

THE ELECTION.

We have heard nothing at this writing of the primary election in Edgefield county except our own precinct, Edgefield, Jobston, Trenton and Modoc. Here the vote stands in the two clubs as follows:

Hampton club give McLaurin 84 votes; Evans 10. The Edgefield club give McLaurin 23 votes; Evans 53.

Townes, for the State Senate, received at the Hampton box 92 votes out of 93 cast; at the Edgefield box he received 46 votes.

Walton received at the two boxes 93 votes; Williams 49. Irby received only two votes.

Johnston gave McLaurin 93 votes; Evans 13; Townes 90; Walton 90; Williams 10.

Trenton give McLaurin 46; Evans 1.

Modoc, McLaurin, 22; Evans 30; Irby 6; Townes 16; Walton 16; Williams 3.

From Wednesday morning's Columbia State we gather that McLaurin is elected by from five to ten thousand majority over both of his competitors. The entire vote of the State will probably not exceed 55,000, so that McLaurin is elected by a minority of the voting population, although a majority of the votes cast. Of course the entire vote has not been sent in, and these are only probable figures.

Senator Tillman has gone North to deliver a series of speeches.

North Georgia now claims that its rivers and creeks abound in pearl-bearing mussels.

The dispensaries all over the State were closed on Tuesday of this week, the day of the primary election.

Chairman Tompkins estimates the vote cast Tuesday at seventy thousand. He has missed the proper figure by several thousand.

All foreign grain crops are reported short, and consequently corn, wheat, and all provisions will command high prices this fall and winter.

Statistics prove that during the last decade the Southern States have made greater progress in the matter of education than any other section of the Union.

One has to be a resident of this State two years, of the county one year, of the precinct or ward four months before he is entitled to vote at any general election.

The Confederate veterans of this State have enjoyed a glorious reunion in Greenville. These meetings increase each year in interest, importance and significance.

A reunion of the Smith family took place near Altoona, Pa., a few days ago. Eight thousand Smiths were present, of whom two hundred registered as John Smith.

A Charleston syndicate has chartered a steamship and is getting up an expedition to Klondyke. The ship will sail Feb. 15th, the price of a ticket is \$500, and seventy days will be required for the trip.

A so-called new religion has sprung up in this country which is little more than a revival of the old heathen belief in the transmigration of souls. Truly the home mission field is in great need of laborers.

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The President of the Republic of Uruguay has been assassinated.

Rev. Charles Manley, D. D., late president of Furman University, has been elected to the chair of intellectual and moral philosophy of Patrick Military Institute, Anderson, S. C.

Edward Atkinson, one of the foremost economical writers of the age, demonstrates by the recent invention of an oven and by the use of kerosene oil as fuel that a man can live on one dollar a week. This is proven by the fact that students of Springfield, Mass., are actually doing this. He calls this invention the Aladdin oven, and it is constructed out of a stable bucket.

The ages at which the inhabitants of some European countries are considered capable of aspirations for the matrimonial noose are as follows: Germany, France and Belgium, man 18, woman 15 years of age; Spain, Portugal, Greece and Switzerland, man 14, woman 12; Austria, man and woman 14; Russia and Saxony, man 18, woman 16; in Hungary Catholic youths of 14 may wed maidens of 12, but protestants are supposed to require maturer age to know their own minds, as the age of the young man must be 18 and the woman 15.

Last week Solicitor Thurmond appeared in public as the prosecuting attorney of the State for the first time since he had to kill Will Harris and some might think his having just been tried for his life and acquitted would have some effect on him in the performance of his duties as Solicitor, but such is not the case. He does his duty with just as much earnestness and energy as he ever did and he has the same influence with the juries as the convictions of our court prove. Out of seven cases tried five were convicted and the two acquitted were both white men.—Suluda Advocate.

The State pension list is increasing. Last year there were 4,714; this year, 5,841. Of this year's pensioners there are only 46 in class A, who receive \$6.00 a month; 314 in class B, who will receive \$21.80 each, while class C will get \$16.35 each. If the amount appropriated for pensions should be equally divided, there would be only \$17 each. Anderson heads the list with 458; Spartanburg comes next with 393; Edgefield 113; Greenville reports only 62. The lowest number of pensioners are in Chester, the number being 59.

Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Brigham, Washington, D. C., expresses the opinion that the American farmers this year would receive in the aggregate from four to five hundred million dollars in excess of that received last year for their farm products. This, he said, means much to the farmers. They have learned in the season of hard times through which they have passed, to economize where they could and to be careful in buying. They will use the money they receive for their crops to pay off their debts, cancel mortgages and in making improvements on the farm. This seems like a vast sum, but statistics sustain the claim.

The regular monthly meeting of the State board of control will be held on next Tuesday. The meeting will be a very important one. According to the Columbia State, there will be more beer privileges to grant it is supposed, and what is more the board will probably find itself in the position where it will have to do something towards meeting the competition here and there from the original package stores, which are being opened one after another all over the State. The fact that they are opening and running right along shows that the competition from them is something not to be lightly dealt with from the standpoint of competition. They are getting all the stock they need and without any trouble at all.

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BLOOD! BLOOD!!

Columbia Makes a Close Shave—Meetze Defies the Constables and Governor—Monday May Bring Forth Blood.

Greenville Daily News. Columbia, S. C., Aug. 28.—Columbia was threatened with a second Darlington war affair today and nothing but the prudence of the police and dispensary officers avoided a most serious conflict.

It seems that since the original package houses opened their doors here, the dispensary officials and the attorney general have been laying traps for the agents. So far they have steered clear of them; but yesterday two boys visited both of W. B. Meetze's establishments and the eldest upon enquiry, representing himself as "twenty-one and past," bought half a pint bottle of whiskey. This boy, whose name is Fuller, then went to the attorney general's office and made affidavit that he (a minor, only 19 years of age) had bought liquor from Meetze. Mr. Meetze heard of this and anticipating trouble, had a warrant issued last night and caused the boy's arrest for perjury, bringing forward witnesses to prove that he had told him that he was 21 years of age.

This morning the constable, proceeding in accordance with the plan, went before a magistrate and got out warrants against Meetze for selling liquor to minors. Armed with these, they went to Meetze's Market street place to arrest him. He was prepared for them and ordered them away. He is known to be a determined man and they promptly retreated to secure the assistance of the police and magistrate's constables. When these appeared upon the scene, Meetze warned the constables on their peril not to cross the door sill. They accordingly hung back, but after considerable parleying Meetze finally told the policemen and magistrate's constables that he had sent arms away and that they could come and take him by physical force, if they wanted to.

They then accordingly entered and a struggle ensued, Meetze determined to force them to eject him by force, resisted like a lion and it was some time before they succeeded in forcing him out and not then without some bloodshed, one man having his head cut open with a billy which a policeman had dropped. The establishment was then turned over to the liquor constables, who closed it, and Meetze was taken before a magistrate, giving bond for his appearance to answer to the charge against him.

He then went to his Main street establishment. Here a few minutes later the constables appeared to close the place. Meetze, in the meantime, had boldly defied them, threatening to kill the first man that attempted to enter. Things grew interesting, squally in fact.

Alarm was on the faces of constable, tipstiffs, etc., gathered around the door, and messengers were sent to the governor for advice. His orders were to close the place but Meetze was like the rock of Gibraltar. Squarely in front of the open door, he promised death to the first man that attempted to enter. The siege lasted for hours, everyone expecting the clash to come at any minute, but no efforts were made to enter and when the hour for closing (6 o'clock) came the besieged quietly closed his doors and went home.

It was a signal defeat for the dispensary people. The governor, it is said, advises the constables, to let things remain as they are until Monday.

What will happen then no one knows. This is not Meetze's first stand off.

While Tillman was governor he opened a beer stall at the fair grounds during the State fair in open defiance of the dispensary law and concluded to sell after being warned by Governor Tillman in person to desist. He ordered Tillman to leave him alone and threatened to kill any one who interfered with him.

THE S. C. COLLEGE.

The Outlook for a Fine Attendance Most Promising.

On Saturday President F. C. Woodward of the South Carolina college returned from his summer vacation. He will now remain in Columbia until the opening of the institution in the early fall. He expects to make a good many preparations looking to opening of the institution for the coming season. Reports from the agents of the college at work in various portions of the State and from others indicate that the attendance this year will be perhaps the largest since Dr. McBride left the institution. The announcement of the scholarship awards will be made shortly. The outlook for the future of the grand old college under the administration of President Woodward is considered extremely bright and promising.—The State.

RIVERS LINED WITH PEARLS.

Boys Can Play Marbles With Fifty-Grain Pearls.

Little Rock, Ark., Aug. 25.—New discoveries of valuable deposits of pearls in the lakes and rivers in Arkansas have added greatly to the excitement already existing over similar discoveries and today thousands of people are walking through the water in different parts of the State, searching for the precious gems. The latest and most sensational discoveries were made in the Arkansas river and the creeks, lakes and bayous near Little Rock, where pearls have been picked up, ranging in value from \$10 to \$800 each. Hundreds of people are working the Saline, White and other rivers and many valuable finds have been reported. Additional discoveries were made on the Eourche river yesterday, and hundreds of people are swarming to that stream. A representative of the Arkansas Gazette, who has spent much time in investigating the matter, says there are 57 streams in the State that are rich in pearls of large size. It has now developed that in the course of a survey made in White river in 1895, \$5,000 pearls were collected by members of the survey, in the course of their duties. Recent discoveries lead to the assertion that never in the history of man were so many and so large pearls discovered. Pearls of from 30 to 50 grains in weight are no uncommon things to find in the possession of country lads who own pearls for pastime. The color of the pearls found is that of a saline rose, and the texture is first-class.

COURSUING LIZARDS.

The Amusement of a Tame Eagle in the Arizona Desert.

In St. Nicholas Wolcott Le Clear Beard writes of "Moses, a Tame Eagle," which was one of his pets while he was engaged in engineering in southern Arizona. Mr. Beard says he was very fond of the lizards with which these plains abound, and one large variety, called swifts, from their remarkable speed in running, seemed to be especially coveted.

Whenever one of the was caught, which was not often, Moses would be brought out, and, after the swift had taken a ten foot start, would be set free. The lizard would promptly resolve itself into a white streak across the desert, and, screaming with excitement, half running, half flying, Moses would pursue, followed by the laughing crowd, of which only those on horseback had much chance of keeping up. It was in no sense a cruel sport. It amused Moses and us and didn't hurt the swift, for he got away every time, and if the feelings of our pet were a trifle injured as he returned, perched on some one's wrist or saddle horn, from his fruitless hunt these were, speedily soothed by the prompt gift of a nice bit of fresh beef, so no one was the worse. The lizard, however, seemed to view as a sort of desert, and as he could absorb an unlimited quantity they were always in demand.

A certain stick kept on the veranda of our office was generally under his eye, and when any one picked this up and started for a walk across the desert Moses would hop gravely along behind, sure that some of his favorite dainties would soon be forthcoming.

Of course Moses was perfectly well able to catch the smaller kinds of lizards for himself, but there was less exertion in allowing some one else to do it for him, and exertion at this period of his life was a thing to which Moses was violently opposed. These occasions were almost the only ones when he would be silent for any length of time, for he seemed to understand perfectly that at the first note of his voice every lizard within hearing would run for its life to the nearest refuge, and only when a blow of the stick failed for the second or third time to reach its mark would he give utterance to his deep disgust at such clamorousness.

DIPLOMATIC AUCTIONS.

Bric-a-brac Bargains Eagerly Sought at the Shrine of the Red Flag.

There is a graceful custom among foreign diplomats at the capital that we may as well trench upon. I refer to the auction sale which frequently befalls on the occasion of the recall of one of our alien ambassadors or ministers.

For two weeks before their excellencies decamp the local papers revel in a long and lurid "ad." recounting the recall of the ambassador or minister and declaring how on a certain day all people so minded are invited to appear and contest at public vendue for a dazzling list of plunder in said "ad." set forth.

Prime among the properties for sale you will notice wines and many a thing besides that are as articles of commerce highly tariffed. But in these cases courtesy has held the tariff at bay. All of a legion's wines and cigars and furniture—in fact, everything of a personal sort that a legation wishes to be brought to America—is passed scot-free at our customs. One will readily discern that a ripe profit might be made to roll pleasantly up at one of these untariffed legation sales. Our own tradespeople must, however, pay the fiddler in each notable instance.

At these sales mobdom turns stolidly out. The bidding is hot and fast and high. There is nothing so lusted for by a certain sort of American, cringingly numerous hereabout, as a wine which has been justly by an ambassador's taste, or a piece of furniture or bric-a-brac which has been sold by noble and titled contact. And, therefore, these legation auctions furnish the most heated bid combats. And many a fool is fleeced. It is also to be remarked that these sales string out in endless fashion, day following day, as fools flock to be bunked. The stock, whether of wine or furniture or cast off noble garments, never runs low. The widow's store of oil showed no better staying powers. As long as custom hangs about the chatters about, the red flag floats and the stock of goods to be disposed of flows by with current unabated.

For, mark you, rather than disappoint or send any full hearted alien chaser away from this sale with aching heart and empty hands the auctioneer each night moves in a new stock to replace the discrepancies of the day before. Each morning the legation rooms are as unstripped, the cabinets as full of bric-a-brac, the bins as replete with rare old wines as at the beginning. Thus it runs forward until no more sheep appear to be shorn and even the toadies have enough. Then the flag comes down and the legation sale is at an end.—New York Journal.

THE INCONSISTENT SEX.

"Dear baby spoke today!" she cried. "He said 'Mamma' as plain as plain could be. And it was sweet his dimpled smile to see And sweet his gurgling baby laugh to hear. Come quick! Perhaps he will again. The dear! And, oh, I am so happy!"

"Baby is growing big so fast, And, oh, the sudden tears gushed to her eyes— 'He'll speak and walk and grow so big and wise. And love another best and woo and wed And have no longer need of me,' she said, 'And I am so unhappy!'"

A LESSON IN ECONOMICS.

A Young Woman Gives a Young Man Some Valuable Tips.

Again it is a Washington girl. This time she appears as an angel of economy to a young man who needs that kind of angelic administration about as much as any other young man in the Capital City, and she is just as successful as if she were tramping him under her scornful heel and making him feel how utterly helpless man is in conflict with the irresistible.

"By Jove," he was saying, "this sort of thing is simply intolerable!"

"What sort of thing?" she inquired, with admirable poise.

"Why, I have just had to pay a messenger 40 cents to deliver a note up town for me, and he was gone less than half an hour. It would be cheaper to have hired a cab and horse and driver, and still cheaper to have sent it by mail under a special delivery stamp."

"What was the note?" she asked, womanlike, before she thought.

"A response to an invitation to dinner."

"Forty cents is cheap for a good dinner," she smiled.

"But I couldn't go," he wailed. "It was a declination, and the 40 cents on top of that. Really, though, this messenger service is a rank imposition and should not be tolerated. Twenty-five cents an hour is ample, with short distances at 10 or 15 cents. The convenience is easily worth that, but more than that is plain extortion and the greed of monopolies."

"You have my sympathy. You are the more entitled to it because you don't seem to know any better. Now, why aren't you as bright as a man I know, who hasn't any more money than you have? When he has a note or a book to send to a girl, he doesn't waste 40 cents on a grinding monopoly—oh, that's what it is," she laughed, as she noted his look of surprise. "We have a call in our house, and I am compelled to use it sometimes—but he does a much better thing. He just adds 10 cents to his 40, slips around to the florist's, orders 50 cents' worth of violets sent to the girl, puts the note in with the flowers, and there you are. See? Only 10 cents out, and think how much in for girls do love flowers, even 50 cents' worth."

The young man began gasping for air.

"Or," she went right on, "if it is the season when flowers are more expensive than messenger service, just substitute candy for flowers. You can get something perfectly lovely for 60 cents, and to add a book or pleasant note to it makes it well worth the girl's kindest thought and your 20 cents extra. Now, is the plan clear to your stupid brain?"

Whether it was or not the young woman that very afternoon received a delightful note of thanks for valuable information, accompanied, by a 50 cent bunch of violets from a well known florist.—Washington Star.

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CITATION.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF EDGEFIELD.

By J. D. Allen, Esq., Probate Judge Whereas, W. W. Adams has made suit to me to grant him Letters of Administration on the estate and effects of Mrs. America E. Adams, deceased.

These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Mrs. America E. Adams, deceased, that they be and appear before me in the Court of Probate to be held at Edgefield C. H., S. C., on the 9th day of August, A. D. 1897, to show cause, if any they have, why said administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand the 19th day of August, A. D. 1897, and published in the ADVERTISER Sept. 1st, 1897.

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LADIES WHO STOLE.

Strange Tales Are Told of Our Ancestors of Washington's Time.

We naturally have a very exalted opinion of the aristocracy of our country and can scarcely be convinced that the ladies of society in the early days of independence conducted themselves in any but the most dignified manner. In fact some of their descendants would feel highly elated to know that they in any wise resemble their supposed courtly ancestors. It is to be hoped that they are not akin to the personages referred to in the following complaint:

One of our early statesmen actually complains that "between tippee beaux and fashionable belles an honest fellow will stand a good chance of being fleeced by the politest of mistresses conceivable. The gentleman will help himself very casually to your hat if it is better than his, take up your umbrella with the most absent air imaginable, bear off your love coat without once perceiving his mistake and pick up your gloves, 'they so much resemble his.'"

And now for the ladies' part in this proceeding:

"The lady will borrow your penknife, very accidentally put your pocket handkerchief into her muff or playfully take your ring from your finger or breastpin from your bosom, all as innocently as though it was the very thing you called upon her for, so that between ladies and gentlemen you will stand a good chance of being turned out, stripped of all your possessions, according to the newest rules of etiquette."—Philadelphia Press.

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NORTH BOUND. Lv. Aiken 11 15 am Ar. Crofts 11 30 am " Lake View 11 42 am " Millidgeville 11 57 am " Seigers 12 04 pm " Baynham 12 10 pm " Trenton 3 15 pm 12 30 pm " Pittsburg 3 30 pm 12 50 pm " Edgefield 3 35 pm 1 00 pm

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