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BLOODY TALK IN EDGEFIELD.

A COMEDY, AND ALMOST A TRAGEDY.

AT THE CAMPAIGN CIRCUS.

Crowding on the Stand Helped to the Racket—Butler Hurts the Lie—Pistols and Cuss- Words—Peace Reigns at Last.

EDGEFIELD, S. C., July 19.—The same Providence which has before prevented the shedding of blood at campaign meetings in this State interposed again to-day.

With eyes glaring like tigers, with hands on pistols and with open dirks and knives ready for deadly execution, it lacked only one overt act, only one blow, to have precipitated a battle which would have left a hundred dead and wounded men on the platform and grounds of Academy Grove.

I have seen trouble in crowds before. I have seen the eyes of men dance and the muscles quiver. I have seen the hand go to the pistol pocket, the glimmer of the bright weapon and the smoke clear away after the trigger was pulled, but I have never seen wilder or more ferocious expressions in the eyes of human beings than was exhibited here to-day.

The scene of the trouble was on the speakers' stand. Right here it is well to remark that the lives of every public man are endangered by permitting anybody on the stand except those entitled to be there.

With a packed stand and every man possessing a pistol few bullets would go astray. At the first intimation of trouble desperate men crowd on the stand to be in the heat of the fray.

The row occurred just before the closing of the meeting and during Senator Butler's speech. It was precipitated by the uncalled remark of a man to Senator Butler. It would have come, however, with almost anything or any remark. It was in the air, and nothing was needed to cause the explosion.

THE TWO CHAMPIONS.

During the speeches Governor Tillman sat toward the back of the stand, talking with friends and listening to the candidates. He has changed his white helmet to a dingy yellow one of the same style.

WILD OVER TILLMAN.

Governor Tillman was greeted when he advanced to the front with a tumult of applause, wild cheering and a waving of hats.

every occasion. He talked of his previous campaigns and of what he has done for the people.

Butler said that he had been riding only one horse since 1876 and that horse was the deliverance of the people.

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VOICE: "Hand it over here; I will take it."

ABOUT FIFTEEN minutes were given to national affairs and Governor Tillman ended his speech by saying to Butler: "I want to notify you that unless you withdraw your accusation that I ran at Hamburg I am prepared to prove that the men who make that charge are liars."

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Butler was received with strong applause. He said that there was apprehension all over the State that the man of Edgfield would get the devil in them to-day, but he believed there would be good order.

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BUTLER: "Just keep quiet now. I know I am hitting you in sore places but you must take it."

When it was over Butler said that every time he hit Tillman the Governor's supporters wince and try to drown out his voice by cheering.

Butler turned like a panther and quick as lightning said: "That is a lie; an infernal lie."

Hammond and Townes got behind Butler, and Tillman's friends crowded around him.

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Among some of the men toying with their pistols were several known to have been in thrilling affrays and noted for coolness and recklessness.

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CORRESPONDENCE GREENWOOD COUNTY.

Wake Up Old Edgfield Before it is Too Late.

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RATTLESNAKES.

Farmer Drake Killed 53 of Them Before the Battle Was Ended.

NARROWSBURG, N. Y., July 19.—While Sanford Drake, a farmer living near Narrowsburg, was picking huckleberries on the mountains Tuesday morning he discovered a den of rattlesnakes, and before he was fairly aware of his dangerous position the reptiles had surrounded him.

Seizing a pole, Farmer Drake wielded it with all his might, while the snakes approached from every direction, ready for battle.

When the farmer had completed his work he returned home and told his brother of the den, where a count showed that Drake had killed 53 rattles the smallest measuring 4 feet and 3 inches in length and 5 inches in circumference.

That Charleston Meeting. Editor Register! I am a citizen of Charleston, and have always been proud of this grand old city and of the people who have made her history.

HIBLER ENDORSES L. J. WILLIAMS. MR. EDITOR: The Hibler Democratic Club met on the 15th inst., and passed the following resolutions:

Resolved 1. That we are fully aware that it is very essential that we have good and true men to represent us in the Legislature, and knowing Mr. L. J. Williams to be true to our cause, a good Alliance man and one who is fully competent to fill the position, we endorse and pledge him our support.

Resolved 2. That this resolution be sent to the Advertiser with the request that same be published.

As Senator Timmerman will very probably be made Lieutenant Governor and we will have to elect a Senator in his place, we do not think the county could do better or get a man better suited to fill Senator Timmerman's place than Col. W. H. Folk.

MEMBERS OF MOSS TOWNSHIP. The 10th Regiment hereby endorse Col. W. H. Folk's nomination by "Saluda" and hope he will make the race, as we would be delighted to have him as Senator from old Edgfield.

After the Gospels the Psalms. In a recent book, Joseph Parker, of London, in speaking of how to read the Bible, says: "Why not begin with the parables and the beatitudes and work backward?"

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LESS TAX.

Eureka, July 14th.

FOR THE ADVERTISER. DEAR ADVERTISER: Wednesday and Thursday of this week were two glorious days for the members of the Red Bank and the people of the surrounding country.

THE 10th REGIMENT. We are glad to see the nomination of Col. Folk for the Senate, and to know that it is being seconded in different parts of the county.

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WHY EDITORS ARE UNBELIEVERS.

Rev. Dr. Talmage, says an exchange, gives the following sensible reasons why skepticism exists among the newspaper men:

THE REV. MR. HARPE (solemnly)—And the wicked shall be cast into the lake of torments where the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched.

THE REV. MR. HARPE (solemnly)—Really, you have the most beautiful natural complexion I ever saw in my life.

BOY IT'S awful lucky we have our examinations for promotion now instead of in the fall when school opens.

IT WOULD delight you to view and review the beautiful lines of harness which Ramsey & Bland received this week.

AUGUSTA & KNOXVILLE R. R. PORT ROYAL & WESTERN CAROLINA R'y.

DEAR SIR: I would be glad if you would direct the attention of your readers to the new and attractive schedule to Western North Carolina resorts that is operated by the P. P. P., large size yesterday, and one bottle small size to-day.

I sold a bottle of P. P. P. to a friend of mine, one of his turkeys, a small one, took sick, and his wife gave it a teaspoonful, that was in the evening, and the little fellow turned over like he was dead, but the next morning was up howling and well.

THE following resolutions were passed by the Reform Convention elected in Columbia on April 4th last, viz: 1. That a convention for the nomination of State officers be held in the city of Columbia on the 14th day of August, 1894.

2. That said convention be composed of delegates to be elected by conventions to be held in each county on the 9th day of August, 1894, each county being entitled to double as many delegates as it is entitled to representatives in both branches of the General Assembly.

3. That the county conventions aforesaid be composed of delegates elected by the various Reform clubs in the county, each club to send one delegate each twenty-five Reformers or majority fraction thereof.

4. That each Reform candidate for Governor and Lieutenant Governor file with the chairman of the committee thirty days previous to the meeting of said convention a written pledge to abide by the action of the convention herein called and support its nominees.

5. That the Reformers attending the various club meetings called by this committee on the 4th day of August, 1894, be requested to express their choice for Governor of this State, and that the chairman of the delegation of each club to the county convention be required to make return of said choice to the county convention held on the 9th day of August, 1894.

Pursuant to above, I hereby call the Reformers of Edgfield county to meet at their respective club precincts on Saturday, August 4th, at 3 o'clock P. M., organize, elect delegates to the Reformers county convention of August 9th and express their choice for Governor.

That every Reformer may have an opportunity to give full expression to his own choice for Governor and that our action may be strictly Democratic I would respectfully suggest that the choice of each club for Governor be ascertained by ballot.

The Reform Convention is hereby called to meet at Edgfield C. H. on Thursday, August 9th, at 11 A. M.

J. M. GAINES, Executive Reform Committeeman for Edgfield county.