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STATE CAMPAIGN ALREADY BEGUN.

Candidates Are Abroad in the Land, Talking to Voters.

Columbia, March 10.—Campaigning in earnest has already been commenced by some of the candidates, this being election year in South Carolina, and the party machinery will soon begin to move in preparation for the Democratic primaries, which, in thir state settle all contests for office, from United States Senator down to coroner. The preliminary meetings will be those of the precinct clubs, the county and state conventions and the state executive committee.

On April 23 the precinct clubs will elect their officers, choose delegates to the county convention and name a member of the county executive committee. On May 2 the county convention will meet in the several county seats. These conventions will each elect a county chairman, a member of the state executive committee and delegates to the State Democratic convention On May 18 the State executive committee will meet in Columbia. Its work will be largely routine. The only years in which the convention is important are those of presidential elections.

The state democratic executive committee, which handles machinery of the party, will meet at the call of Chairman Wilie Jones, to arrange for the primaries, the first on August 30 and the second on September 13. The committee will also fix the schedule for the campaign meetings.

There will be no campaign for the United States Senator unless Senator Tillman should resign or some other contingency of that sort should arise in which case the governor would appoint a senator to serve until the meeting of the General Assembly and the senator for the remainder of the term would be chosen in the primary this summer the choice of the primary being merely ratified by the legislature. This was done when Senator Earle died in 1897.

The state campaign proper opens usually about June 15 and lasts until about August 15.

THE RUN TO PINEHURST.

Leonard Tufts and Frank Weldon Going Over the Route.

The Columbia State of Sunday has the following:

Leonard Tufts, president of the Capital Highway association, who has been in Columbia in the interest of that organization, left yesterday morning for Savannah. He was accompanied by Secretary Frank Weldon, of the association. Augusta was the immediate destination from Columbia, and it was proposed to spend the night there.

The run from Columbia to Pinehurst, N. C., is causing much interest, although the date has not yet been decided upon. The Columbia Automobile Association at a meeting next week will consider many phases of the proposed run.

Early Morning Fire.

About 9.30 Tuesday morning the fire alarm rang out on the air and immediately Cheraw's "fire fighters" were awake to the situation and away to fight the fire. It was found to be only a small blaze, caused by a defective flue, on the top of the office of the "Pee Dee News" office. Fortunate indeed was it that the fire was discovered as soon as it was otherwise it might have resulted in a bad fire, as it was very little damage was done.

Reciving Liquor is Made a Crime.

Drastic Decision of the Court of Sessions at Bishopville, Judge Klugh Presiding. Hotel Keeper Fined $200 for "Reciving" Barrel Containing 12 Quarts of Whiskey, Though No Unlawful Purpose Was Shown.

A case of special interest here and no doubt of general interest to the State, was tried at Bishopville last week. This was the State vs. James R. Durant. Mr. Durant is the proprietor of the Durant Hotel, and was tried on the charge of "unlawfully receiving alcoholic liquors.

Lee county voted out the dispensary last August, and on the 15th of November went under the operation of the Prohibition Act of 1909.

The evidence showed that on the 29th of December Durant received by freight a barrel containing twenty-five quarts of rye liquor. There the State rested. The defense offered no testimony.

The Judge charged the jury that the indictment stated an offence, and if they believed it was proved, they should find the defendant guilty. The jury very promptly found a verdict of guilty, and the defendant was sentenced to four months on the public works, or a fine of $200.

The defendant was indicted on anotner similar charge, alleged to have been done on December 27. He at once pleaded guilty and was given a like sentence on that charge, which, however, was suspended until further order of the Court.

The Act of 1909, under which this indictment was brought, plainly prohibits the receiving of liquor for any purpose, but many lawyers and laymen have argued that such a meaning was not intended, and that to warrant a conviction it must be shown that the stuff was received for an unlawful purpose.

It will be noted in the above case that the defendant was not charged with receiving it for an unlawful purpose, and no attempt was made to prove such purpose.

Therefore this conviction means that it is judically determined that the Act means just what it says, and that it is unlawful to receive, keep or store liquors for any purpose. It, therefore, looks as if this law provides a remedy against the much talked of evil of ordering whiskey. All that is necessary are juries that will convict.

New Building and New Business for Cheraw.

The contract has been let by Mr. J. R. Harrell for the erection of a large store building 50x90 feet, on his vacant lot next to the building occupied by Mr. A. B. Coward. The Cheraw Door & Sash Co. have the contract and work will be commenced on the building at once. This building is to be built in modern style and with all the conveniences for the conduct of a modern down to the minute department store. A long lease for the building has already been signed by parties who are thoroughly familiar with department store methods and this assures to the people of Cheraw and surrounding country that in a very short time they will have right here a store equal to any of its kind to be found anywhere.

Such a store as this is something that Cheraw has long needed and we hope when it gets ready for business to see less and less packages of goods coming by express from the department stores of Columbia, Charleston, Richmond, Raleigh, Charlotte, New York and other cities.

Going Up!

Passenger—Everybody has to do his share toward the elevation of his fellow men.

Elevator Man—I'm sure I've done mine. I've been running this elevator ten years.

Cruel and Unusual.

Mrs. Newbride—Boohoo! Henry threw a biscuit at me, one that I made myself too!

Mother—The monster! He might have killed you!—United Presbyterian.

Hardly.

Hewitt—You should make hay while the sun shines.

Jewett—I can't if I stick to my business of making umbrellas.

THE SILVER SERVICE

To Be Given The Battleship South South Carolina.

The five thousand dollar silver service which the people of South Carolina will shortly present to the new battleship which bears the name of the state will soon be delivered from the makers in New York.

One punch bowl, seven gallons.
One pleauteau for punch bowl.
Twenty-four cups, half pint each.
One ladle.
One center-piece.
One water pitcher, three quarts.
One tray for pitcher.
One tea set, five pieces and kettle.
One tray for tea set.
Two fruit dishes.
Two roast dishes, one with well and one without.
One fish dish.
One saled dish.
Two bonbon dishes.
Two compotiers.
Two vegetable dishes, with covers.
Two entire dishes.
One humidor cigar box, to be made of native cedar and trimmed in silver and to contain thirty cigars.

On one of the largest pieces will be the wards, "Presented by the State South Carolina to the United States Battleship South Carolina," and below this, "Millions for defense but not one cent for tribute."

On the larger pieces will be engravings representing notable events, in the history of the state, such as Sergeant Jasper replacing the flag at Fort Moultrie, General Marion inviting the British officer to dinner and Mrs. Motte destroying her home, and several officers who took part in the Revolutionary war, among them: Gen. Sumter, Gen. Marion, Gen. Moultrie, Col. William Washington, Gen. Morgan, Gen. Pickens, and Commander Ingram.

All the pieces will be attractively decorated with representations of native plants and flowers, such as palmetto, magnolia, Jasamine, cotton and rice.

The battleship South Carolina is one entirely worthy to bear the proud name given to it. Of the dreadnaught type, it is one of the largest fighting machines afloat. It has a capacity of 21,600 tons and carries several hundred men and ninety commissioned officers.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

The annual Easter egg hunt by the Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist Church will be held in the woods in rear of Mrs. H. H. Bull's residence. at 3 o'clock on the evening of March 24th. The public generally is invited to attend. Refreshments will also be served.

This annual Easter egg hunt is an occasion looked forward to with much interest and anticipation by a large number of children and grown-ups and the one this year promises to eclipse any yet held and there is no doubt but there will be a large crowd present.