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TEN CENTS A WEEK

ANTI-PROHIBITIONISTS SCORE DR. BROUGHTON

**Member From Savannah Says That Pulpit Statements
Are Without Semblance of Truth.**

ATLANTA, Ga., July 28.—The anti-prohibitionists in the State Legislature forgot the truce yesterday, rolled up their sleeves, grabbed their war clubs and sailed into the opposition with such bitter invective that an aged clerk shook his head and remarked:

"Nothing like that ever happened in the Legislature in the forty years I've been attending it."

The fun began when Anderson, of Savannah, who is fighting the near-beer bill, arose to a question of personal privilege. He was white-faced, trembling and had to moisten his lips several times before he found his voice.

"I notice," he began, "that a local minister named Rev. Len. G. Broughton is quoted in the press as having said in a sermon that I was fighting the near-beer bill, because I had bought stock in a Savannah brewery, after the prohibition bill was passed, and that I was the only man in the State who had made money out of prohibition in Georgia."

"I desire to say that this preacher is a wilful, malicious, reckless, malignant and vicious liar. I fully expected to be assailed and vilified, when I obeyed my constituents' will and opposed the Alexander bill. But I never even dreamed that a minister of the gospel, a follower of Him who preached charity and taught truth, would stoop to become a slanderer and a common liar."

"In the first place, no Savannah brewery, nor stock in one, has been sold since prohibition went into effect. Hence this is another lie of the reverend hypocrite. About fifteen years ago, I bought ten shares in a Savannah brewery, and paid \$100 a share. I was out of the State when the prohibition bill passed, and when I returned and tried to sell my stock, I could not. It is now worth about

\$50 or \$60 a share, but cannot be sold.

"This Alexander bill is a new prohibition bill, and we already have the strongest prohibition bill ever drafted. If it is not enforced, then it is because the officers are negligent and the people do not want it enforced. I have never placed as much as a straw in the way of its enforcement. But you know you cannot endorse an unpopular law."

Anderson sat down in a breathless silence and little representative J. A. Slade, slight, dignified and ministerial looking, arose.

Slade is from Muscogee county, and is a Baptist minister, the same denomination which Broughton serves. Everyone expected a bitter retort to Anderson's outbreak. What was the astonishment of all, then, when Slade went even further than Anderson in denouncing his fellow-clergyman.

"I was astounded and insulted," he said, "to hear the slander heaped upon a worthy member of this Legislature by a man who professes to be a minister of the gospel. I am a missionary Baptist preacher. I believe in practical temperance, but do not believe in prohibition. In the name of all good Baptists, however, I want to resent this attack upon Mr. Anderson by a long haired, loud mouthed, itinerant preacher, who has done more harm to the temperance cause than all the brewers and distillers in the world. And the really honest temperance advocates should realize that unless they curb these freak extremists they will see the pendulum swing to the other extreme."

Speaker Holden did not let anyone else get the floor, declining to recognize several excitable members, and calmly forced a resumption of the consideration of the tax bill.

Dr. Broughton last night gave out the following in regard to the scath-

BETTER PRICES FOR SEA ISLAND COTTON

FARMERS' UNION BRANCH MEETING IN SAVANNAH.

**Discuss Plan for Putting Fleecy Staple
on a Higher Selling Basis
With More Profits.**

SAVANNAH, July 28.—For the purpose of organizing in the interest of high and stabler prices for Sea Island cotton, the growers of this staple, to the number of 500, met in Savannah yesterday as the Farmers' Union Sea Island Cotton Growers' Association. Before the delegates is the question of building a big warehouse in Savannah, that will be used to store Sea Island cotton in the high or better prices.

Three States are represented by the delegates, Georgia, South Carolina and Florida, Georgia representing about one-half of the Sea Islands' acreage.

The convention of growers started off in a muddle, because the watches of most of the farmers were an hour slower than Savannah time. A reception committee to escort President W. W. Webb of Hahira, Ga., to the hall where the conventions are being held, found him in no readiness to go.

Mayor Tiedeman represented the city of Savannah in an address of welcome to the farmers. President Webb was represented.

The principal address of the day was made by Col. G. Arthur Gordon of Savannah. He warned the growers against a wide range in Sea Island's prices.

Yesterday afternoon the delegates went down the Savannah river to the sea on a steamer. Last night a business meeting preliminary to today's session, when the real work of the convention will be accomplished, was held.

ing denunciation he received at the hands of Representative Anderson:

"I am glad, at least, if I have done nothing else than force Mr. Anderson to acknowledge in the House of Representatives where he is posing as the champion against legislation for the prevention for the near-beer evil, that he is a stockholder in a brewery, one, at least, in Savannah, that is manufacturing more near-beer than any other in the State.

"It is immaterial, so far as the point I made against his right to sit in judgment upon such legislation, whether he has recently bought stock or not. It is a fact that he owns the stock and that lines him up with the whiskey interests."

Alabama Legislature.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., July 28.—The Alabama Legislature met at noon yesterday in the second extra session since January 1, 1907, for the purpose of enacting more stringent provisions for the enforcement and maintenance of prohibition. In his message, Gov. Comer deals almost wholly with prohibition laws.

When the legislators had assembled, it became evident that there would be little opposition to the strengthening of the prohibition laws, to providing for the impeachment of officers who fail to enforce the laws, and to the repeal of certain corporation laws, as recommended by the Governor.

Must Show Up Monday.

Parties whose taxes have been raised by the county commissioners will have to put in their appearance before the called meeting of the board next Monday in order to receive consideration of their claims on the raise in assessments made at the last meeting.

As advertising finds the best marks for everything else, why not for your personal services?

Isn't there something which only a want ad. can do for you today?

KILLED WIFE'S FIRST HUSBAND IN COURT ROOM

**Tragedy Occurs During Conference of Principals in
Suit for Possession of Child.**

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., July 28.—Suit for the possession of a child reached a tragic climax during the conference of the principals in the suit in the circuit court room here late yesterday, when W. Y. Ellis, nephew of John F. Rutherford, millionaire lumberman of Pine Bluff, Ark., shot and killed Nathaniel Parker Willis, of Indianapolis, Ind., prominent business man and politician, father of the child and former husband of Mrs. Ellis.

The suit at law was terminated Monday, Judge Fuik instructing that the child be surrendered by Mrs. Ellis to the custody of Willis. Yesterday's conference was to arrange the details. Those participating were Willis and Ellis, who represented his wife, divorced from Willis several years ago, United States Senator Jeff Davis, who appeared as attorney for Willis, and Judge Fuik.

Arrangements were being concluded, when Ellis suddenly arose from the table and fired over the shoulder of Senator Davis, at Willis, seated on the opposite side. A court attaché struck his arm as he fired, however, and the bullet went wild.

Senator's Narrow Escape.

Willis ran from the room with Ellis in close pursuit, the latter firing again when he reached a doorway, inflicting a wound from the effects of which Willis died within ten minutes.

Ellis surrendered, and was imprisoned. Later, however, he was taken from the city by officers in an automobile for an unknown destination, for safekeeping. Relatives of the man killed have been summoned to Little Rock.

Following the shooting those in an adjoining room scrambled for an outlet and in the subsequent excitement, serious injury to several was narrowly averted. Two attempted to leap from a window, but were restrained.

That Senator Davis had a close call is declared by those in the room at the time. Several assert that the first bullet passed through his coat. Explaining a rent in his garment, however, Senator Davis declares that it was torn by catching on an edge of the table as he hastily arose.

Willis died almost instantly after he was shot, in the arms of his mother, who was waiting across the room and rushed towards him as he fell in the hallway outside of the court room.

Willis obtained his divorce a number of years ago and recently started the litigation for the possession of the child. Monday he secured an order from Circuit Judge Fuik to take possession of the child, who has been for the past ten days in the custody of an uncle at Pine Bluff and yesterday the parties to the suit met in the court room to decide where the child was to be delivered.

Child Born Covered With Hair From Head to Foot

The Seav (Ala.) Messenger says:

"The report published in The Messenger several days since of the birth of a strange-looking child near the line of Alabama and Florida did not impress itself upon our people as being strictly truthful. Not that they doubted the source from whence it came to Troy, but it seemed impossible that such a thing could happen in these days.

"The Messenger is in position to verify the report and add a little interesting facts to it.

"The child (if it can be called a child), was born, and lived several days. It was covered from head to foot with hair; it had two short horns, one over each ear, and its feet were like the hoofs of a cow.

"After living several days the child

died. Some think it was murdered. It is now in Dothan, where the remains are being embalmed for preservation. The child was born in Vernon, Fla., of black parentage, and its mother, when she saw it, asked the doctor to kill it. Being refused, some think it was murdered.

"The story has sounded pretty fishy all along, but today the story is in the press dispatches and there can be no doubt of it.

"No doubt someone is having it embalmed and will present it over the country in a freak museum.

"It is said that thousands of negroes and many white have visited the freak baby in Vernon, Fla., and that hundreds of negroes are leaving that section through fear, many claiming that the devil has come to earth."

House Wins Fight for Changes in Tariff Schedule

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 28.—From best information obtainable it appears that the House has won its battles for free hides and oil and increased rates on gloves and hosiery, in return for a surrender to the Senate in lumber, coal, iron ore and print paper.

The rates on these schedules, as they have been tentatively arranged pending the acceptance by both houses of the program for a reduction in the duties on manufactures of leather below the rates fixed by the House, are as follows: Oil, free; hides, free; coal, 45 cents a ton; print paper, \$3.50 a ton; iron ore, 15

cents a ton; lumber, rough, \$1.50 a thousand feet; one side finished, \$2; two sides finished, \$2.25; three sides finished, which may include tonguing and grooving, \$2.62½; four sides finished, \$3.

Gloves, \$4 per dozen pair, not exceeding fourteen inches in length, the standard length; hosiery, valued at \$1 or less per dozen pairs, 70 cents, as against the Senate and existing rate of 60 cents. On values up to \$2 the rate is slightly in excess of existing duties and a shade below the rate fixed by the House. On the highest grades the Senate and House rates were identical.

Salome Dance a Disgrace Even to Little Old New York

NEW YORK, July 28.—Police Commissioner Baker announces that he was responsible for the arrest of Gertrude Hoffman, the Salome dancer, Saturday night, and that he did not care who knew it. After the police court proceedings the commissioner was seen at his office and asked why he caused the arrest of the dancer.

"I had already sent six persons up there to see the exhibition," replied the commissioner, "and two of these were civilians without any connection with the police department. The reports that I received were unanimous in declaring that the exhibition was lascivious, lewd and highly improper. Then I decided to investigate for myself, so I took Deputy Commissioner Stover with me. I want to say that my opinion is in strict accord with the report of the six investigators. The exhibition is palpably lewd and purposely lascivious.

"The show is a disgrace, and will not be tolerated in this town as long as I am police commissioner. On September 1 next a new law will go into effect covering these indecent performances, which will enable the commissioner to get after the owner or lessee of the theatre producing

such objectionable exhibitions and revoke the license.

"Under the head of obscene plays and exhibitions the law reads:

"Any person who, as manager, owner, director, agent or in any other capacity advertises, gives, presents or participates in any obscene, indecent, immoral or impure drama, play, exhibition, show or entertainment which would tend to the corruption of morals of youth or others, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

"I am going to take drastic action and I think that the woman in the present instance has learned her lesson."

The Salome dancer was arraigned before Magistrate Steinert in the West Side police court Monday on a charge of violating Section 1530 of the code, which deals with performers who do not take time to dress before appearing on the stage. On the request of her counsel the case went over to Tuesday.

There was a lively time in court, as the dancer wanted it understood that her arrest was an outrage and a blow at art. Miss Gertrude, supported by her husband, Max Hoffman, reached the courtroom early. The dancer had been bailed out in \$500 by George Considine.