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Georgia's Governor.

The election last week in Georgia broke record for many years. Governor Hoke Smith was defeated for a second term Joseph M. Brown receiving a majority of about 11,000.

We believe all editors have given their own belief in the reason for the wonderful change of sentiment which overwhelmingly elected Hoke Smith two years ago.

This editor felt that Hoke Smith's crowd made a great mistake when they set off the liquor vote to Brown. Although Brown was a good a temperance man as Smith, and although the Brown managers protested against his being aligned with the liquor element, yet it is fair to presume that the charge stuck, as we thought it would. This charge gave Brown a very considerable vote. Hoke Smith's war on the railroads reacted against him. His election didn't make all the people rich. The railroads were compelled to reduce the number of their trains. This reduction knocked train men and shopmen out of jobs. The reduction of trains set the traveling public against the cause of the reduced number of trains and the consequent inconvenience. The laws of Georgia were so oppressive that some of the railroads withdrew their deposits from the Georgia banks. All this was charged up to Hoke Smith and he lost many votes thereby. The difference between the Hoke Smith party and the E. Watson, populist, one of the ablest, as well as, one of the cleanest men in Georgia, who withdrew his support of Smith and asked his friends not to vote for Smith, was an important factor in the election.

Upon the whole, the change of sentiment is one of the most remarkable which we have any knowledge. Smith's mistakes, and his enemies, elected Brown. Brown made no campaign speeches. Smith made many.

The Bond Election.

The city election on the issue of \$25,000 of city bonds for the purchase of the electric plant came off last Wednesday. Very little interest was manifested. The vote stood 104 for the issue, and one against it. The bonds are to be 40-year, 5 per cent. coupons.

This election was held on the day before the election for Governor in Georgia. Quite a number of Georgians were here laying in something for the election in Georgia, but owing to the fact of our election on the bond question, the dispensary was closed, and Georgia was dry indeed on election day. We saw none of the Georgians, but we heard another say that if the dispensary had been opened the profits on liquor that day would have been a thousand dollars. The profits on the sale of liquor would seem to indicate an alarming condition of the country. If the profits normalize one set, and develop liquor drinkers of another set, what is to become of us? The profits from the sale of liquor this year at our dispensary it is thought will amount to more than \$60,000, about one-half being made from Georgians and people living in this State and far beyond our county lines. But whether the people of the town, the county and the schools are demoralized or not, and whether liquor drinkers are developed or not, the facts certainly indicate that somebody is spending an enormous amount of money for liquor.

Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Osteen of the Sumter Watchmen and Southern, on their way to the Confederate re-unions at Birmingham, Ala., stopped over in Abbeville, with their kinsfolk, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McDonald on Saturday evening and remained in town until Monday morning, when they were joined by Mrs. Voss and resumed their journey westward. Mr. and Mrs. Osteen go to Birmingham, as we guess, more to visit a son in that city than to attend the soldiers' re-unions. These good people are looking well, and appearances indicate that they have many years yet in store for them. Sons and daughters have married, and are keeping house on their own account, leaving the old folks at the printing office.

Mr. Osteen talked interestingly of type-setting machines and the linotype casting machines. He tried the type-setting machine for a time, and then bought a linotype. He hasn't thrown away his type-setting machine, but he has set it aside, and the linotype is now operated every day. He spent five weeks in the shops of the manufacturers, learning to operate it. We suggested to him to write on that subject at the next meeting of the Press Association at Gaffney.

We have known Mr. and Mrs. Osteen ever since the war, and there are none more deserving of respect and goodwill from all mankind. They have fought a good fight, and they deserve a crown in the end. They worked with the Presbyterians Sunday morning and with the Methodists Sunday evening.

The New Postoffice.

As everybody knows, the Government has appropriated \$50,000 for a post office in Abbeville. And everybody is talking of the right place to put it. Instead of destroying good property to make an opening for it, let us do away with old or undesirable property in order to get a good lot. What is the matter with the property opposite to Calvert & Nickles' store? Is there any better place for it than the Miller hotel?

A \$50,000 house would be quite an improvement on the shape opposite to Calvert & Nickles, and a \$50,000 house on the Miller lot would add to the beauty of that section. The post office building would be acceptable to all.

Pretty Visitors.

Misses Lewellen and Ross McFall, two of as pretty daughters as ever made glad a mother's heart, or ever caused Cupid to use a sledge hammer on breaking up the hearts of devout worshippers at beauty's shrine, went to Anderson last Saturday to spend a week in the city.

Electricity by Water.

Mr. John Boggs Kennedy, a prosperous farmer in Bellevue has thirty electric lamps on his place which he runs by a gasoline engine. He contemplates putting in a water wheel to furnish the power. Mr. Paul Wilson is now on the place making estimates.

Mr. Gil Cade has an electric light plant which he has been running for a year by water that hasn't cost a cent for repairs. Mr. Wilson put that plant in.

Mr. W. W. Bradley, trustee of Clemson College, met other trustees at the college last Saturday.

Batteries.

For gas engines. A fresh lot just received. W. N. Thomson.

Everything is lovely at the new book store. C. A. Milford & Co.

Inconvenient Schedule.

The following resolutions by the Commercial Club speak mildly the sentiments of the people of this city. Our people, as a rule, are slow to find fault, and this newspaper hopes that the Railroad authorities may take notice of our complaint, and rectify the wrong to which these people are subjected.

Here is what the Club says:

Abbeville, S. C., June 8th, 1908.

Whereas:

The schedules of the trains and passenger cars of the Southern Railway are extremely inconvenient to citizens of this community and to the traveling public, and whereas the Southern Railway officials have shown in the past their desire to improve the same within the limits of the law;

Be it resolved, that the Commercial Club of Abbeville respectfully calls to the attention of the Trainmaster and Superintendent of that division of the Southern Railway the fact that the schedules of the trains are delayed by five minutes in the morning and an hour and twenty minutes in the afternoon at Hodges, on the part of persons leaving the city, and arriving east and those coming west to Abbeville.

We ask that this delay be obviated by a change in the schedule if possible. If not possible we ask that an extra train be run on the Abbeville Branch in the afternoon so as to reach both trains.

James A. Summerset.

Elsewhere, James A. Summerset is announced as a candidate for Railroad Commissioner. Mr. Summerset was a candidate before the people for this office last year receiving a flattering vote. While he is not now connected with any railroad and has not been, since the last campaign, much of his life work has been in railroad service. It is his experience in the details of the railroad business that he relies for election. His contention is that efficient service can only come through a perfect knowledge of railroading.

Due West had a glorious time during Commencement. The company was made up of the best of earth, and the literary feast and musical recitals were up to the highest standards of the excellent educational institutions of that classic town. The railroad was a factor, and in the building up of the town it will do a hundred times more than the most sanguine ever expected that it would. President R. S. Galloway, builder of the railroad, deserves a monument as high as the sky, and as broad as the horizon.

Practical efforts, based upon energy, whether in Church or in State, religion or politics, furnish the basis of all success. Towns are built by practical effort. Salvation is won by practical effort. And no amount of money can build a church where energy and practical effort are lacking.

The Ice Plant.

Mr. J. P. Richardson of Atlanta, is now superintendent of the ice plant. He is said to be an experienced man at the business. The company is busy now finishing ice to the town, and laying in a supply to answer demands that may come from the fruit cars which will begin to run within the next few days. Seventy tons have already been stored for the ice plant and laundry are giving satisfaction and our people will have reason to be glad of its presence,

Aiken on the Tariff.

Read Congressman Aiken's speech on the tariff printed in full in this issue. He has handled this ordinarily dry subject, producing some startling facts, in such a way as to make most interesting reading. It is well worth reading.

IN THE BLISSFUL BOND.

Foster Kirby Joins the Company of the Blessed.

Notices of the marriage of a former citizen have been received in the city. It reads:

Mr. William Lambert Kirby and Miss Constance May Brown were married Tuesday, June 3, 1908, at Washington, D. C., in a home after September 1st, Takoma Park, Md.

The bride and groom were in the employ of the government. Mr. Kirby is a printer in the Post Office and Mrs. Kirby is a reporter in the Press and Banner office in the long ago. It has been so long ago that many of our people have never seen them. There is this difference in being a printer in Washington—the pay is better.

FATS CHALLENGE LEANS.

A Disputed Point to be Settled.

Tuesday afternoon, June 10, the public will be given another opportunity to see the most unique ball game of the season. The line-ups are as follows:

FATS LEANS
M. H. Wilson Captain J. L. McMillan
A. E. Bowles 1st B. J. Moore
J. W. Mathison 2nd B. W. W. Harper
W. H. Gallagher 1st C. J. Lyon
J. E. McDavid 2nd B. Will Harris
W. W. Smith 3rd B. G. Harper
L. E. Miller 4th B. G. Harper
D. W. Barkdale 5th C. F. Hardin
C. F. 6th J. M. Hardin
M. E. Hollingsworth 6th Richard Sandley
L. F. 7th E. B. McAlister
F. E. Peart Substitutes J. W. McKeever, Jr.
The proceeds of the game will go to the City Club. Admission 25 and 10 cents.

ANGELS' VISITS.

Guests Guess at the Age of an Old Bachelor.

An old bachelor's life is not cheerful at all times. Some times rays of sunshine cross his path, and light up his life and point the way.

One day last week two little girls and three little boys, came like angels with the brightness and the best of light in their eyes, while holding hands and goodness in their hearts to overflowing. They came to the old bachelor left that he was a child again and was ready to romp and play in childhood sports. Feeling that their host that he was one of them, they came to him and said, "We know you are old, but we are still little girls." Another little girl promptly answered, "86," another said that she was nearer being the correct figure. A little boy still said and added, "75." The girls guessed that old bachelor down out of their ranks. As pretty as sweet little girls as ever dispensed sunshine from the windows, the room resounded with a lady like this editor. She named him as a woman as ever lighted the path or cheered the soul in man in peace or raised his hat in triumph. The girls said, "He is older than we thought him to be. 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