

PLEASE OPENS CAMPAIGN FOR THE U. S. SENATE

(Continued from second page.)

I invite a comparison of my record as a Democrat and as one who has always been true to the Democratic party with the record of any other man in the party.

All laws, fairly and impartially to all citizens alike. 2d. Enforcing all laws upon all subjects, and obedience to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of South Carolina.

many thousands of dollars in my way of handling requisitions, and in refusing to offer useless rewards, and by revoking of all commissions of Notaries Public, I rid the state of many negro officials, and at the same time have placed in the State Treasury about \$10,000.

answer is "no," then ask yourself the question: "How am I going to account to my people for this increased levy and this increased State Levy?"

but political spite and little cheap intrigues, on the part of some people, has created all the stir that has gone on there. I think you would make a mistake, gentlemen, a serious mistake, to interfere with this board, and I certainly do not think you should.

from the office of president of your society it is my desire to give a brief review of its history during the three years of its administration.

your time, but I find that on account of the fact that I cannot get into the newspapers of this State, except to talk to the people of South Carolina about, and being a poor man and unable to pay the extravagant prices charged, it is necessary for me to do fully, I have only given you an outline of the various matters here today, but as I will take up more fully and discuss the various issues which I have laid down.

Assets table with columns for Real Estate, Treasury bonds, New grounds and buildings, Race Track, J. M. Ellison, treasurer, J. M. Cantey, secy., and Suspense account.

Liabilities table with columns for Bills payable, Bonds outstanding, Warrants outstanding, Net surplus 1912, Net surplus 1913, and Profit 1913.

You will notice by this that this Society is no longer a beggar. She has a net surplus of \$70,466.27, and I call your particular attention to the fact that outstanding notes of \$12,000 endorsed individually by members of the Executive Committee have been retired.

Now, gentlemen, with this kind of showing, I ask you once again why you should take the money out of the individual taxpayer's pockets when he is already so heavily burdened, to make a present of it to an association that shows that it has a surplus of over \$70,000.

I disapprove of item 27, of Section 29 (For state Negro Fair \$1,000.) The Constitution of this State says that you shall not appropriate public funds for private purposes, and I would violate my oath of office by consenting to this appropriation; therefore I cannot consent to it.

I disapprove of item 30, of Section 33, for the same reasons that I disapprove of items 14, 15, 17, and 27. South Carolina Public Association, \$1,000.

I disapprove of item 33, Section 33. It is absolutely a useless and unnecessary expense and the committee has not performed its duties which it was appointed to perform, and therefore, it is not entitled to any pay, nor any one of those who served upon it.

I disapprove of item 34, Section 39. The item here reads "Mekie Merrivewether." In the Bill it reads "Mackey Merrivewether." The Act reads "Mackey Merrivewether" when it should read "Mackey Merrivewether."

I disapprove of item 4 of Section 39. I have been Governor for a little over three years and I have never heard of any "Phosphate Commission" and they are hereby empowered to borrow on credit of the State so much money from time to time as may be needed to meet promptly, at maturity, the interest which will mature on the first day of July and on the first day of January of each year, on the valid debt of the state, and pay the current expenses of the State Government for the present fiscal year, and for pensions; provided, The sum so borrowed shall not exceed the sum of six hundred thousand (\$600,000) dollars.

I disapprove of item 9 of Section 39. I do not see any use to be paying committees to be examining lawyers when the Supreme Court is having lawyers before it every few days for examination. I think we would do better to go back to where we were a few years ago, and then maybe we wouldn't have so much partially.

I disapprove of item 14 and 15 of Section 39. The Constitution provides that the state's money shall not be given to private purposes, and you are violating the Constitution of this State.

I disapprove of the PROVISION in Section 39 which provides as follows: "Provided, That the Board of Trustees of the University of South Carolina be empowered to permit the erection of the grounds of the University, under such restrictions as they may deem wise, a building to be used for a free public library."

I disapprove of item 16, Section 33. I am advised that there is another bank building in the city of Columbia which the committee has been propositioning this Bill, and this was declined, as it was not properly considered, and I am also informed that the State has \$1,200,000 more of space for banks than it does not have that it is not in a position to build any more.

I disapprove of item 17, of Section 33. I have disapproved of this appropriation each year since I have been Governor, that the Constitution of this State says that you shall not appropriate public funds for private purposes. I would violate my Constitutional oath by approving this item, and therefore, I will not consent to it.

I herewith insert extracts from Hon. J. A. Banks' address to the members of the Fair Association, as reported in the Columbia State of February 19, 1914.

My friends of the State Agricultural and Mechanical Society, in re-

turning from the office of president of your society it is my desire to give a brief review of its history during the three years of its administration.

"Outstanding notes of \$12,000, endorsed individually by members of your Executive Committee have been retired."

"A steel auditorium costing \$33,000, has been erected, in which was held a National Corn Show in the winter of 1912 and 1913."

"A new Constitution has been adopted which amplifies and renders more business-like all of the affairs of the society."

"The city of Columbia is paying one-half of the interest of our bonds outstanding."

"The treasurer reports \$1,900 cash in the bank."

I also quote financial report of the Fair Association, clipped from the same newspaper:

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Liabilities. Bills payable \$28,500 00 Bonds outstanding 33,000 00 Warrants outstanding 709 72

Net surplus 1912 \$64,844 49 Profit 1913 6,621 78

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