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# WORLD

### AVERY PATTON.

The **Investigator of the Winding up of Commission—Peculiar Fitness of Other Members.**

The winding up of the state dispensary has brought to light a new variety of grossness—no longer the usual "business as usual" but a new variety of grossness, in the person of a man who has been a member of the commission since its inception. This man is Avery Patton, of Greenville, member of the commission to wind up the affairs of the state dispensary.

Mr. Patton never lets up in his work of reading invoices. There never was a man so indefatigable. And in these invoices he finds comparative truth. He reads the tragedy of a state's shame, the drama of a period of public plundering which makes men shudder when they think of the disaster which has been brought upon their state. To one unformed of such deep lid to indicate to rob the state, these invoices would be a revelation, probably, to indicate rascality, and it is as easy in interpretation to Mr. Patton as it is the multiplication table.

He reads and reads on, not for the pleasure of becoming acquainted with a state's disgrace, but to arrive as nearly as possible at an explanation. Of how much the state has been robbed. This is a question which never is answered, for there are hundreds of accounts, going back over a period of 16 years. During some of these there was no tracing, it is claimed, but as the dispensary monopoly became more and more fixed in its bearings, as it became more and more dominant in politics—until the time came when in nearly every county no man could be elected to any office unless he proclaimed loudly in favor of the rotten machine.

The more he reads these invoices, the clearer insight does Avery Patton get into the plundering which was the process of the state. Here with a state paying \$12.02 a case for Anheuser-Busch beer, and at the same time the local dispensaries in some counties ordered from the state for "Paul Jones" case goods that same beer at \$2 a case less than the state itself was paying. This is not one case but was the inevitable rule on tens of thousands of cases.

Invokes show what "Paul Jones" representative admitted, that the state was charged with the "Paul Jones" case goods that smaller dealers were charged and it was admitted that on 2,400 cases there was an overcharge of \$1.20. Mr. Patton has gone into the matter more deeply and has found that prior to 1902 there was plundering by the agents of this same commission in South Carolina since 1890 he paid for "Paul Jones" case goods \$6,500 more than small dealers in other states would have done.

There is no case forward in open court and admitted that he paid money to any official of the state. Mr. Patton rarely gets a word in for there has always been a middle man. But it is believed that the commission has astounding evidence which is withholding.

### Fraser Lyon's Work.

Fraser Lyon ought to be accounted to criticism by this time. He has had sundry more through the columns in his brief, but interesting career. Now the papers which do not want him to succeed are criticizing him for going to Georgia to get lawyers to assist him in the dispensary case. They say there are plenty of lawyers in South Carolina as able and just as brilliant as little Tom Fraser. Perhaps there are. There are many smart lawyers in South Carolina, and some of the smartest of them are retained by the very man Lyon is after, and some of the other smart ones are representing whiskey houses having claims against the dispensary.

But if in the future there are investigations in public, visitors will see a tall spare man impatient and aggressive, with phrases dangling from his right ear, glaring through light blue eyes at a mass of invoices, occasionally firing questions in gutting-gun rapidity—this man is Avery Patton, a typical legislator.—The State.

"I trust this may be read by many others from kidney and bladder trouble," writes Mr. Joe King of Woodstock, Ga. "I have used your medicine and had nothing to say even temporarily. I have used it for 30 days' treatment of Piles for 30 days. This one bottle cured me and money could not buy the value it has been to me. Guaranteed by Chester Drug Co."

**A Murder 100 Years Ago.**  
One of the oldest readers of the News and Herald recalls a murder committed in Fairfield county one that gained prominence from the fact that a high official was waylaid and shot down, and from the fact that the man who committed this dastardly deed, did not pay the penalty of his awful crime till 20 years later.

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**Right Pay Their Per-Diem.**  
It is a mistake to think the legislators do not take a warm place in the hearts of certain institutions. Already during the present session, the Legislature has been named at Whipshrop and now the Citadel authorities are extending an invitation to the police to come down and see the new quarters. These quarters are even set out in charters, tendered for out of private funds. It might be added that both of these institutions are asking for additional appropriations, which they should certainly have. As the University of South Carolina is also doing this, the Legislature is asking for more needed improvements, an invitation is now in order that this historic institution to visit the new quarters.

**Rising from the Grave.**  
An Annapolis manufacturer, W. A. Ferwell, of Luoma, Md., relates a most remarkable experience. He says that he was talking to a man named Ferwell, a well-known contractor in the District of Columbia. He says that he was talking to a man named Ferwell, a well-known contractor in the District of Columbia. He says that he was talking to a man named Ferwell, a well-known contractor in the District of Columbia.

### Andy Johnson in South Carolina.

In a letter to the Atlanta Constitution, Mr. T. L. Grant, of Columbus, S. C., refers to a book of sketches of famous men, written by Hon. B. F. Perry, of Greenville, S. C., in which the story of the life of Andrew Johnson is told. Mr. Grant quotes Perry's comparison of Johnson and Lincoln, in which he claims that Johnson was an abler and firmer man than Lincoln, and estimates which doubtless will not be generally accepted. A further quotation tells of Johnson's experience in courtship in South Carolina as a young student.

He was born in 1806. His parents were very poor and had no education. He held Judge Wardlaw, when visited by the Judge in 1865, that he was hired an apprentice to the latter's trade when he was 10 years old.

In the latter part of 1828 President Jackson passed the House unanimously last night after Frank G. Thompson had explained the necessity for more courts in Richland in order to relieve the congested condition of the criminal and civil docket. The bill was explained by the Solicitor citing the fact that prisoners were often deprived of their constitutional rights for a speedy trial.

**Hunting for Trouble.**  
"I've lived in California 20 years, and am still hunting for trouble in the way of a state of no law," says a man who writes Charles Walters, of Allagany, S. C. He says that he has been hunting for trouble in the way of a state of no law.

**Receiver for Whitney Co.**  
Annelie, N. C., Feb. 3.—Judge Pritchard in the United States Circuit Court today granted the petition of G. Brown & Co. for the appointment of a receiver for the Whitney county of Rowan county, near Salisbury.

**Shooting at Negro Church.**  
Lancaster, February 8.—John McCloud, a white man, who had been ordered, had a pistol shot at Zion Church, in Rowan county, yesterday. McCloud had mortally wounded two negroes, and was himself wounded in the chest and his hand was in a perilous condition.

**Best Laxative Cough Syrup for Coughs, Croup and Whooping Cough.**  
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**A New Circuit.**  
The substitute bill creating an eleventh judicial circuit passed the House unanimously last night after Frank G. Thompson had explained the necessity for more courts in Richland in order to relieve the congested condition of the criminal and civil docket.

**Valuable Lesson.**  
"Six years ago I learned a valuable lesson," writes John Pleasant, of Marlboro, N. C. "I learned that the King's New Life Pills, and the longer I take them the better I find them."

**It Would Not Hurt.**  
The other day I would not hurt you. I would not hurt you. I would not hurt you. I would not hurt you. I would not hurt you.

**Four Children in One Year.**  
Cor. Columbia Record.—Washington, Feb. 4.—The attention of an extraordinary occurrence in South Carolina. This is the birth of four children in one year.

**La Grippe and Pneumonia.**  
Foley's Honey and Tar cures in grippe and pneumonia. It is a most reliable and effective remedy for all cases of La Grippe and Pneumonia.

**Most Dangerous Animal.**  
"What is the most dangerous of all the wild animals that I have encountered?" says H. Bradlee, one of the big game hunters of the world.

### Bryan Discusses Roosevelt.

Reading, Pa., Feb. 3.—William J. Bryan, at an informal reception at his hotel tonight, discussed issues and compared the policies of President Roosevelt as endorsed by the Democrats. "President Roosevelt," he said, "endorses the position of the Democrats as enumerated in numerous platforms on the regulation of railroads, suppression of trusts, the income tax and arbitration, but he does not endorse the Democratic position on the election of United States Senators by the people or the use of the jury in cases of contempt, where contempt is committed outside the courts, or the Democratic position on imperialism."

**Public Ownership.**  
Mr. Bryan declared, "is not a question, and will not be until people are given regulations which they regard as a violation of their property."

**At the Fall Fair.**  
The day falls were seen how strong the desire is in men to be humbugged. People who have good sense in most matters will gather around a fair and feed him their dollars with positive joy.

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TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION: TWO DOLLARS A YEAR, CASH. FRIDAY, FEB. 7, 1909.

That rumbling, as of canonading, that you hear north of town is the noise of good roads.

COLUMBIA LETTER.

Special to The Lantern.

Columbia, Feb. 4.—After a recess from Friday to the General Assembly put in two hard days' work this week, and made considerable progress with the matters before them, but there are numerous important bills still to be considered.

For instance, the Senate has not yet acted upon any of the following: The Lien Law, the Labor Contract Law, the rate bill, or prohibition, except to reject the Talbert bill. On the Labor Contract bill there is likely to be a serious difference between the Senate and the House.

The Senate has prepared and introduced a judiciary committee bill, the House went through that body without the least trouble, as it had been thoroughly discussed in committee and conference.

The Senate has debated the liquor question considerably, and several bills on this subject are on the calendar as special orders, but the only one which has been voted on is the bill of Senator Talbert, introduced last year.

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THE CITY FATHERS.

Street Overseer Believed Of His Duty.—Tuesday Night's Meeting.

The city council met Tuesday evening, the following members being present: Mayor Caldwell, Aldermen Walker, Murr, Heyman, McFadden, Davidson and Peay.

The minutes of the last regular and special meetings were read and approved.

The report of the chief of police showed that fines amounting to \$161.50 had been collected during the month of January. The mayor reported that he had sent an unusually large number to the chain gang during the month just closed.

The police have been instructed to use their best efforts to break up gambling, and they have succeeded during the month in breaking up several games.

The first and most important matter demanding the attention of the council was the case of Mr. M. Wallace, street overseer. Mr. Wallace while in an intoxicated condition Monday afternoon handled his post rather recklessly, seriously wounding a fine male belonging to Mr. Obadiah Roberts and firing in rather dangerous directions.

The salary was fixed at \$20 each, and the matter of selecting the men was left in the hands of Mr. Heyman, chairman of the fire committee.

Mr. Walker referred to complaints that have recently come to his ears in reference to certain vicious dogs that infest certain streets and attack horses and pedestrians.

After some discussion it was decided to draw up an ordinance to be voted on at the next meeting.

Mr. Peay, chairman of the finance committee, offered a resolution to this effect: That the legislative delegation of this county be instructed to take such steps as are necessary, if any legislative action is necessary.

Looking to the issuance of \$26,000 worth of improvement bonds by the city of Chester, said bonds to bear 4 1/2 per cent interest, payable semi-annually, and to run for 40 years with privilege of prior redemption in 20 years.

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beg leave to report to you the causes of the stops I had to make Saturday night.

We had one of our unusually heavy loads, and it was impossible for me to keep up steam. The boiler pressure is one hundred and ten pounds. With this pressure the engine carries its load fairly well, but when I tried to let in water, the pressure was reduced to one hundred pounds; then the engine was unable to do the work.

At 6:35 I had to take off the lights; at 7:45 I put them on again; at 7:50 they were off again; at 8:40, and on by 8:50.

By this time the load was lighter and everything ran smoothly. Now, you need not expect any better service until there is something done to help your steam plant. If you think this is any fault of mine, I am ready to turn over to some one else. I give my very best services at all times to the town, and when these stop occur no one is more worried than I.

I beg leave to remain, Yours very respectfully, W. E. Sledge. Council adjourned.

If you suffer with indigestion, constipation, flatulency and cross, no strength or appetite, your system is unhealthy. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea makes the system strong and healthy. 35c. Tea or Tablets. J. J. Stringfellow.

New House Bills. Mr. A. is twice a bill to provide for the re-enrollment of the qualified electors in the State.

Wares and Means Committee.—A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to amend the amount of the composition to be paid to the county officers of the various counties of the State."

Mr. Dixon.—A bill to empower and authorize the board of trustees to regulate the schedules of railroads and street railroads in the city of Columbia during the annual fair.

Mr. Miller.—A bill to amend section 2 of an act entitled "An act to provide the age and time in which road duty shall be performed in certain counties in this State, and to provide for and fix the amount of communication tax in lieu thereof." approved Feb. 22, 1908, so as to exempt carriers on rural free delivery routes from communication tax in county, city and town.

Mr. Dixon.—A bill to validate and confirm a deed of conveyance by Adam P. Flood, supervisor, and James H. Allen and J. B. Kerley, county commissioners of Fairfield county, to R. E. Richardson.

Mr. Hughes.—A bill to amend code of laws of South Carolina, 1902, vol. 1, sec. 1467, relating to drainage in certain counties, so far as the same affects Union county.

Mr. Harmon.—A bill to provide a punishment for grand larceny.

Mr. T. is a joint resolution to regulate and authorize the board of trustees of Clemson Agricultural college to refund to Marlboro Wholesale Grocery Co. \$120.25, paid for fertilizer tags which were not used.

THE STORE OF QUALITY

JOSEPH WYLIE & CO.

WILL HAVE THEIR ANNUAL White - Goods - Opening

Commencing Wednesday, February 12th, and continuing the rest of the week. You are most cordially invited to visit our store and give our display of Spring Merchandise the benefit of your closest inspection and criticism.

We say with pride, pleasure and prudence, that our This Season's Exposition in White Goods, Laces, Embroideries and all the latest novelties of the season, excel our previous efforts.

During this opening, we will offer the following SPECIALS. These we have gotten up especially for this occasion, each and every one of them is a bargain.

- HERE ARE A FEW OF THEM: \$1.00 Will buy 13 yards of West End Bleaching. \$1.00 Will buy 10 yards of Fruit of Loom or Androscoogin Bleaching. 89 Cts. Per yard for the Famous Gold Medal Black Taffeta Silk, every yard guaranteed. \$1.50 Per yard for the Money-Back Black Taffeta. You know what it is. It retails at \$2.00. 23 Cts. Per yard for a good 20 inch White Habutai Silk. 38 Cts. Per yard for a good 27 inch colored Jap Silk. 45 Cts. Per Yard for a 36 inch White Habutai Silk. This is good value.

All other Silks, including Beau-de-Soies, Taffetas, Foulards, Habutais, Rajahs, etc, will be offered at 10 per cent reduction.

Table with 3 columns: Special #, Description, Price. Includes items like Special 1-1 Lot Mill End Bleached Domestic, Special 2-1 Beautiful quality 40 inch Persian Lawn, Special 3-7 Lot 40 inch Mill End India Linen, etc.

During this opening we will offer the following reductions in Winter Goods: 10 Per Cent Discount on all Wool Dress Goods. Ladies' and Children's Underwear, Children's Cloaks, Furs, Blankets, Lap Robes, etc. at exactly first cost.

We are sincere in our statement when we say you will find better values and lower prices during this opening than have been offered before.

Our invitation is genuine, we assure you, and we hope to be favored with a visit.

Remember the date, WEDNESDAY, FEB. 12TH, and continuing through the rest of the week.

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