prospective applicants will take notice that there will be no other examination after this one until the third Friday in May, 1906. The examination will begin promptly at 9 o'clock.

J. S. Wheeler,
Co. Supt. Education.

Sheriff's Delinquent Tax Sale.

State of South Carolina,
County of Newberry.

BY VIRTUE OF AN EXECUTION to me directed by Jno. L. Epps, Esq., Treasurer of Newberry County, I will sell on Monday, the 4th day of September, 1905, (Saleday) at Newberry Court House, the following property, viz:

Lot in town of Helena, assessed to Nancy Edwards, bounded by lot of Nancy Edwards, in Helena, bounded by lots of W. S. Langford, M. L. Wicker, Desoline Bates and Geo. Maffett estate
Tract of Land in No. 3 Township, containing thirty-six acres, more or less, assessed to Laura Prince, bounded by lands of S. P. Crotwell, Richard Thacker, Tom Tete, and Dry Creek.

TERMS OF SALE—Cash. Purchaser to pay for papers and stamps.
Sale of personal property for delinquent taxes will be advertised later.
M. M. BUFORD,
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