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ANNOUNCEMENT.

STATE WHISKEY SELLING. SOUTH CAROLINA'S EXPERIMENT BEING TESTED.

It has resulted in a decrease of Drunkenness—The Procedure Necessary to Secure Liquor—Mines and Drunks are Debarred.—The Women Rejoice. Correspondence New York Post.

GRENVILLE, S.C., Aug. 23.—I have been studying the new dispensary law of this state. This is the third largest city in South Carolina, situated among the foot hills of the Blue Ridge mountains, thirty miles from the state line, and more than 100 miles from the capital, so the eye of Governor Tillman does not run upon the liquor dealer as often as it does in other states.

In the first place I find that there is a noticeable disposition among all classes here to give the dispensary law a fair trial, and the more intelligent have been quick to see the dangerous precedent that would be established by resistance to it. It is however galling to their idea of liberty.

The dispensary law is very simple, and nearly every one understands it. It provides that no one shall sell or receive liquors from outside the state except authorized officers. Even a club cannot buy rum wine or beer or employ a bar-tender under the pseudonym of "bar-fet-tender."

The dispensary is situated on the main street, in a large store-room, the front part of which is separated from the rear by a railing. The dispenser sits at a desk behind this with a pad of applications in front of him, filling out one of the blanks as he makes each sale, the

carry on their work like expert service detectives, and though they have generally been "spotted" in a few hours by liquor men in every town they have visited, the countrymen are usually ignorant of their duty.

The women who are black alikes have followed the lead in this, the fact that many men argue that there is as much opportunity to drink now as before.

Any wife, mother or sister, any relative, may go to the dispensary and ask a man to be refused when he applies for liquor. The law is strict for this get it. The dispenser is personally acquainted with nearly every man in the country, and where he suspects one person purchasing for another, he requires an oath from him that it will not be consumed by himself or his own family.

This is but a sample of the law, which somewhat, but by roundabout ways, the state can enforce practically the same requirement. Farmers' wives have lately been heard to say frequently that belligious husbands now return home sober when, before the closing of the saloons, they were drunkards.

People who live on the outskirts of the city have observed that the farmers start home earlier in the afternoon than formerly.

A story was told to your correspondent of an ignorant negro woman whose husband, known to be a drunkard, could not get work. In one such instance that one hour. The man had gone down town on Saturday night with his week's wages in his pocket, as he had always done, to get drunk. But he found no saloons, and upon going to the dispensary was refused, the dispenser telling him that he could never buy

AFFAIRS OF THE HOUR.

TELEGRAMS FROM THE EARTH'S FOUR QUARTERS GIVEN.

Little Matters that interest everybody—Notes from All Over—Little of Everything Easily Read and Remembered.

The Nicaragua Canal construction is over. The watermen have gone into the hands of a receiver.

The Denver "Evening Post" has been forced to suspend owing to financial difficulties.

Charles Keener has been convicted of manslaughter at Akron, O., and given a long prison sentence.

A dispatch from Black River Falls, Wis., states that the cranberry crop has been destroyed by a frost.

Despatches received in London from Bangkok state that a French protectorate over Siam is imminent.

The Americans have decided upon 200,000 tons as the September output instead of 250,000.

The Texas dy is giving great trouble to farmers in the neighborhood of Ottawa, amounting to almost a plague.

Eight thousand hungry persons were fed by charitable in New York on Tuesday.

Burglars carried off a safe containing \$2,000 at Valparaiso, Ind., but were unable to leave it after cutting it a quarter of a mile.

Miss Maria Prescott, the popular American actress, died in New York Monday night. She was well-known to theatregoers.

The Ottawa Ottawans intended observing Nov. 5th, the anniversary of the discovery of the gunpowder plot, by a church parade.

Robert Danford, of Holloway, Ont., has lived to look upon the face of his great-grandson. The old gentleman is nine years old.

Emperor William at the banquet in Metz, during the September manoeuvres, is expected to explain why he declined to be the guest of Strasbourg.

The debt of the late Duke of Saxe-Coburg is estimated at \$3,000,000 marks, and it is said that the Duke of Edinburgh has inherited nothing but debts from the Duke Ernest.

Geo. Alexander, aged sixty, colored,

was run over and killed Wednesday evening, while crossing the track at Richmond, one mile from Halifax, by a Windsor & Annapolis railway express.

Yesterday the city of Toronto accepted tenders for the supply of coal to public buildings at \$5.15 per ton gross, \$5.35 per ton for small, and \$4.15 per ton for soft. Hardwood is to be supplied at \$4.49 per cord, and pine at \$2.75.

A limestone village in Lincolnshire, a seat of land overlooking the village schools, has been given small allowances for the older boys of the school, where, under the direction of a professional gardener, they are taught to cultivate the land.

Good News From Regina For Mothers.

Knowing that mothers are always interested in matters that concern the "babies," we give a few extracts from the letter of a mother residing in Regina, N.W.T., she says: "Our druggist here persuaded me to use Lactated Food this summer for my baby, and I am glad he so strongly recommended it to me, as I have found it to be the best food my baby has used. Previous to using the Lactated Food I was feeding my little boy with — Food, but he did not seem to grow, and he was often suffering from constipation. Just now, under the Lactated Food, he is strong and robust, and always happy all day. It is a great pity that all mothers do not use it. I am sure that a single week's trial would convince them of its superiority as an infant food."

If there are mothers who have not yet tried Lactated Food, a trial, the Wells & Hitchcock, will send a full size to any address.

The manufacturers do this so that every mother will be satisfied with the great Food. Makers of poor foods never send out their goods in this way.

Look, hyur, chilum: see what Mr. Spenser done gone done for us."

It is worthed for an actural fact that the dispensary law has been thus referred to more than once.

The greatest objection to the law outside the circle of saloon-keepers, owners of the buildings they occupied, and wholesale liquor-dealers, all of whose pockets are affected, arises from its alleged unconstitutionality. The judges are tearing down the outlyng fences defending the law, and many persons think it is only a question of time when the whole act will be repealed. If the dispensary law does not satisfy Gov. Tillman when the legislature meets a few months hence, it is feared that instead of reverting to the old condition of things, he will issue his orders for a general protection law, or on the other hand, provide for a tax on a license to every city and cross-road storekeeper in the state. No one seems to doubt that he will be elected again next year, if he does not make up his mind to displace Mr. Butler as United States senator.

W. S.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Is Drunkenness a Disease?

KINGSTON, Aug. 31.—To the Editor:

I was somewhat interested in the question by Mr. Knott concerning this subject, and in particular in a physical disease. I must say that I do not regard it as disease; it is certainly the cause of many diseases, but the thing itself I do not regard as such. We must remember the grand fundamental truth that God has left man to the freedom of his own will. No man becomes a drunkard without giving himself up to it. He is given by God to exercise his will power and abstain from drinking. Failing to exercise this power which he knows to be for his welfare, and the welfare of his family and friends, and for society at large, he commits a crime if he yields to the temptation and drinks. Man is always a sinner, but a drunkard is a greater sinner. The thief, the murderer, the gambler, may demand sympathy and understanding. There are cases when he is innocent of the sin, one by one their barkers are going with them. Of the half a dozen still here, one or two have gone into other business, one was fortunate enough to be appointed state dispenser here, and another, a negro, proclaimed his "conversion" and was duly baptised last Sunday by the Baptist parson, which the negroes occupied, and still was visiting him. They are still with him, but this is considered to be disorderly conduct in the latter period, as compared with thirty in the month just gone by. The police report is true with the negroes, who, however, tractable when sober, are most difficult and unmanageable when intoxicated. They are to be seen in front of the saloons, particularly on Saturday evenings, blocking the sidewalks and indulging in loud language. By common consent they were not interfered with so long as they refrained from quarrelling. Now the negroes go home earlier, and the grocers report an increase in sales to this part of the population.

It is also stated that a large number of habitual drinkers, especially young men, seem to have dropped the habit to a great extent. There are now no lounging places for the boys who "go down town" at night except in the drug stores, where the sale of all glasses of beer, wine, beer, and ale is prohibited by law. This is not an enviable position to make the proprietors annoyed there. Minors cannot purchase at the dispensary, and any one who acts for them under a false representation may, upon conviction, be fined and imprisoned.

They may obtain a supply from a druggist, of which there are several in existence, but the difficulty is to get the youth to do this.

It is also stated that the government of this great medicine, give it a trial and see what the result is.

P.S.—Too willing will give my name but it might lead to a personal controversy, which I wish to avoid.

PROTECT THE FISH.

Farmers of Lakes Petitioned the Government for Protection.

A largely signed petition was sent from the township of Olden to the department of marine and fisheries, protesting against obstructions placed in the river and streams in the northern part of the county of Frontenac. The obstructions consist of mill-dams which are filled with all sorts of debris. A great deal of interest has been taken in this matter in the township and the community passed a resolution condemning the obstructions, the results of which have been that lakes that were rich in fish have very few in them. When the fish went to spawn they started up the stream and have to gather at the dam where they are slaughtered every year in large numbers. The number of fish killed in this way cannot be estimated.

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