

EXPECTS TO BE RE-ELECTED.

Chairman Evans, of the South Carolina Dispensary Board, Will Also Be a Candidate for the Senate. He Has Never Voted for Tillman, but Has Managed His Machine for Years.

Observer Bureau. 1209 Main street, Columbia, S. C., Feb. 13. The man who occupies the most prominent place in the public eye in this State just at this time is H. H. Evans, chairman of the State board of dispensary directors.

Senator Tillman's net machine of dispensary directors. Although Senator Tillman claims he has brought it into disrepute and possibly wrecked it, Mr. Evans himself contends that he has built the business up. Not only that, Mr. Evans not only hopes and expects to be re-elected chairman of the dispensary, he kept intact by the Legislature, but he is going to be in the race for Governor next summer.

Tillman said \$1,000,000 worth of profits ought to be gotten out of the concern a year, said Mr. Evans, scooping his ears forward to catch an answer. "Well, I think my record will show that I have brought it up to nearly that, and I propose to stand on my feet, and my business record will show for itself, who has managed the dispensary as well as regarding my connection with business enterprises at home."

Members of the Legislature who have been approached recently regarding the dispensary, which must take place this week, if they are to be held at all, say Mr. Evans has assured them that he would not have the place again except on the terms of abolition, and he has been heard to say that he will resign as soon as he is re-elected. From the same source comes the information that Mr. Evans himself is not a State dispensary man, but favors local option. However, he would not express himself to a reporter on any of these reports.

In many respects Mr. Evans is personally very attractive. He is the personification of buoyancy, a typical "good fellow" and though not an educated man he has his unerring methods of entertaining almost anybody with whom he comes in contact. And he is loyal to his friends, particularly at this time. He is a mizer and has his personal as well as political friends. Whether he will be re-elected, the man remains to be seen. That he has the support of a score of members of the House who blindly contend that no fault is to be found with the system even at its present condition, is apparent to anybody who has watched the course of the Legislature and the little schemes that transpire in the lobbies and on the streets. He will also get other votes, among them some of the prohibitionists. Representative "Jodie" Rawlinson of Richmond, admits Mr. Evans has many strong friends, and though the Richmond members' friends claim their well, the two houses shows he has a clear majority, he frankly admits the race will be a close one.

The friends of Mr. Evans, on the other hand, claim almost one-half of the House pledged to him and though only 31 is necessary to a choice, he will, they claim, get the votes of half the Senators, which will elect him with a hand-to-hand vote. There has been some talk today that the most conservative dispensary men have been looking about for a man to beat both Rawlinson and Evans, but The Observer's correspondence has been unable to secure any confirmation of this rumor. Many of the dispensary's ablest apologists will vote against Mr. Evans.

In fact, there has been no change in the line-up of the dispensary since the dispensary vacancies. Representative John Bellon Watson, of Anderson, who has been spoken of as Chairman Evans' candidate to head "Commonwealth Trust," told the Observer today he had never entered the race and will not do so.

DEVELOPING SUBURBS.

Land Company Buys Property in Statesville, Which It Will Improve.—Southern Furnishings Shifting Site and Crew. Statesville, Feb. 13. H. H. Wheeler and J. R. Anderson, representing a real estate company of High Point, have purchased from Mr. H. H. Fowler a tract of land in Statesville containing about 100 acres. This company proposes to develop this property and sell it off in lots on the installment plan. Streets will be laid off, and the water works will be extended only where people will be allowed to purchase lots. This company has developed property in High Point and Salisbury for some time past.

Regular sales on the lot and Sheriff Summers made another successful raid Saturday on one of the new Hope town places. The plan was to complete the operation by the end of the week. A net worth of \$2,000 was taken. Names of the lot holders are being listed. A building was also taken to which business men and manufacturers are being invited to move.

BANK WRECKERS NOT FREE?

Breese, Dickerson and Penland May Be Tried Under Indictment Found at Greensboro in Alleged Conspiracy to Wreck Bank.

Correspondence of The Observer. Asheville, Feb. 12.—If information gleaned to-day from a reliable source is correct, Breese, Dickerson and Penland, officials of the defunct First National Bank of Asheville, are not yet free. The decision of the United States Circuit of Appeals, handed down at Richmond last week, reversing the lower court in the case of Breese, and effecting the release of the three accused bank wreckers, ends the case in so far as the indictment found here in 1897, charging embezzlement and conspiracy to wreck the bank is concerned. There is another indictment, however, the shadow of which still hangs over the late officials and there is now authority for the statement that these three men will, in all probability, be again called to the bar of justice and required to stand trial. Direct information relative to this bill of indictment has not yet been received here from District Attorney Hester and, while it cannot be stated positively that another prosecution of the bank officials will be undertaken, it is known that there has been some effort made to induce the district attorney to again call the bank cases on this original bill of indictment and that Asheville parties are now in communication with Mr. Hester relative to the matter.

The bill of indictment that still exists was found at Greensboro in 1897. This was the original indictment and was secured in order to hold the officials after another indictment was found at Asheville. It is the one which the men were tried under and which the Circuit Court of Appeals last week held was because two members of the grand jury, negroes, had failed to file their first bill of indictment, the one found at Greensboro, simply charges conspiracy to wreck the bank. The bill found at Greensboro charged embezzlement and conspiracy to wreck the bank. It is again tried they will simply have to answer the charge of conspiracy to wreck the bank and not embezzlement. The maximum punishment for this offense is five years in the penitentiary. A well-known Asheville gentleman who has been closely identified with the bank cases since the officials were indicted, nine years ago, said this morning that the bill of indictment found at Greensboro had been carefully examined and that it was found to be perfect in every respect. It is believed that District Attorney Hester will not allow the cases to end on a technicality, but that he will bring forth the old indictment and endeavor to convict the three bank officials of conspiracy to wreck the bank.

THE MILDEST IN YEARS.

Such Has Been the Winter at Hendersonville—Many New Residences Going Up—Former Charlotte Man to Establish Riding School.

Correspondence of The Observer. Hendersonville, Feb. 12.—The residents and visitors here are enjoying the mildest winter that any one remembers in this section. Official records have been kept at this place and not one of the seven can show anything like this winter. In January the average was about five degrees above the zero point and in February it was following closely in January's steps.

Dr. R. M. Wilcox, pastor of St. James' Episcopal church, is well with his wife and child. He will be away from the city for some time, having engaged in business for the bishop of the diocese. During his absence occasional services are being held by clergymen from neighboring towns and the remaining services are taken by a lay reader.

Dr. R. B. Grimham, pastor of the Presbyterian church, who has been on the sick list for some weeks, is now able to attend to his appointments. Great improvements are being made in the Imperial Hotel which was purchased last fall by A. A. Gates, of Greenville, S. C. Mr. Gates is spending a great deal of money on his new property and proposes to open about June 1 and keep the hotel open twelve months in the year.

The recently organized city chain gang is now at work on our streets making some much needed improvements. Since the macadamizing of Main street and Anderson avenue there is comparatively little trouble in keeping the sidewalks in order and the city is making good progress on the side streets.

An unusual amount of building has been done in Hendersonville this winter. Many new residences are springing up all over town. Last year's phenomenal record in the number of summer visitors has turned a great deal of money home and a large part of it is being spent in building.

The new Blue Ridge Hotel, which is at present the largest hotel open at this time of the year, shows promise from a large number of Statesville people. It is gradually coming in and promises a very bright future. The statistics show that the climate has a fine record throughout the year. Claude Ross, formerly of Charlotte, is building a mammoth livery stable here and proposes to establish a riding school.

MAKE THEIR OWN BEER.

How Indian Territory Miners Evade Prohibition Laws.

Chicago, Correspondence. Kansas City Star. Indian Territory has a larger constabulary than any section of the United States, and many are appointed in rural districts. Several hundred Indian policemen, serving under authority of the various Indian nations and clothed with the full powers of Federal officers. Each city and incorporated town has one or more marshals which swell the list of law-enforcing officers.

Two-thirds of the arrests made by this force of officers are of persons charged with the violation of Federal liquor laws. Three offenses are named in the law—introducing, selling and manufacturing liquor. The offenders are fined and the liquor is forfeited. The offenders are but few towns where the thirty wayfarer constables of the Federal officers.

All the various brands of proprietary medicines, tinctures, flavoring extracts, and other preparations having alcohol for a base, and a ready sale and are drunk with avidity. The law is evaded by procuring their supplies in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas and bringing them into the territory by obscure and little frequented roads in covered wagons and in the hands of merchants and peddlers of various other products. The liquor, if old, is hidden in some place, many months before being caught. The profit being so large, a quart of very poor whiskey selling for \$1 or \$2, he is willing to run the risk of being caught.

Cider is another intoxicant which causes the officers much trouble. A barrel of real cider is sold for \$1.00, but the adulterated one is sold for \$0.50. The adulterated one is made by adding a quantity of molasses to the cider and diluting it with water. The adulterated one is sold for \$0.50 and is drunk with avidity. The adulterated one is made by adding a quantity of molasses to the cider and diluting it with water.

SEEK MURDERED MAN'S GOLD.

Relatives Trying to Find Lost Wealth of California Miner.

San Francisco Call. Yesterday a systematic search for the wealth of John Stinson was begun. The representative of the heirs of the man who was murdered seven years ago, are determined to locate the Government bonds he was known to possess, to find out whether the draft for \$100,000 on the Bank of England had been cashed and to discover the exact whereabouts of the Arizona and New Mexico mines.

Letters were yesterday sent broadcast in the hope of finding some, at least, of the draft. The search is being directed to the Bank of England and was an inquiry as to the \$100,000 draft. Another was hastened to the Department of the Treasury in an effort to find out whether the \$100,000 draft was cashed and to search the records for the filing of Stinson's claims and the title to his property.

According to the statements of those who knew Stinson best up to the time of his death, he was a man of wealth. With his mines and stock in other enterprises added the total value of his fortune must have been nearly \$1,000,000.

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Providence, R. I., Correspondence. N. Y. Sun. William Simmons, of Riverside, six miles below this city on Narragansett Bay, has spent much of his spare time in the last month digger. He buried treasure in a spot revealed to him in a dream. Pirates gold is what he hopes to find. Thus far the treasure has not been uncovered.

In his dream Simmons saw three tall trees in a row near a cove running back from the bay. The gold was buried beneath the second and third trees, counting from the shore side, and was in a chest bound with strong iron straps.

Psychologists may chide for themselves whether Simmons' dream was inspired by the fact that he knew of three trees standing in a row when he was asleep. They are on the edge of Bullock's Cove and are the only butternut trees in the vicinity.

Simmons enlisted the aid of a couple of friends in his digging. After they had made a hole eight feet deep they struck water, below which they investigated as well as they could with the steel rod, they haven't struck the treasure chest.

That there is enough precious metal distributed along the shores of Narragansett Bay and the neighboring waters of the Standard Oil Company to the bush is the firm belief of every true Rhode Islander. The belief is based on the fact that in the last quarter of the seventeenth century Rhode Island was a favorite cruising and outfitting place for pirates.

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