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IN ADVANCE.

Wednesday, July 16, 1902.

If the unusual apathy as to the campaign meetings extends to the primary election the vote will be small.

Senator Tillman has announced that a competitive examination will be held in Columbia on the 28th inst. for the purpose of selecting six young men of this State who will be entitled to compete in a civil service examination for a cadetship at the Annapolis Naval academy. The applicants must be white and residents of this State between 15 and 20 years of age. No student who has been expelled from college will be permitted to enter the contest.

General News.

—King Edward's life is insured for \$3,500,000, the largest amount on any one life in the world.

—Court in Chester last week did not extend through one day. One party was tried and convicted and another pleaded guilty.

—Forty-five thousand dollars is a pretty good bill for the doctors who attended President McKinley, but that is the sum appropriated by congress the other day for that purpose.

—The Marquis of Salisbury tendered his resignation as premier of England last Friday and King Edward has appointed as his successor Right Hon. A. J. Balfour.

—King Edward continues to improve and it is now thought the coronation will take place next month.

Mesdames Dr J H Witherspoon and Dr W M Crawford, sister and daughter respectively of Mr J W Hasseltine, attended the marriage of the latter last week.

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There is one class, though a small one, which hasn't minded the warm weather. The men down in storehouse of the ice factory work with overcoats on. Columbia Record.

OBSERVATIONS

As to the State Campaign.

Special to News and Courier.

On the Road, July 13.—The race for office with the state campaigners is rapidly nearing the half-mile post. It is on a circular track and the string is not in sight. No matter how the racers may stand now—something at present unknown to this day and generation—it is only the finish that counts. The staying power of true merit wins when the echoes of the carrying power of a month, a tongue and a voice have long since been silent. That the race is not always to the swift nor the battle to the strong is a fact qualified by the use of only one word. In politics many extraneous facts are oft times so qualified, but in this day, even in South Carolina, most pastediamond Solomons venture their money on the swiftest horse and on the best trained athlete.

TO A "BOY UP A TREE"

there are many curious things plainly visible behind the scenes of a South Carolina windmill people's primary. The fact that some speakers in this primary must make their speeches at a cost of one hundred dollars per hour is an astounding statement, yet this can be mathematically and financially proven. If silence is golden free speech in South Carolina is sometimes a free silver, sub-treasury luxury—to put it mildly. So let the dear people hearken diligently, for out of these mouths cometh the issue of political preferment and office. Farcical details of this primary plan would make voluminous as voluminous and as worthless as are Congressional reports and would make the dear people long to substitute a "secondary arrangement" for the present "primary plan."

A MISSION FOR THE FOOL-KILLER.

It is a well known fact that the fool killer has never given attention to his manifold duties. If he were to follow primary campaign meetings he could do such service in a few hours as would entitle him to some of the rest and leisure he now so unworthily enjoys. Beyond question many fools do here congregate. For instance, at a recent meeting, when one of the speakers was carefully discussing an important question, he was interrupted by one whose natural deficiencies were great and whose absence of mind was permanent. With inane expression, added to by attempt at momentary importance, his interruption was made to ask the following question: "What general fought the first battle?" He should have had direct information as to what citizen fought the last battle, but received a polite reply. This is only one indication of many evidences that the primary system will fall by its own weight. The audiences have now very little of the proper formal respect due even to such occasions, and this semblance is disappearing. An intoxicated person thinks the most conspicuous place at the meetings is his; is thoroughly convinced that it is his duty to manage the occasion and—he hath a vote! A front seat, a cheap cigar and an empty head—these at once transform an ordinary, average everyday idiot into a compound fool. Senseless interruptions are sanctioned by custom—thus custom doth breed habit.

CANDIDATES GETTING TIRED.

The light brigade was on the march during the past week, with some evidences of physical fatigue clearly apparent on several occasions. No evidences of other fatigue, save some anxiety, were visible without the aid of field glasses. Hope springs eternal

in the candidate's breast, until the "returns" come in. Hopeful candidates occupied the fields, the highways and the hedges, likewise the byways, this week. Precious time fleeteth and August 26th approacheth. They do murmur as they work and the refrain is:

Oh, gather the voters while ye may,
Old time is still a flying;
And the self-same candidate who boasts today,
Tomorrow will be a-sighing.

THE WEEK'S WORK.

Beginning at Newberry, on Tuesday, the candidates have addressed audiences, also at Greenwood, Abbeville, Anderson, and, incidentally, at way stations and points between. The week has been somewhat eventful, especially to candidates and interested onlookers. Topographical considerations have had something to do with slight modifications in the tone of some speeches. Politics is right plainly visible and lines are tightening, so to speak. The candidates apparently are "bunched" pretty much as at this last on the-road communication, but—

The general tone of the speeches and the "average attitude" of the opposing candidates remain about the same. There are temporary variations of this rule, which disappear, however, with the momentary disturbance.

EACH MAY THINK IT IS HIMSELF.

One of the candidates for the office of railroad commissioner is a most popular speaker, the crowds always ready to hear and enjoy his speeches. Farmers, merchants, lawyers, engineers, drummers, merchant-farmers and farmer-merchants, are all candidates in this race.

Another popular speaker, always applauded by the crowd and who waxes eloquent occasionally, modestly announced a few days ago to his hearers that he "wanted to hold down the job for the d-o-u-g-h there is in it."

The race is still open for all and about three dozen candidates are pulling for nine offices. Ignorance of one's misfortune is clear gain, so about two dozen or more have this for consolation. Whoso readeth, let him understand. (If he can!)

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