

WILL GRAFTERS SUFFER?

THIS A PERTINENT QUESTION.

In the Matter of the Conflict Likely Between the State of South Carolina and the United States Court, Will the Most Important Phase of the Situation, the Punishment of the Thieves, Be Overlooked—United States Would Probably Give Them What They Deserve Better Than State Court—No Political Candidates Yet Out in York County, But There is Talk.

Special to The Observer.

Yorkville, S. C., March 9.—There is, of course, considerable interest in this section in the turn taken in the matter of winding up the affairs of the State dispensary. The principal interest, however, is not in the matter of what disposition shall be made of the \$500,000 in the hands of the winding-up commission as to what effect the alleged conflict between the State and United States courts will have in the matter of punishing the thieves. Practically all men of both factions, except a few of the partisan State dispensary politicians, now freely admit that there can be no doubt that such wholesale stealing as has been practiced in connection with the South Carolina State dispensary system from its inception up to the very last days of its existence, is without a parallel in the history of the State, and it is hardly probable that any Southern State has ever had a similar experience so far as the amount of money involved is concerned. While it is generally believed that if every concern now holding claims against the State could be forced to make a correct showing as to charges for booze during its entire business relations with the State, very few, if any, would be entitled to receive a cent on the claims they are now contending for, while on the other hand many of them would owe the State large sums of money. But, as stated, the people generally are not interested in this. They want to see the grafters from the largest to the smallest behind the bars, and they have a notion that it is possible that in case the United States courts should be able to take charge of this side of the proposition there would be more likelihood of convictions than there would be should the grafters be tried by the State Circuit Court in Columbia with juries composed of the same material that has been turning thieves, murderers and other criminals loose these ten years and more. The United States courts should be able to take charge of this side of the proposition there would be more likelihood of convictions than there would be should the grafters be tried by the State Circuit Court in Columbia with juries composed of the same material that has been turning thieves, murderers and other criminals loose these ten years and more. The United States courts should be able to take charge of this side of the proposition there would be more likelihood of convictions than there would be should the grafters be tried by the State Circuit Court in Columbia with juries composed of the same material that has been turning thieves, murderers and other criminals loose these ten years and more.

POLITICS IN YORK.

While no candidates for the various positions to be filled in this county next summer have as yet been announced, still the politicians are not asleep by any means. It is generally understood that there will be not less than three candidates for State Senator to succeed Mr. J. S. Brice, who will probably not be a candidate. Those spoken of are Messrs. James E. Beaumgard, of Clover; W. H. Stewart and W. B. Wilson, Jr., of Rock Hill. Mr. Beaumgard represented the county ably and successfully in the lower house for several terms, and has a large following. Mr. Stewart has been reading clerk of the Senate for a number of years and is well known in political circles. Mr. Wilson is an attorney and has never held any political position other than that of county attorney, which he is now holding. While it is a fact that considerable opposition has developed against Senator Brice since he commenced the fight several years ago that resulted in the overthrow of the State dispensary, still there is little reason to suppose that he would be defeated should he offer for re-election. Mr. Brice has a large and growing law practice which naturally suffers during his absence from his office during the Legislature and this is why he has about decided to retire from active politics.

OPPOSITION TO DR. SAYE ALSO.

The same crowd that opposes Senator Brice also opposes Representative Saye, and they are laying their plans to defeat him should he offer for re-election next summer. It is their announced purpose to attack him on the most excellent road law which he framed and succeeded in having passed at the last session; an outline of which was furnished in this correspondence recently. It is to be hoped that the doctor will become a candidate for re-election and fight the demagogues who are opposing this, the most sensible and practical road law ever enacted in the State, to a finish and if he does there is little doubt that he will win. York county can ill afford to lose the services of so valuable a Representative as Dr. Saye has been, and it is reasonable to suppose that a majority of the voters know it.

MONEY USED ILLEGALLY?

So far as known at this time there is no pronounced favorite in the race for United States Senator in this county as yet, but it is pretty safe to say that if as the campaign progresses circumstantial evidence indicates that money is being used other than in a strictly honorable and legitimate way to influence votes for any special candidate or candidates, that candidate or those candidates will be slaughtered numerically on election day by the voters whose votes are not purchasable and it is safe to say that the latter class composes not less than 85 per cent. of the total vote. The same statement will apply to candidates for other offices, but in connection with the senatorial race for the reason that it is reported that money is to be used freely.

Short Items of News From Chester, S. C.

Chester, S. C., March 9.—A Farmers' Union was organized at Simpson's, in this county, last week with the following officers: Alex. Wise, president; Richard Wilkes, vice president; N. H. Stone, secretary and treasurer; E. P. Wright, doorkeeper; Lee Carter, chaplain; W. J. Stone, financier; B. D. Wilkes, conductor.

Mr. R. Hope Horns has bought out Mr. M. Roman's pool rooms in the Davess Building. Mr. Horns will put a competent man in charge and will devote as much of his personal attention to the business as he can spare from his duties with the C. & N. W. Railway.

Fire Saturday afternoon destroyed the dwelling of J. T. Douglas, a thrifty colored barber, and most of the furniture. The fire department responded promptly, but on reaching the scene was unable to do anything as account of there being no hydrant in the neighborhood.

Striking headaches, indigestion, constipation, indicate unhealthy condition of the bowels. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea makes the bowels work naturally and restores the system to perfect health and happiness. 55c. Tea or Tablets. R. H. Jordan & Co.

CONTRACTORS TO START WORK.

The Enlargement of Asheville's Federal Building Will Begin at Once—Many Important Cases on Trial in Buncombe Court.

Special to The Observer.

Asheville, March 9.—Members of the Knoxville contracting firm which has the contract for the improving and enlarging the government building at this place have arrived here and taken offices in the Soudley, near the Federal Building. It is expected that the superintendent of construction will arrive this week and that immediately the construction of

what will virtually be a new building will be undertaken. A disbursing officer is to be appointed, but it is probable that this official will be a local man. The structure must be complete and turned over to the government by July 1st, 1908. The improvements will cost approximately \$50,000.

Superior Court convened here this morning with Judge Peebles presiding. The court is a four weeks' term for the trial of civil cases only. There are sixty cases set for trial during the first two weeks, including nineteen against the Southern Railway Company. Many important damage suits are on the trial docket and the term

will be one of the most interesting and important for years.

Wants State Committee to Declare For Bryan.

Special to The Observer.

Fayetteville, March 9.—The following resolution, offered by Mr. H. McD. Robinson, was unanimously adopted by the Democratic meeting here Saturday: Resolved, That this meeting requests the State executive committee, at its meeting in Raleigh on next Wednesday, to approve the nomination of Mr. Bryan and the principles of the Nebraska platform; and that

Mr. E. J. Hale, as the representative of this section on the State central committee, be requested to urge a resolution to this effect and offer its adoption by the committee.

No Use to Die.

"I have found out that there is no use to die of lung trouble as long as you can get Dr. King's New Discovery," says Mrs. J. P. White, of Rushboro, Pa. "I would not be alive to-day only for that wonderful medicine. It loosens up a cough quicker than anything else, and cures lung disease even after the case is pronounced hopeless." This most reliable remedy for coughs and colds, la grippe, asthma, bronchitis and hoarseness is sold under guarantee at all drug stores. 50c. and \$1. Trial bottle free.

HEROIC FIGHT WAS MADE.

Every Effort Was Made to Save Those Who Were in Boat That Capsized.

Special to The Observer.

Greenville, S. C., March 9.—The three persons who were drowned in the lake at the Appalachian Mill, about four miles northeast of Greer, in Greenville county, Sunday afternoon were Mrs. G. W. Keller, of the village; Mrs. W. C. Clark, formerly of Chester, S. C., and Mr. W. F. Boone, of Danville, Va. Those who witnessed the accident give a touching story of heroism in the fight for life of self

and loved ones. The news of the accident rapidly spread over the village, and in a few minutes a large band of rescuers were at work. There was no other boat available and this was difficult. Mr. Boone lost his life in a heroic effort to save others. Mrs. Keller also saw her two children rescued before she went down to death. The three bodies were soon located and taken to an undertaking establishment. Mr. Boone's remains were taken to Danville for interment and Mrs. Clark's to Chester. Several of the number who made such a close escape had their nerves shattered and are reported to be seriously ill.



GOING UP HIGHER



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OUR LEADING BRANDS

R. J. & R. \$5.25 & \$6.25 SHOE FOR MEN

THE Patriot \$4.25 SHOE FOR MEN

FOR MEN AND BOYS BUILT FOR SERVICE

THE Society Star \$4.25 SHOE FOR WOMEN

THE Society \$3.25 SHOE FOR WOMEN

THE Mayflower \$2.25 & \$3.25 SHOE FOR WOMEN

Our Family SHOES FOR ALL THE FAMILY

FOR BOYS & GIRLS

TALLEST BUILDING IN THE WORLD.

THE shoe industry of St. Louis has grown so rapidly that thousands and thousands of good merchants now know that St. Louis to-day is the greatest shoe manufacturing center in the world; that more pairs of shoes are made daily by St. Louis manufacturers than are made in any other city. Practically all St. Louis manufacturers are increasing their output, but the greatest and most remarkable growth has been made in "Star Brand" Shoes. Think of it! Ten years ago there was not a "Star Brand" Shoe made, and to-day Ten Big Specialty Factories are busy trying to supply the demand.

To illustrate the magnitude of these Ten Big "Star Brand" Factories and office building: If they were all combined in one great structure, you would see the tallest building in the world. It would front one hundred (100) feet on Washington avenue and one hundred and forty (140) feet on Tenth street, and tower fifty-seven (57) stories high, and would be called the Commercial Success and Wonder of the World.

In this building would be the 5000 employes who make the ten high-class "Star Brand" specialty lines. These expert shoe artists constantly working on one specific line of shoes. For instance, a specialist on "R. J. & R." \$5.00 and \$6.00 high-grade shoes for men never sees a cheap shoe. This specializing in the manufacture of "Star Brand" Shoes explains their high degree of perfection.

The star trade-mark on the heel of every "Star Brand" shoe is a guarantee of honest shoemaking. It is the trade-mark now looked for by people who demand good dependable footwear. A protection against all imitations. The star that can not be found on any but good shoes.

The daily manufacturing capacity of the ten "Star Brand" factories is 52,000 pairs. To make so many shoes necessitates the buying of immense quantities of shoe material; often train-loads of leather are bought. This quantity buying of leathers and findings for cash secures for us the very lowest prices, and explains why "Star Brand" Shoes are made better and sold for less. To manufacture good shoes economically you must be properly equipped. That is why we have ten big factories.

Over one hundred "Star Brand" salesmen have just left St. Louis to call on over 15,000 "Star Brand" merchants in nearly every section of the United States. They are showing the strongest line of shoes that have ever been sent out of the World's Greatest Shoe Market. In their trunks they have Ten Big Specialty Lines that are made by one company, sold by one sales force, shipped and handled by one shipping and office force, and advertised by one advertising department. This means the most economical manufacturing, selling and distributing that is possible. The merchant who confines his purchases to the "Star Brand" line profits by these economies, because he gets better shoes for the prices paid. The wearer of "Star Brand" shoes also profits by these economies, because he gets a better shoe for the price paid.

The ninth year's shipments of "Star Brand" shoes were over Ten Millions of Dollars, which was a gain in shipments over the previous year of over Two Millions, this being the second Two Million Dollar gain in yearly shipments made in the past three years, and the two largest gains ever made in one year by any shoe house in the world. Such evidence, coupled with the fact that over three million people are wearing "Star Brand" shoes, is conclusive proof that "Star Brand Shoes Are Better."

Those merchants who desire to handle the most satisfying and strongest advertised line of shoes on earth should write at once for one of the "Star Brand" salesmen. The wearer who is looking for honest footwear should ask his dealer for "Star Brand" shoes.

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