

Miss Winnie Davis is critically ill with appendicitis.

Forty-three persons died in New York last week from the intense heat.

Thos. F. Bayard, former ambassador to England, lies at death's door.

A State convention of Cotton Growers has been called to meet in Columbia on Tuesday, Sept. 20th. Edgefield should be represented.

The first South Carolina Regiment at present at Jacksonville, Fla., has been ordered to Columbia to be mustered out of service.

The conviction of Capt. Duncan, of Kansas, for having desecrated Confederate graves, and his sentence to five years in a penitentiary, are creditable to the court that tried him.

There are some hopes of Andre yet. A special to the Chicago Times-Herald from Winnipeg, Manitoba, says: Indians reaching Dauphin from the far north report meeting an Eskimo, who told of the appearance among them of a strange man who descended from the clouds on the shores of the Hudson bay.

Commissioner of Agriculture Nesbit estimates that the cotton crop of Georgia will be from 10 to 20 cent. less than it was last year. He gives the reasons for this estimate as based on the conditions reported from all sections of the State. The estimate is based, however, on the conditions at the present, which are the result of too much rain.

The Charleston News and Courier favors Featherstone as the least of two evils, and maintains that it is "not a fight between prohibition and the dispensary. It is nothing of the kind; it is simply a question of choice, between two men, and to decide which one of them is most likely to execute the laws fairly, honestly, and impartially."

THE SECOND PRIMARY.

The following candidates for in the second primary on Tuesday, Sept. 13th:

For Governor: ELLERBE, FEATHERSTONE.

Superintendent of Education: McMAHAN, BROWN.

Secretary of State: COOPER, TOMPKINS.

Railroad Commissioner: THOMAS, GARRIS.

Adjutant and Inspector General: FLOYD, BLYTHE.

The following candidates are to be voted for for county offices in the second primary:

House of Representatives: N. G. EVANS, J. L. SMITH, P. B. MAYSON, W. P. TIMMERMAN.

Superintendent of Education: A. R. NICHOLSON, P. N. LOTT.

County Supervisor: D. D. PADGETT, JAS. M. BELL.

Vote for two of the four candidates for the House of Representatives. Should you vote for less or more than two, your vote will not be counted.

A Cotton Convention.

President Wilborn, of the Cotton Growers' Association, has asked for a convention of cotton growers to be held in Columbia on the 20th of September. Mr. Wilborn and those associated in the work feel that the time is now ripe for action, and, moreover, that something can be done, consequently the call, which is as follows:

To the Cotton Growers of South Carolina: I have been requested to call a meeting of the cotton growers to meet in Columbia, S. C., on Tuesday, Sept. 20, 1898.

It is requested that every county in the State send a delegation to this convention. The county organization in each county is requested to meet and send delegates; where it is impracticable to call a mass meeting the county presidents are requested to see to it that a delegation comes to the State Convention. Where there is no organization those interested are most earnestly requested to

co-operate with the clerk of court of said counties, the clerks being hereby requested to interest themselves, at least, to the extent to see that their counties are represented. This meeting will take steps that will be of inestimable benefit to every cotton grower in this State.

The Hon. Hector D. Lane having died, his successor has been named by the election of Col. Maxwell, of Louisiana, to fill said office.

At a conference in Memphis a committee from each state was appointed to negotiate for money whereby liens on the present crop could be taken up and the bulk of the crop of this year held off for 60 to 90 days, and perhaps longer; which, it is hoped, will force present prices up. The big crop that is now predicted is likely to depress present prices. The producer has the key to the situation if he can be induced to do so. Send delegates from every county to the convention for this crop, also for the next crop and send county recommendation to the State Convention.

Every daily and weekly newspaper in this State is respectfully requested to give publicity to this call, and to assist the cotton grower in this undertaking. The importance of doing something to relieve the present depressed price is urged as the reason for calling the convention at so early a date. Let every cotton grower interest himself enough to see that his section is represented. Convention to meet at 8 o'clock p. m. Correspondence solicited.

J. C. WILBORN, Pres. C. G. A. of S. C. Columbia, S. C.

McMahan's Speech at Columbia.

Sixteen years ago, I left my country home in Fairfield to enter the college here. My mother and my sisters came with me, and I might not be removed from the sweet and purifying Christian influences which only the home circle affords, and which are essential to the best education. I shall ever be thankful to the Providence that directed my life, and I trust that I have been enabled to develop a character and a manhood that may be of service to my State. Since then, I have had two homes, for my rural tastes could not be eradicated, and at every spare time I return to the scenes of my childhood—the associations that inspire patriotism and furnish the motive of statesmanship.

Having passed from the common country school to the college, I know how imperfect is the education within the reach of the average boy and girl in South Carolina. You know the value of education. We see men whose sphere in life would be very different if they had had educational advantages. The individual or the State that lacks education equal to the best must take a lower position. Again, I have seen families move from the farm to the town for better schools for the children. Columbia has become a Mecca of education, and country districts have been wasted of some of the best of their people. Yet ours is an agricultural State, and in the future, as in the past, South Carolina's greatness, if it be not ended, must consist in the noble manhood and womanhood

of her country-reared sons and daughters. We must have better country schools.

I seek to be State superintendent of education because, with the educational experience that I have had in the college here, I believe I can improve the schools of the State. I have given thought to the educational problem, and shall seek to stimulate and encourage the teachers and the officials all along the line by personal contact. A noble man once said of another: "He lived not for name or fame, but use; and use gave him fame." And so it is (as Christ said), "He that would save his life shall lose it; but he that would lose it (in duty to man) shall save it." Office, which originally meant duty, is too often thought of now as a "soft place," "an easy job," a good position to "get fat in." We lose sight of the fact that it is a duty. The office I seek requires severe labor if its duties are properly discharged. But I hope that I shall so fill it as to justify the confidence that you now have in me, and to cause my name to be remembered. If I could be of use to South Carolina, if I could bring about such improvement in the educational system of the State as has never yet been attempted, my name and fame would be secure. I have said that this exalted office should be filled by the ablest educator in the State: Dr. Grier, or Dr. Montague, or Dr. Carlisle, or Dr. Woodward, I cannot measure up to my standard, but the fact that I have this standard is a guarantee that I shall do something. "Aim at the sun and you may hit a star."

A writer in the United States Service Magazine points out that the United States Government has expended more than ten thousand millions of dollars in war. According to the same authority England has spent in the same time only about one-eighth as much, while she has extended her sovereignty all around the world and confirmed her authority over between three hundred and four hundred million people. "The figures," says the New York Tribune, "will no doubt surprise a good many persons, but there is no reason to imagine that they are far out of the way." And we are just setting out on our career of imperialism.

The total losses on the American side in the recent war with Spain including the army and navy, are as follows: Killed, 279; wounded, 1,423. The losses of a single division in either army at Seven Pines, Gettysburg, Gaines' Mill, Second Manassas, Fredericksburg or Franklin, Tenn., or any other great battle of the civil war, exceeded the entire loss on land and sea in the recent conflict. Anderson's brigade at Seven Pines lost more than one-half of the number stated above in that battle alone. Jenkins' 245th and Sharpshooters lost 25 killed and wounded at Seven Pines, and thirty days afterwards at Frazier's Farm this regiment entered the fight with 375 officers and men, of whom 254 were killed and wounded. Santiago and El Caney make a meagre showing in regard to losses, especially when the improvement in fire-arms is considered.—Greenville Mountaineer.

Tabulated Statement of the Primary Election, Aug. 30, 1898.

Table with columns for VOTING PRECINCT, TOTAL VOTE 1896, TOTAL VOTE 1898, and various candidates for State Senate, House of Representatives, Auditor, Superintendent of Education, and County Supervisor.

SENATOR McLAURIN'S POSITION.

Greer's Record.

We agree with the editor of The Greenville Mountaineer that Senator McLaurin made a grand mistake in his recent utterances relative to President McKinley. Mr. McLaurin evidently forgets that with all of McKinley's tact and ability in the management of the war, he is immutably committed with his party to the gold standard and high tariff, both antagonistic to the Democratic platform which Mr. McLaurin professes to indorse. Besides, McKinley it was who has appointed negroes to important offices in the South. Yet our junior senator advises Democrats to withdraw all opposition to McKinley and unanimously support him. Mr. McLaurin is evidently talking without thinking, or has left the Democratic party.

Florence Times-Messenger. This language will ring strange in the ears of his old Peo Dee constituents, not because Senator McLaurin approves warmly the war policy of the President. This is right, but because he was not long ago the champion of Bryan Democracy in this section, and some of the big questions he was handling are not yet settled. Perhaps the Senator has had a slight attack of "gush" which seems to be epidemic now.

President McKinley, no doubt, is good, kind and popular, but when the period of hand shaking is over and the Republican party settles down to business, will the President forget his party ties and Republican policy? Oconee News.

Senator McLaurin's exaltation of McKinley sounds like the fulfillment of a prophecy of a certain candidate who was accused of thinking himself more worthy to wear the hours only a year ago. As we read the meaning of his expressions, he will support McKinley against any man in the United States, it could be nothing else if there is none worthy to contest the field with him. It looks to a man up a tree like the Senator has just found a good easy place to make fair weather and step into a life time job on the bench. It may mean the beginning of a new era in South Carolina politics. With such a man as McLaurin to lead, the Republicans would poll a heavy vote in this State. It may be, too, that the Senator sees what a great many others think they see, defeat staring him in the face the next time he comes before the people. Anderson People's Advocate.

Senator McLaurin has given utterance to the opinion that "President McKinley is the most popular man with the masses since the days of Andrew Jackson and that he ought to be re-elected by acclamation." This is a very strange utterance coming from a Democratic Senator and representing a Democratic State. Mr. McKinley's conduct of the war doubtless does commend itself to the masses of the people, but not to the extent that the masses are willing to re-nominate and re-elect him by unanimous consent. There will be a great deal more involved in the presidential contest of 1900 than simply an indorsement of the president's war record. There are great and unsettled questions still pending about which

there are wide divergencies of opinion the popular mind and the war matter having been settled with honor to our arms these questions will come to the front and press for solution. Mr. McKinley represents in his personality everything that the Democracy of the country has opposed and fought against during the whole of its life. He represents the extreme school of high protection to the manufacturing interests of the country. He is the embodiment of the Republican ideas of centralization. He stands for the monied and corporate interests of the country as against the people. These are living and burning questions that must be settled and will engage the attention of the country until they are settled and settled right, while the war is a ready past and will be more of a dead past in 1900 than it is now. We must respectfully and earnestly dissent from Senator McLaurin's proposition to disband the Democracy in view of McKinley's war record, for that is what the proposition means. Disbandment and surrender is the logic of it. We do not believe the Democracy of the State and of the country are ready for this, and we opine that the next national Democratic convention will be as far from disbanding and surrendering as any convention that has ever met, and it will be most likely to take up the fight on the money question where it laid it down in 1896. That was a bad break of the Senator's and we must protest against it. We cannot and will not disband and surrender.

OFFICIAL FIGURES.

Results of the State Primary Declared at Last.

Columbia, S. C., Sept. 5.—The official figures declared to-night by the State Executive Committee are as follows:

Table listing official figures for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Treasurer, Comptroller General, Superintendent Education, Adjutant and Inspector General, and Railroad Commissioner.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

Central Time Between Columbia and Jacksonville. Eastern Time Between Columbia and Other Points. Effective July 6, 1898.

Table showing train schedules for Southern Railway, including Northbound and Southbound routes with times and fares.

EVERY BRIDE

and wife should know about the preparation that for half a century has been helping expectant mothers bring little ones into the world without danger and the hundred and one discomforts and distractions incident to child-birth. It is applied externally, which is the only way to get relief. Medicines taken internally will not help and may result in harm.



Mother's Friend fits and prepares every organ, muscle and part of the body for the critical hour. It robs child-birth of its tortures and pains. Baby's coming is made quick and easy. Its action is doubly beneficial if used during the whole period of pregnancy.

The Bradfield Regulator Co., Atlanta, Ga.

Notice to Debtors and Creditors.

All persons having claims against the estate of Toliver Hearn, deceased, will present same duly attested to J. D. Allen, Esq., Edgefield, S. C., and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment to the undersigned executor.

South Carolina Co-Educational Institute, EDGEFIELD, S. C.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA CO-EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE, which is well known, and which for seven years has been so successful in its work at Williston, has been moved to Edgefield, very flattering inducements having been offered by that town. Edgefield is a thriving, wide awake town about twenty miles northwest of Aiken. It contains five churches, cotton and oil mills, and publishes two live newspapers. Fine farming lands surround it.

Advertisement for South Carolina Co-Educational Institute, detailing the Main Building, Faculty, Course of Study, Expenses, and contact information for F. N. K. Bailey, President.

Advertisement for F. B. Carr & Brother, Importers and Dealers in Wines, Liquors, Cigars and Tobacco, located at 108-110 Centre Street, Augusta, Georgia.

Advertisement for Lombard Iron Works and Supply Company, featuring Cane Mills, Smith and Augusta Cotton Gins and Presses, and a large stock of engines, cheap and good.

Advertisement for The Commercial Hotel, located in Augusta, Georgia, offering the best accommodations and meals.

Advertisement for Geo. P. Cobb, Furniture and Household Goods, featuring Wagons, Buggies, Harness, Saddles, etc.

Advertisement for Busch House, Centrally Located, Electric Cars Pass the Door, offering special rates for weekly stays.