

In the debate on the increase of the army, the argument was made as might have been expected that the election of Mr. McKinley was a ratification of the policy of maintaining a large standing army, and it was urged in the debate that Congress ought to go straight ahead and make the necessary appropriations for the purpose. The same argument will be used, of course, in the discussion of the ship subsidy bill. This bill is the culmination of paternalism. What would be thought of the suggestion that the United States government should pay every cotton grower one dollar for every bale of cotton raised? It would raise a fearful commotion for Congress seriously to entertain such a proposition, but it is quite different when it is proposed to give out of the public treasury \$9,000,000 annually to ship builders and owners. As a matter of fact it is a bonus pure and simple, and it is beyond question that the bill will be passed by a large majority. The difference between the favors shown the cotton planter and the ship builder is that the one lives in the South and the other in the North. Sometimes we think that it would not be a bad idea for the South to cut loose from both political parties and elect our presidential electors independent of any party, and then let the electors say to the North that before the electors voted for a President terms must be made. In this way the South might hold the balance of power and have some weight. Of course, there are many objections to this, but it has been suggested. The Southern people are Democrats, and it is doubtful whether they could be induced to support a Republican, whatever terms might be offered. The South's lack of political influence, however, is becoming more and more apparent.

Are the Republicans gaining in the South? The New York World claims that the Republicans are increasing, while the Democrats are decreasing in the States which constitute the solid South—Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Missouri, Arkansas, and Texas, and the following figures corroborate the assertion:

Table with 2 columns: Year/Party and Total Population. Rows include 1892 (Democratic 1,491,000, Republican 754,000, Populist 391,000), 1894 (Democratic-Populist fusion 1,796,000, Republican 811,000), 1900 (Dem-Pop fusion 1,475,000, Republican 993,000).

In the acquaintance of most every one some former Democrat is known to have voted the Republican ticket in 1900. We have never taken seriously to the suggestion that a decent Republican party would be organized in the South, but the above figures contain a lesson.

If the Republican party can be defeated, the passage of the ship subsidy bill ought to do it. The only times that the party has been defeated since the civil war were when the principal issues were Republican legislation in favor of special classes. Mr. Hanna's pet measure may bring the old time issues fresh before the people, and a Democratic president may be elected in 1904.

The Boers deserve independence. Any people who display so much bravery and military genius in fighting for their liberties ought to win freedom and independence. We cannot help sympathizing with these people who have accomplished so much against such odds.

WILLIAM E. CURTIS, the correspondent for the Chicago Record at Washington, tells his paper that the opposition to the ship subsidy bill is so great that the passage of the bill is very doubtful. Can such good news be true?

The census does not give Winnsboro 2,000, but with the cotton mill included the population is unquestionably 2,000 or more.

THE STEADY SUBSCRIBER. How dear to my heart is the steady subscriber, Who pays in advance at the birth of the year, Who lays down his dollar and fifty cents gladly, And casts round the office a halo of cheer. He never says, "Stop it, I cannot afford it," Nor, "I'm getting more papers now than I can read," But always says, "Send it, the family likes it." In fact, we all think it a real household need. How welcome he is when he steps in the sanctum, How he makes my heart throb, how he makes my eyes dim, I outwardly thank him, I inwardly bless him, The steady subscriber who pays in advance. —Manson (Is) Democrat.

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IS IT LEGAL?

Mr. A. S. Douglass is of the opinion that the Issuing of Bonds for the Construction of Railroads is not for a Corporate Purpose, and, therefore, unconstitutional. He has written a paper to do so, for it would probably prevent the Issuing of Bonds for Electric Lights, Water Works, &c., and for other Strictly Corporate Purposes.

Editor News and Herald: It is well for the citizens of Winnsboro, as well as the Town Council, before taking any steps in the matter, to inquire into the power and authority of the town council to order a special election to decide whether the town of Winnsboro shall issue bonds for the construction of a railroad from Camden to Winnsboro, known as the Winnsboro and Camden Railroad. Under our present Constitution, it is the policy of this State, to charter and provide for the government of all towns and cities under general laws, as provided in Article VIII, Sect. 1, which reads as follows: "The General Assembly shall provide by general laws for the organization and classification of municipal corporations. The powers of each class shall be defined so that no such corporations shall have any powers or be subject to any restrictions other than all corporations of the same class." Section 3 of the same Article further provides that, "The General Assembly shall restrict that powers of cities and towns to levy taxes and assessments, to borrow money and to contract debts, and no tax or assessment shall be levied except in pursuance of law, for public purposes specified by law." It is also provided in Section 7 of the same article that "no city or town in this State shall hereafter incur any bonded debt which, including existing bonded indebtedness, shall exceed eight per centum of the assessed value of the taxable property therein."

By Act of the General Assembly of this State, approved the 11th February, 1897, the municipal authorities of any city or town of this State upon the petition of a majority of the freeholders of said city or town are authorized to order a special election in any such city or town for the purpose of issuing bonds for purchasing, repairing or improving of city or town hall, or park or grounds therefor, markets and guard houses, enlarging, extending or establishing electric lines, water works or other lights, or water works, or sewerage, erecting, repairing or altering school buildings, fire protection purposes, improvement of streets and sidewalks or any other corporate purposes set forth in said petition. Provided, That the aggregate bonded indebtedness of any city or town shall never exceed eight per centum of the assessed value of the taxable property therein."

This Act, it will be observed, does not include bonds for the construction or equipment of a railroad, nor does it, in my judgment, include under the terms of "any corporate purpose," as the building and equipment of a railroad do not come within the functions or powers of the municipal corporation of Winnsboro, which is vested with limited powers strictly for municipal purposes. Our Supreme Court has decided that even under the Constitution of 1868, which does not contain the restrictive provisions of our present Constitution, an Act authorizing townships to issue bonds to aid in the construction of a railroad, was not for a corporate purpose, and that the bonds were therefore invalid. If the town of Winnsboro could legally issue bonds to aid in the construction of the proposed railroad, in my judgment, it would be unwise to issue bonds for such a purpose to the full limit of its power to contract any bonded debt under the Constitution, and thereby deprive the town council of the power to incur any bonded debt for legitimate corporate purposes, such as are enumerated in the Act of the Legislature a few years ago. Debts contracted for such legitimate corporate purposes are for the benefit of the town, and if any law is derived from improvements or structures for which such debts are incurred, the town receives the full benefit. It seems, from the language used in the petition published in THE NEWS AND HERALD, that the bonds proposed to be issued for the construction of the Winnsboro and Camden Railroad are intended as a bonus to the railroad company, as nothing is said about the town of Winnsboro receiving stock in said company or anything for the bonds.

The town of Winnsboro now has a bonded indebtedness of seven thousand dollars. Putting the assessed value of the taxable property at five hundred thousand dollars, thirty-three thousand dollars additional would cover its constitutional limit of bonded indebtedness. A. S. Douglass.

THE BOND QUESTION. Mr. Elliott says that the Test Will be Made Before the Proper Authorities—Difference of Opinion to be Expected. Mr. Editor: Noting a communication to your paper a few days ago on the legal aspects of the proposition to issue bonds by the town for the benefit of the Winnsboro and Camden Railway, I would remark that, if there is no legality in the proposed issue, voters need have no hesitation in voting for their issue, according to the views of the venerable counsel at law. It is usual for lawyers to find two sides to every legal proposition; indeed the members of the profession make their livings by finding two sides. Moreover it is not ordinary practice to have the public pass on the legality of any proposition, but the courts; and it is the intention, as well as the desire, of the promoters of the Winnsboro and Camden Railway that throughly test all legal matters relating to the issue of these bonds before the proper authorities. As to the wisdom of such a proceeding, it is expected that the cautious, and the timid, and the aged will take the conservative side, which always hesitates to make effort, or take reasonable risk. There is such a thing as a man losing his life by saving it, the good book tells us, and there may be such a thing as a community losing property by the effort to save taxes. There may be such a thing as losing the principal of the debt by looking too much at the interest feature. The final question may yet be, not whether the town can issue the fifty thousand bonds at all, but whether even if they do issue them topographical reasons may not necessitate a different route. One thing sure, it will take an account of bonds equal to all the town can legally issue, to offset the loss, due to the topography of the country, that the promoters will suffer by reason of coming here. Hastily, but respectfully, T. K. Elliott.

HALF RATES TO RICHMOND, VA. AND RETURN.

Annual Convention, Southern Educational Association, Richmond, Va., December 27-29, 1900. On account of the above occasion, the Southern Railway will sell round trip tickets to Richmond, Va., and return, from all stations on its lines at the rate of one first-class fare for the round trip, plus \$2.00 membership fee. Tickets will be sold from Washington, D. C., and points in Virginia and North Carolina, December 26th and 27th, with final limit December 31st, 1900, inclusive; from points in other Southern States, December 25th and 26th, with final limit January 2nd, 1901. The Southern Railway offers the best service ever afforded to Richmond, Va. Fast time and convenient schedules. Through sleeping car between Birmingham, Atlanta, Greenville, Spartanburg, Charlotte and Richmond. Hotel dining cars on all through trains. For detailed information as to rates, reservations, etc., call on or write any agent of the Southern Railway or its connections. S. H. Hardwick, A. G. P. A., Richmond, Va.

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REFORMED PRESBYTERIANS

Gain of More Than Fifty Per Cent in Membership in Ten Years. Washington Post. The Associate Reformed Presbyterian Synod of the South, at the meeting recently held at Louisville, Ga., elected Rev. Oliver Johnston, of Leslie, S. C., a member of its board of home missions, of Charlotte, N. C., who T. Chalmers, of Charleston, S. C., the so-called psalm singing Presbyterians of the South, or Seceders, as they are commonly known, are a small denomination numerically, but are very earnest and aggressive in their church work. The membership of the denomination, under the active work of its board of home missions, has increased more than 50 per cent within the last ten years. They are among the best church builders in the South, and are constantly invading new fields. Birmingham and Huntsville, Ala., are among the places which have been recently fixed upon as points of their new churches. Within the last month beautiful churches, free from debt, have been dedicated by them in Louisiana, Tex., and in Rock Hill, S. C.

The board of home missions has oversight throughout the denomination of all city missions, the opening of new work, the assignment of laborers; in short, supervision of every church which receives aid from the funds of the Synod, which is the highest ecclesiastical body in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Oliver Johnston, who is now a member of this board, is also superintendent of missions within the Presbytery of which he is a member, being charged in this latter capacity with oversight of the work of similar character done by the Presbytery to which he belongs. The church at Leslie, of which he is pastor, is more than a hundred years old, and has always been a stronghold among the Seceders of the South.

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Alex. M. Duffie, Esq., of Malvern, Ark., has been elected judge of the Hot Springs circuit for the fourth term. Judge Duffie grew up in the neighborhood of Blackstock. He got his preparatory education largely by his own untiring efforts. He received some help from Mr. Christopher Elder while assisting him in teaching. He graduated at Arkansas college in 1874, studied law at the University of Virginia, and soon after being admitted to the bar, went to Arkansas. He has wonderful power of concentration. When he fixes his mind on a line of thought, a tornado would scarcely disturb him. Indeed the specific gravity of his intellect is too great for it to float in shallow thought. Another characteristic that fits him for the position of judge is that in the consideration of a question, he is oblivious of external influences, and cares but little for what any person or any number of persons may think of his conclusions. Having been a neighbor in boyhood and a roommate in early manhood, and always a friend, we rejoice in Judge Duffie's success. — Chester Lantern.

This is the cute and suggestive name of the monthly journal which the teachers and pupils of the S. C. C. I. are to publish. The first number of the "Co-Ed" is before us, and we congratulate Editor-in-Chief F. E. Huanant upon his complete success. The mechanical work of the "Co-Ed" is done by the job department of the Advertiser, and it reflects great honor upon our skillful young friend, Mr. Robert Cover. — Edgefield Chronicle.

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RURAL FREE MAIL DELIVERY.

Congressman Wilson Issues a Statement—Farmers and suburban Residents Can Have Their Mail Delivered at Their Doors. Congressman Stanyarne Wilson, of the Fourth Congressional District, has sent out the following letter regarding the success of the rural free delivery system, and the way of obtaining its extension: "Free Rural Delivery being no longer an experiment, this congress will appropriate several million dollars for its extension. About every community in the district now secures its mail by the service during the coming year, by making application therefor. The course to pursue is this: 'Present a petition, addressed to the First Assistant Postmaster General, signed by those who desire the service. This petition should be signed only by heads of families, and should mention the number in each family. It should set forth the nature of the country where the delivery is desired, whether densely or sparsely populated, the principal avocations of the people, the character of the roads, and the distance, which, under the existing conditions, each patron has to travel to receive his mail, and should be accompanied, whenever possible, by a rough map indicating the route or routes proposed. This petition, when properly signed should be sent to the representative in congress, or to one of the senators, with a request that he endorse thereon his recommendation of the service asked and forward the petition to the department. 'The route should be between 20 and 25 miles in length, and serve not less than 100 families. Upon receipt of the petition, a special agent will be detailed by the department to visit the location, map out the route and select the carrier. 'By your printing this information all sections of your county will know how to proceed to avail themselves of their opportunity. 'Stanvarne Wilson' Story of a Slave.

REPORT OF County Supervisor

CLAIMS APPROVED AT THE LAST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD NOV. 24, 1900. The following claims were examined and approved on Road and Bridge Fund of 1900: No. Am. amt. 798 R W Herron, claim \$30.00, \$20.00 allowed 799 W H Lewis, 12.50 800 S H Morgan, 12.50 801 T W Robertson, 2.00 802 C B Douglass, Jr., 3.00 803 Jas. J. Steel, 2.00 804 John W. Lawson, 25.00 805 Joe W. Richardson, 7.00 806 Jas F Brown, 7.00 807 John B Patrick, 18.00 808 P C Broom, 7.55 809 S C Johnston & Co, 9.45 The following claims were examined and approved on Poor House Fund of 1900: No. Amount 1101 Mansel McClintock, \$7.45 811 S C Johnston & Co, 6.65 The following claims were examined and approved on Public Building fund of 1900: No. Amount 812 Jas A Brice, \$25.00 I do certify that the above statement is correct copy of claims approved at the last meeting of the County Board of Commissioners held on the 24th day of November, 1900. B. G. TENNANT, 24-18 County Supervisor F. F.

SUMMONS.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD. COURT OF COMMON PLEAS. The Peoples Bank, of Winnsboro, South Carolina, Plaintiff, against Sol Wolfe, H. C. Wolfe, David C. B. Wolfe, Sara W. DesPortes, Rebecca C. Brannon, Etta L. Nathan, D. J. Kaufman, I. Abelle Baruch, and Rose E. Lyton, Defendants. Copy Summons. For Relief, Complaint not Served. To the Defendant above-named: YOU are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which is filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, for the said County, and to serve a copy of your answer in the said county, on the subscriber at their offices above the Winnsboro Bank, Winnsboro, S. C., within twenty days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in the said complaint will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint. November 30th, 1900. RAGSDALE & RAGSDALE, Plaintiff's Attorneys. To all of the defendants above-named except the defendant Sara W. DesPortes: Take notice that the complaint in this action (together with the summons of which the foregoing is a copy) was filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, in Winnsboro, County of Fairfield, in the State of South Carolina, on the 1st day of December, 1900. RAGSDALE & RAGSDALE, 12-1-6: Plaintiff's Attorneys. PRESTON RYON, AGENT FOR Pacific Fire Insurance Company of New York. Glen Fall Insurance Company of New York. Rochester German Insurance Company of Rochester, N. Y. Slices share of public patronage. 9-26-ly

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