

FOR PAST INDEBTEDNESS.

The Act to Borrow \$11,000 for Newberry County Passed by Recent General Assembly.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina: The County Supervisor and Treasurer of Newberry county be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to borrow jointly from the Commissioners of the State sinking fund the sum of eleven thousand dollars or from any other source if it can not be obtained from said commissioners, at a rate of interest not to exceed..... percentum per annum, to be paid as hereinafter provided. Sec. 2. That the said sum of money shall be used to replace the deficit in the ordinary fund account of said county caused by expenditures for bridges destroyed by the floods of the year 1908 and to pay indebtedness of said county. Sec. 3. To secure the payment of said sum of money with interest the said county supervisor and treasurer shall make a note or notes to be paid in equal annual instalments or in case several notes are made therefor they shall be made in equal amounts including interest and become due successively each year from the date of the first note, and one-fourth of one mill is hereby annually levied upon all property in Newberry county assessed for taxation for and until the payment in full of said note or notes; with interest and the county auditor of said county is hereby required to annually levy and the county treasurer to collect said tax as other taxes are levied and collected and the county treasurer shall pay said note or notes from the proceeds of collection of such tax and any collected under the provisions of this Act not used in payment of said note or notes with interest shall be expended for Ordinary County purposes. Sec. 4. This Act shall take effect immediately upon approval by the governor.

Approved the 23rd day of February, A. D. 1910.

THE DISPENSARY MONEY.

State Officials Construe Act of Recent Assembly, and Say Money Is Not Available.

Columbia Record.

It was the intention of the legislature to apply the funds arising from the State dispensary settlements to the appropriations of the current year, but under the construction of the act by the State officials, this intention has not been carried out. A joint resolution was passed instructing the State treasurer to hold all money turned over by the dispensary commission subject to future appropriations by the general assembly, but the appropriation bill does not stipulate that this dispensary fund is to be applied to the payment of the general appropriations for the year. The State treasurer now has on hand \$275,000 of dispensary money, and the commission has in its possession about \$80,000, which has not yet been turned over, making a total of \$355,000. It is possible that the total will go as high as \$400,000.

Under the Garris act appropriating \$60,000 to the common schools, it is provided that this amount shall be paid out of the dispensary surplus. No one school can receive more than \$100 from this fund and no one school can receive any portion of it unless it has levied a two mill local tax.

Under the Bowman act \$20,000 of the dispensary fund is appropriated for the purpose of encouraging the erection of adequate school buildings, it being provided that any school may receive \$50 for every \$100 raised by local efforts and that no one school shall receive more than \$300.

These two acts dispose of \$80,000 of the \$275,000 now in the State treasury, leaving a balance of \$195,000, which the State treasurer will have to hold until the next meeting of the general assembly. The contention has been made that the entire dispensary surplus belongs to the school fund, but the joint resolution referred to disposed of this contention and made it evident that the legislature did not propose for the entire fund to be utilized for the common schools.

The general appropriation bill for this year carries appropriations amounting to \$1,847,553.32. To raise this amount a levy of 3 3/4 mills is provided, and if the dispensary surplus had been applied as a whole to the general appropriations this levy might have created a surplus for the year.

GORDON BIDS FAREWELL TO THE SENATE.

Unique Address Delivered by Senator from Mississippi—Aged Soldier Says Goodbye.

Washington, Feb. 24.—What Senator Depew fittingly characterized as the most unique farewell ever delivered in the senate chamber was heard there to-day, when at the close of the session, and at the end of his term, James Gordon, the senator from Mississippi, said good bye to the senators with whom he had served for the last sixty days.

Expressing regret at the passing of Senator Gordon, Senator Depew said:

"No matter how wonderful a colleague succeeds him he cannot be James Gordon, of Mississippi."

Practically the entire senate listened with rapt attention to the address of the venerable Mississippian. He stood back of his own desk on the extreme right of the vice president and in homely phrase and almost without gesture talked to his colleagues as if they had been old-time friends. Twice he quoted from his own book of verse, which he afterwards presented to the vice president. His remarks were frequently punctuated with applause and laughter. The galleries were well filled and the occupants of them joined freely in the manifestation of approval.

Beginning with the statement that the deadlock in Mississippi had been broken and that Mr. Percy had been chosen to take his place, Col. Gordon said that he had felt a desire to express his feelings towards the senate before returning to his home in Mississippi.

He then told how when five years old, he had been presented with a toy board which was checked over with different objects, some of them good and some of them bad. One of these objects was the Capitol of the United States and his mother had told him, he said, that if he would be good and would live a correct life he might some day hope to sit in the seat of the big man who was pictured there.

"She never told me a lie and I knew that what she said was true. I knew that I would some day occupy the seat of that big man, and God helping me I got there yesterday," referring to the fact that for a time yesterday he had occupied the seat of the presiding officer.

Was Born Rich. "I was born a multi-millionaire," said Col. Gordon, "but I never was happy until I got rid of my surplus money. I spent much of it on my slaves and the rest of my funds I spent like any gentleman and got rid of the entire encumbrance."

"I have listened with interest to the speeches here, and the more I hear of them the sorrier I am for the millionaires. Why, if there is a fellow in the United States that I am sorry for it's Rockefeller because he has more money than any one else. He can't go on the street with one of his grandchildren without being afraid that some one might kill him."

Referring to the fact that he had been a Confederate soldier, Mr. Gordon said: "I fought and bled, but I did not die. However, I 'skedaddled' frequently."

He then told of some of his exploits in the war and how he had captured Gen. Coburn, of Indiana, and Gen. Shafter. He admitted that on more than one occasion he had been "skered," but said that whenever the Union and Confederate soldiers met they were always good friends.

Loves the Negro.

Asserting that he loved the negro, he declared that he wanted Mason and Dixon's line obliterated from the map of the United States.

"A few blab-mouthed 'people down our way talk differently," he said, "but they are so insignificant that they are not worth cussing, they are not worth wasting invectives upon."

Paying tribute to soldiers of both the North and the South, Col. Gordon said:

"You may as well try to storm the heights of heaven and pluck the diadem from Jesus' crown as to take away from either of them any of the glory of the records of the two men who stood under the tree at Appomattox and brought the war to a close.

"This is the finest body of men that I ever associated with," he continued, speaking of the senate itself, and he beamed upon his colleagues.

Referring to Senator Heyburn's recent protest against Gen. Lee's statue being allowed to remain in Statuary Hall, Col. Gordon invited Senator Heyburn to visit him on his



Amanda Hendricks, The Nurse in 'The Time, The Place and the Girl,' At The Opera House Friday, March 4.

plantation, and said he was sure that after the Idaho Senator had seen the South through his spectacles he would take off his hat to Lee as he, Gordon, was willing to do for his to Grant.

* MAJ. HEMPHILL'S GOODBYE. *

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My connection with the News and Courier closes to-day. I have been attached to it since April, 1880. I have served it as Columbia correspondent, as local reporter, as city editor, as acting manager and for the last 21 years I have been its manager and editor. I have done the best I could for the paper into which I have put my life and for the community and the State which I have tried faithfully to serve. I have had no other occupation and desired none. I have had no ambition but the ambition to be of as much use as possible to the people with whom I have been associated and the city and State which I love with all my heart. I have made mistakes, many mistakes, but I should not have been true to my sense of personal responsibility if I had not. I have tried to do some things which would promote the growth and welfare of the State. I have accepted an invitation to do the same sort of work in Richmond, Virginia, I have done in Charleston, and I wish in closing my record here to thank the people among whom I have lived so long for their many kindnesses to me. If I have been successful in any degree in promoting the interests of this community and of the larger community of the State, I shall feel that I have not altogether failed in my duty and obligation. I need not say that I shall "watch Charleston grow" and rejoice always in its good fortune.

J. C. Hemphill.

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