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THE CITY'S EXTENSION.

The board of aldermen, as appears more fully in our news columns, voted 6 to 4, at its meeting last night, for a city extension modified from that agreed upon heretofore.

The limit contemplated by the decision of last night is practically that suggested by Representative Preston. It means an irregular line, under which would be incorporated the immediately adjacent suburbs.

MERELY ANOTHER SLIGHT.

And now Representative Shroyer of Kentucky is being declared to accept an appointment to the judiciary committee over Representative Webb's head.

The fact that the Duke of Marlborough gets out of the high-up with \$100,000 a year of Vanderbilt money and the Duchess retains her full rank and title as the wife of a duke suggests the thought that some such ideal arrangement may come to be made from the very start in such cases instead of the vendor and vendee first underfaking to live together.

"At such an hour as ye think not!" No one who knew him would have expected Mr. W. P. Fife to die at the age of fifty and in the sudden manner he did.

CHILD LABOR LEGISLATION.

Inasmuch as child labor and the allied problem of compulsory education are up for discussion and possible legislative action in North Carolina, the results of some recent sociological experiments of this nature in Chicago may prove instructive as a warning what not to do.

Professor Graham Taylor regretfully admits that the present child labor law has resulted in keeping a large proportion of children between the ages of 12 and 14 years in idleness and blocking them under vicious influences at the most impressionable period of their lives.

"One of the greatest curses of this city is the existence of organized bands of young hoodlums who might be regarded as a living menace to them and earning a living besides, but who are forced into idleness by the law."

The Observer makes no question that child labor furnishes one of those cases in which reasonable interference by the State is justified. It is convinced that the present North Carolina child-labor law is insufficient. In the first place, there is no provision for its enforcement.

This question of child labor is an intensely practical one and legislators would do well when they approach it to consider it as practical men, basing their action upon conditions and not theories, sociological or otherwise.

THE SOUTH'S WEALTH—COTTON AND ITS OTHER SOURCES.

Friday last the House of Representatives of Congress having resolved itself into committee of the whole for the consideration of the agricultural appropriation bill, Mr. Candler of Mississippi, delivered an address in the course of which he said:

"I refer to a short length of time to the cotton plant of the South. It is the source of gratification and pleasure to us in that section of the country that the farmer and agriculturist is coming to rely more and more on the cotton plant. I am glad to see him taking an interest in his own affairs and work to a certain extent at least, to produce the product that he sells to the market and not leaving it to Wall Street to fix the price for him."

"It is a source of gratification to me to see the people of this country and paying to the people of foreign countries that we produce a certain amount of our products and we want them at that price you can buy them if you have got the money and I don't mind what we are able to take care of them and able to handle we will build warehouses in which to put our products from the cotton plant. I hope they will continue to stand shoulder to shoulder, men to men, for their own protection and their own defense. It is not until we have sold the cotton crop of 1907 for \$200,000,000, with the farmers standing ready to receive it at that price."

"It is a question of confidence and of security, and we have no doubt that the plant people of South Dakota agree with Governor Sam Elrod."

"This is a fine sentiment North Carolina does not expect the return of the bond money, it can get along without it, though if it were in the Treasury it would serve to stop several things. This State does, however, appreciate the sympathetic expression from South Dakota in the matter and the expression in deprecation of the means which were employed to make it an agency for collecting money from a sister State."

"The fact that one president of the Southern Railway was killed in a collision on his road not many weeks ago and another was very near a similar fate last Thursday while on his way to appear before a legislative committee at Raleigh leads the Danville Register to remark that the Southern is, at least, a democratic road, ditching or slaying its presidents just as it would anybody else. This is true enough. The traveling public may rest assured that it is getting a square deal in the matter."

"The conduct of the late Gen. Russell A. Alger in reserving for a post-mortem interview his denunciation of President McKinley's failure to stand by him when he was the object of unjust attack was most unseemly. It is not unusual for European ministers and diplomats to strike at enemies from their graves, but the country is fortunately rare in this country. Let a man speak out while in life or hold his peace after he is dead."

THE CHARGES SUSTAINED.

DISPENSARY REPORTED ON. Joint Investigating Committee Appointed by South Carolina Legislature Reports on Dispensary Management and Finds That Charges of Apparently Irregular Management Sustained—Dispensary Has Been Overstocked With Unsuitable Goods and Purchases Have Been Made Above Market Price—Cashed Making Order When Obligations Began to Pile Up.

Observer Bureau, 1209 Main Street, Columbia, S. C., Jan. 28. The new dispensary investigating committee, consisting of Senators Christensen, chairman, and Graydon, and Representatives Rucker, Richards and Carey, made its report to the Senate to-night. The report will be read in the House to-morrow morning. The Senate referred the report to its judiciary committee for recommendation as to the proper action.

The report is of a highly sensational nature. The committee finds the directors guilty of the charges preferred by Commissioner Tatum—that it has been stocking up the dispensary with great quantities of unsuitable goods, on which there were profits running as high as 100 per cent to the sellers, this over the repeated protests of patrons, as well as of Commissioner Tatum and county dispensers throughout the State.

These goods members of the board had the shipping clerk send out in place of goods the dispensers called for. The most sensational feature of the report is the finding that Maj. John Black, of the board, went out to Peoria and made a purchase of about \$125,000 of bulk goods from Clark Bros., which at the same time cost \$150 to \$175 a gallon, which the new blender the dispensary has employed, Mr. Norfolk, of Richmond, says is only high wine, worth about \$1.33 a gallon. The testimony shows that while Black alone made the purchase, Messrs. Wylie and Chairman Hawlinson both acquiesced. This was a cash purchase, the drafts coming in as fast as the liquor. After Clerk Mobley had paid \$30,000 on this, he wrote Major Black to hold up the balance as the drafts were coming in too fast to be met. Major Black, who is now at Hot Springs, Ark., where he is being treated, suspended all further payments. The report also says:

"That the State dispensary is overstocked, and that there was on hand in the State dispensary on January 15, 1907, about \$669,000 worth of stock."

"The \$400,000 worth of stock is sufficient to run the State dispensary. We find that this overstocking has been going on both under the old board of directors and under the new board."

"We further find that in the purchase of liquors for the dispensary, the law has not been observed in a number of instances; that liquors have been bought contrary to the rule established by the board itself for the purchase of liquor."

"We further find that the board of directors failed or refused to order sufficient quantities of X corn, X gin and X rye, although there was a big demand for this class of goods and frequent requests made to the board to order that class of goods, and that the board refused to ship out this class of goods when ordered, but we find on examination that there are on file many bids from other reputable firms offering to furnish these goods."

"We find that since the meeting of the General Assembly the board of directors has adopted a resolution that all orders for liquor must be countersigned by Commissioner Tatum."

"We have not been able to ascertain the number of cars of liquor on the sidetracks in the city or en route to the dispensary at any particular time. Mr. Tatum stated in his evidence that he was informed by the railroad authorities that on a certain day in the first week in January there were 35 cars of liquor on the tracks here. Mr. Mobley testified that he made an examination three or four days later and found 12 cars on the tracks, some of which were loaded with liquor."

"Under the authority vested in your committee, we have instructed the dispensary officials not to pay any more money to Clark Bros. or to Lehman, and we submit the matter to your honorable body for such action as in your opinion may be necessary."

SENATE DODGES DEBATE.

The Senate to-night shied off from the dispensary debate with half a dozen bills on the subject up for consideration in the form of special orders. Debate was adjourned until to-morrow when the conflict begins in both Houses. The Senate tonight killed the bill to reorganize the engineering department and have the bill written by stenographer.

RAILROAD MEN TO COLUMBIA.

The Senate committee of railroads, and probable other committees of the House, will be here before the bills affecting the railroads will have a meeting to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock for the purpose of giving a hearing to those interested in these matters. It was stated to-night that President W. W. Finley, of the Southern Railway, Washington, D. C.; Col. A. B. Anderson, of Raleigh, N. C., first vice president, and Col. A. F. Thom, general counsel, Washington, D. C., will be present at this hearing. President Finley has been spending several days at Aiken, S. C., where his family is staying during the winter months. He has recently visited Atlanta and other points of importance on the Southern system for the purpose of keeping in touch with the sentiment of the people who patronize the Southern and it is likely that he will remain in Columbia for some time to-morrow.

Convicts to Scene of Threatened Break in Levee.

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 28.—Governor Vardaman, upon request to-day sent a number of convicts to a point below Greenville, Miss., where there is a threatened break in the levee. Mothers who give their children Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup invariably find relief. Contains no opiates. Conforms to the National Pure Food and Drug Law. Sold by Hawley's Pharmacy.

FIREMEN SAVE BLOCK.

Prompt Work of Salisbury Fire Fighters Avert a Possible Disaster in Conflagration—Good Chance to Land Toledo Safe and Newberry Company, Special to The Observer.

Salisbury, Jan. 28.—Letters are now being exchanged whereby the proposition to raze the Toledo Safe and Lock Company to Salisbury is being treated. Mr. I. Schwab is in correspondence with Mr. W. C. Russell of this city, manager of the Dixie Novelty Works and Manufacturing Company and is much impressed with what he hears of Salisbury. He says should his company come here this will be the only thing of its kind South of the Ohio river and will in that respect enjoy the novelty that the Dixie Company is now monopolizing. The Toledo Company manufactures fire and burglarproof safes and controls a great number of men. Mr. Russell thinks there is a great possibility of landing the concern.

The Salisbury firemen, who by the way will be benefited to the tune of \$500 yearly if Capt. James D. McNeill's bill is passed by the Legislature, yesterday saved the Salisbury-Spencer Electric Light and Railway Company from total destruction by good work. The fire alarm was sent in before the streets were being walked and dense smoke was issuing from the sleeping room in the office. The company responded very quickly and turned the water on in such a hurry that the fire was out before many reached the place. The company's office adjoins the postoffice and both are in the Vanderford Hotel. A fire would have destroyed almost the entire block and there would have been no way to stop it.

To-morrow night is the great Baraca banquet at the Baptist church and it is expected that there will be three or four hundred people present. An attractive program has been got up and there will be some delightful music. The hours will be from 7:30 until everybody is cared for. It is decidedly a man's meeting.

The officers to-day arrested Mary Johnston, of Statesville, a colored woman either wanted for her own wrongs, or for the information that she may give concerning another. She had a valise taken from Hotel Fredell in Statesville and in it were a gold watch and gold handled scissors, property taken from the hotel. She says that another colored woman took the grip, which was found in her dress suit case, the smaller one having the valuables in it. The Statesville police will look into the matter.

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