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## GREENVILLE TIMES

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### THE LIBERTIES CASE—THE LIBERTIES SYSTEM.

(Aberdeen Examiner.)  
The following decision of the Supreme Court in the case of *W. H. Edwards v. State*, was handed down July 27th. We understand that an application for rehearing was made by the Attorney for Mr. Ledbetter.

The opinion was delivered by Justice J. C. Campbell.

"All that has been urged in support of the action of the Circuit Court, in the opinion of the Supreme Court, is that the law is unconstitutional, and that it is not within the power of the authority of the City of Aberdeen, and granting license to sell wine and beer, and to issue permits, to be done, may be admitted, and still the judgment of the Circuit Court must be affirmed, because it is the opinion of the city authorities.

"The Circuit Court held that the admittance of the law entitled, 'An act in relation to the sale of intoxicating liquors,' to the consideration of the Legislature, in this case, governed, since it had not been repudiated in Monroe county by a referendum vote on May 11, 1886, miscalled a 'local option law.'

"The Code, chapter cited, provided a simple, direct, inexpensive and complete system of controlling the sale of liquor in the incorporated town, or an unincorporated town, may be manifested to prohibit the sale of liquor within the territorial limit. It is made unlawful to sell without license, and obtaining a license is made a condition of the right of the legal voters to be active in favor of it; for the applicant for a license, a majority of legal voters, resident in a district or town, and it is made a condition of the right of the voters to show what names are on it, and give time and place of election, and to give notice of the election against the granting of licenses. Besides the majority of legal voters in districts or towns, and it is made a condition of the right of the voters to petition, absolutely inhibited the granting of licenses to anybody, under any circumstances, except that the voters might afterwards provide for license for跳舞 months.

"The other clauses are placed in the way of obtaining license, and officers of the law are made responsible for the will of all the people against granting licenses, and yet, if ever legal votes were to be given, they would be compelled to do so, and the conditions of law are complied with, so as strict, a right to have houses of entertainment, and to have the power is conferred to grant licenses, when everything required is done, no one can refuse to grant it, and it may be legally refused."

"The liquor trade is condemned, and prohibited by the law, and there is dismemberment, and hindrance to the sale of liquor, and the way made easy for any community not in favor of retail to inter-

"We are aware of the doctrine that in some cases, peremptory statutes are unconstitutional, and that the law is not a case of that character, as it was long since held, John Gill's case, *State v. Gill*, 100 U. S., 187, 188, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 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## CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Of the Regular March Term, Nine-hundred and Five.

MANY ASSESSMENTS REDUCED

Which is Opposed by Councilmen

Starling and Wortham—Many Other Matters Disposed of.

The City Council met at the appointed hour with the Mayor, City Clerk and Councilmen Wilczynski, Wortham, Starling and Scruggs present.

Attorney Lamar Watson appeared before the Council with the petition of Mr. Faber for a loan of \$1,000,000 in support of his application for a franchise and a resolution of the council at the meeting of the council at which meeting a privilege license of the city was reissued.

Watson came before the Council with a petition on behalf of the K. Savings Bank for a reduction of taxes on its property in the city. Councilman Wilczynski moved that action be postponed until some time after the meeting of the council at which meeting a privilege license of the city was reissued.

Councilman Wilczynski said he thought the statement made was true and should be reduced and made a motion to reduce the assessment to \$300,000.

Mr. Barrington, representing the Clifton Coal and Coke Co., presented a petition for a reduction of taxes on its property in the city. Councilman Wilczynski questioned Mr. Barrington on the business done by the company and after questioning a reduction of \$100,000 was granted.

The return of the election commissioners were canvassed and showed that Mr. McAlister had been duly elected as Councilman and he took his place on the Council.

Petition of Mrs. Walton for reduction of tax on her property and \$200 was taken off same.

Cheif Engineer West of the Lever Board, was before the Council for a change in assessment. The claim was assessed at \$2,000 and the claim was not worth over \$1,600, the amount paid taxes for. City Clerk Lee explained that the tax on the property etc. in the rock bottom of the creek was not exceeded \$100. Councilman Wilczynski questioned Mr. Barrington on the business done by the company and after questioning a reduction of \$100,000 was granted.

Permit of W. A. Reeder for reduction of assessment was presented, and upon motion of Councilman Wilczynski a reduction of \$7,000 was granted.

Councilmen Starling and Wortham said that from this meeting on they would be opposed to any reduction of assessments.

Petition of Goyer-Sherro Co. for reduction of assessment on property destroyed by fire on Walnut street was carried.

Petition of J. A. Reed for return of \$88 for property bought at tax sale that was not in existence was refused.

Petition for light on the corner of Theobold and Union streets was referred to Chairman Wortham of the Light Committee.

The installation of water meters and rates was discussed by the committee.

Mr. Alexander, representing the Refuge Cotton Oil Co., came to the office for meter reading rates, that if one mill paid on flat rate, that his mill should pay same until all meters are installed.

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## MURDER AND LYNCHING

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AND LYNCHED AT ELIZABETH.

By a Mob of Masked Men Who Broke  
the Law That Was Bringing Martin to Greenville.

The Mayor realized that the year of  
the old man for that reason he  
had signed, and when they are, which  
will be in April, the meters will be in-  
stalled. Mr. Wilczynski moved that  
the matter be referred to the next  
meeting.

The expenditure for coal last month  
was \$971.10.

Mr. Alexander said that this shows  
that in paying the meter reading rates  
the whole cost of coal for running  
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### PUBLIC OWNERSHIP.

There is scarcely a city in the land in which the subject of municipal ownership of public utilities is not at the present time an absorbing question.

The usual practice of the granting of franchises has been very aptly characterized as being equivalent to owning a valuable horse, and letting him out to another on the idea that his owner does not know how to drive him, and then paying an exorbitant price for his services.

The general restlessness under private or corporate exploitation of municipal utilities is largely brought about by the exceedingly good results which have followed the management and control of public works by the cities of England.

The experience of Birmingham, Manchester, and other places has stirred up a desire and determination throughout the United States to simulate the English method of controlling the city streets for traction purposes, and demands the immediate and potential ownership and control of all gas, electric light plants and telephone systems.

The agitation has come nearer home. The Memphis News-Sentinel says:

"The New Charter of Memphis, which now awaits the signature of the governor to become a law, requires that the question of granting quasi-public franchises shall be submitted to the people."

This provision was enacted by the representatives against a Will of the people, and the other members of the legislature, in trying to get the standard and model public system, in regard to the reckless giving away of valuable concessions.

The people of Memphis are tired of being sacrificed to the greed of the charlatan seeker. And the irresponsible lunatic is lynched another, even though he has been charged to the State on account of his wanton disregard of the welfare of the public and useful man has been murdered. A helpless and insane wretch has been lynched. Another, and one of the darkest, stains has been added to the many already smear and deface the name and credit of this quasi public corporation.

It is a question whether the Vicksburg city leaders grant the H. K. Johnson franchise, whether the action was wise or not, is another question that southern communities, with all their well-known conservatism, are falling into line with a movement which is fast becoming universal.

Greenville in considering the street lighting question, and the conduct of its other public utilities, should carefully consider the experience of other southern cities in this regard. The Memphis rates paid for water, gas, lights are simply a tax, whether paid to the city or to a private corporation, but what the city is as much interested in reducing as the corporation is interested in increasing.

In Chicago the cost of the street lighting has been reduced more than half since the plant was owned and operated by the city. An equally great reduction is looked for in other items of expense should the present agitation for public control be successful.

There is no question before boards of city government more worthy of study and intelligent action than that of municipal control of public utilities.

### THIRTY-FIVE PER CENT. PER WEEK

The population of no country in the world is as easily deceived imposed on, and made the prey of charlatans and sharpers as is the ignorant negro class of the South.

In the Delta counties of Mississippi, where this class constitutes more wealth than any other population, the field for fraudulence operated by swindlers is especially rich, and the most vigilant care of the law is useless to protect their victims from their wiles and from the vanity and folly of the negroes themselves.

Such a swindler is the foot peddler, who sells a string of glass beads for five dollars; the clock peddler who takes a mortgage on mule and wagon as security for the worthless gold clock which he has sold for a trifling sum, and the door bell operator who makes a cash payment in addition which alone nets him a hundred per cent. on the value of the article, and many another who plies a similar trade, always with most daring success among the most hard working field hands of the plantation.

But the greatest harvest is reaped by unscrupulous companies in the cities. The usual practice, as is well known, is to advance small sums on household goods, charging a high rate of interest, collecting a weekly instalment on the debt so created, and the goods released. A loan company of this kind, conducted on reasonably sound principles, may very often be of great use and benefit to its customers, and has a perfectly legitimate excuse for being; but it

possesses like that of despotism and other, darker, more despotic forms, and "where the darkness is there the vultures are gathered together."

A typical case has been brought to light by the Supreme Court decision in the case of Woodson versus Hopkins. These parties had been running a loan company in Vicksburg, but fell out, went to law, and their methods were exposed.

"It developed," says the press dispatch, "that they had been lending money to Vicksburgers at 35 per cent. interest, and that the persons lent to were men, and that they were making money hand over fist. A bill of sale was taken for everything the borrower had, and if at the end of the week the loan was not paid up the property was confiscated."

The Supreme Court held that "no such robbery contracts can be enforced in the State of Mississippi," and would not allow their contracts to be sustained, although they had been agreed to by both parties.

### THE STATE RESPONSIBLE.

On Saturday night, at Elm Station, William Martin, a popular white physician, was seized, bound, and brought to Elizabeth, where a mob overpowered his guard, took him from the train and hanged him to a tree.

The negro was crazy.

He had been confined previous to the killing and was never turned loose because there was room in the local jail, and no provision for such cases. Captain W. E. Hunt, the sheriff of Washington County, adopted by the local Cotton Growers' Association, is to make each place self-supporting, and to reduce thereon, in addition to cotton, sufficient foodstuff to supply stock and labor, instead of purchasing it from a distance, and at high prices, as is the present practice.

The plantations of Washington County, as legally known, consist of 1,000,000 acres, in the main, in small tracts, and no single tract exceeds 100 acres. These plantations are generally owned and controlled by men who possess a high degree of business acumen; who are accustomed to think and to study for themselves, and who will in all circumstances rely upon their own judgment.

It is probable that the reduction of acreage among them collectively will increase possibly, in areas, even exceed the percentage prescribed by New Orleans convention.

The election of Mr. T. P. McMahon as Councilman last Tuesday gives this honorable body of the city another successful business man and an excellent official.

It is a little early in the day to mention it, but I don't mean to interfere in the city's doings, but I do want to let you all know that the negroes are open for registration. To be prevented from exercising your God-given right by your own carelessness is enough to arouse me, but the fellow who does it should only "kick" himself and not the commissioners of election.

### OLD BILL'S SQUIDS.

#### Born to Greenwood

Breakfast, turn backward, oh time in your flight! Feed me on grub again tonight. I am so weary of sole leather, peperit, pickled potatoe and baked cake. Oysters that sleep in a watery bath, and butter as strong as molasses. Grown out of the ground meat. Backward, turn backward, when I eat meat before whose whiskers are trimmed; let me once more have an old fashioned pie, then I'll be ready to carry on.

#### A good healing measure

is given by a man to another in training troubles.

#### A man is not always a crank because he is waiting for something to turn up.

A man goes to Heaven to help him. When he succeeds he forgets his Maker and his admiring friends are called up to witness what he has done.

#### The man who contracts his cotton acreage is not a patriot.

Advice given is seldom appreciated.

The happiest man is he who has the confidence of his creditors.

#### DAN'S BUBBLES.

#### A Warm Con

The real estate activity in this city and county during the last two weeks has been without parallel. Nearly every day records a real estate sale and new houses, stores and enterprises are going up in every part of the city.

The price of property is advancing and rents of business houses in the main business streets of the city are demanding full value.

The activity is not attributed to our striking gas, or to a growing city, backed by a prosperous community.

A city like Greenville owning its own water works and sewerage, paving paved streets, excellent hotel accommodations, banking facilities electric railroad, public buildings, railroad and river transportation, is bound to grow, especially when it is backed up by a liberal and progressive citizenship.

Let the year 1905 be the banner year of the city's growth and it will be if every citizen will put his shoulder to the work and set the part assigned him to the city's business organization, the Young Men's Business League.

**GREENVILLE SHOULD BE A CONVENTION CITY**

The editors of the State meet here in May and no doubt a fine Greenville advertisement will appear in their papers "at the top of column next to reading matter" when they return home. This convention should be followed by a meeting of the real estate men of all sections of the country, North, East, South, West, in this city during the fall months.

The large number of conventions and slave meetings would mean much to the State, as well as to the Delta and Greenville, being convenient for all river and railroad connections, having the finest hotel accommodations, and located in the heart of the Delta, it is the place to meet.

The products of the country could be exhibited and the best speakers of the South could be secured to address the meetings and the South, and its opposite, the North, could be represented in a most interesting manner. If our real estate men think the suggestion is good one, let them bring the matter before the

Chancery Clerk.

R. W. GARRISON, Trustee.

Mrs. B. S. Worthington, of Greenville, is a beneficiary under the Omnibus Claims Bill to the amount of about \$200,000. Mrs. Worthington is the widow of Dr. J. T. Dean, of Leland, Mississippi, who died on the 20th day of April, 1903, at about the hour of 12 o'clock noon, at the storehouse of the Worthington, a family occupied by Dr. Isaac Worthington, a man of great means, and his wife, Mrs. Mary Worthington, who lost their property in the magnificent Wayside estate.

The claim for property destroyed

was filed with the Worthington places by Federal troops during the war, and the

claim of the whole estate aggregates

about \$30,000.

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PRESIDENT JORDAN'S SPEECH

A synopsis of the admirable and valuable address

of Washington county planters by President Jordan will be found in another column of The Times.

It is earnestly recommended to the attention of those

who were not fortunate enough to hear the speech delivered; as it contains suggestions to cotton growers which, if properly acted upon, promise an effective remedy for the conditions from which they are now suffering.

There is little doubt that an appreciable reduction

will be made in cotton storage in Washington

county this year, but it's not thought that the gains

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percentage of 25 will be actually adhered to.

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