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THE NEXT GOVERNOR.

Who will be the next Governor of South Carolina? is a question now being seriously considered by many of the politicians throughout the State.

We have been watching to see if any of the leaders were going to put forward a man, but so far it looks as though the leaders are going to let the aspirants get up and nurse their own booms.

Some say that ex-Governor Evans will loom up as a candidate when he comes home, and if elected, McLaurin will have formidable opposition in him for the Senatorship.

We believe if McSweeney becomes a candidate he will draw a large support from both of the heretofore factions, because he has never been an extremist, and he is a thorough business man with enough public experience to fit him capably for the high honor of chief executive.

The investigating committee now looking into the management of the penitentiary under Col. W. A. Neal, have resumed operations and will no doubt be ready to make a report in the near future.

There died in Augusta, Ga., last Sunday, Hon. Patrick Walsh, a man of the people and one who went from the printer's case to the United States Senate.

President McKinley is down in Georgia the guest of Mark Hanna, and Speaker Reed is not far away seeking rest, nevertheless the wickedly inclined newspapers will not permit these distinguished politicians to let the world believe anything else, than it is a political peace conference rotten up by Mark Hanna in Mr. McKinley's interests.

The war between Spain and the United States has been officially declared at an end, and notwithstanding this Uncle Sam is still fighting. He is over in the Philippines trying to civilize the Filipinos by extermination. The press dispatches show that Generals Otis and Wheaton are doing the exterminating act all right enough, but they seem to find Aguinaldo like the cut with nine lives. It has become a common thing for the Americans to engage the enemy in battle and come out with one or two Americans wounded with several hundred of the Filipinos left dead upon the field, at the same time the government is requested to send over more battleships and more men.

The bigot is always dead sure of something he knows nothing about. We hope for the best, and then don't recognize it when it happens to us.

The Columbia State and Greenville News are having a great deal of fun these dull days at the expense of the News and Courier; both of them are doing their everlasting best to get up a controversy, but the Broad street owl only continues to blink and look wise.

A Pinkerton detective was employed to work on the Pinckney murder case and when he landed in Charleston the Sunday News pinned a badge upon his back worded, "I am a detective, come and tell me who killed Pinckney and bring me his hat." The detective carried this badge all over Charleston last Sunday so that the people might know that the Sunday News is so anxious to capture the murderer it actually advertises the movements of the authorities free of charge.

Is it not rather a strange procedure for a newspaper to advertise the presence of a detective when one is about endeavoring to work out so great a mystery as is the Pinckney mystery? Public opinion is so strong in Charleston, and the prospect for a miscarriage of justice so great, and the people are so greatly incensed, that the officers have come to the conclusion, a show of some effort to ferret out the murderer of Pinckney must be made or a revolution in the next municipal election will be the result.

If there is an honest effort upon the part of the authorities to get at the truth of the Pinckney horror, the Sunday News in our judgment made a serious blunder in giving the presence of the detective away, but if the detective was only brought to Charleston for a "bluff," then the "bluffers" want the scheme carried out by letting the people interested know a "Pinkerton man" is among them.

The friends of Mr. T. C. Willoughby are exulting over the downfall of Col. Neal and claiming that the disclosures are a vindication for Willoughby. We do not see where that comes in, as Mr. Willoughby, actuated by malice, made indiscriminate charges against Neal and at the investigation utterly failed to substantiate them.

Now, without any specific charges, a committee with an aim to be just to the State and to Neal, take up the entire business of the institution from the very beginning and they find a considerable amount of negligence and bad business management, together with a shortage of funds, none of which, as we recollect, were among the specifications made by Messrs. Willoughby and Allen at that time.

Now that the final result of the investigation will be, but up to the present we do not see where the committee have found true the charges made by Willoughby several years ago. As it is, it is bad enough, and mortifying enough to Col. Neal's host of friends who cannot help but feel very sorry for him in his sad misfortune and deep trouble.

With all of his faults and with the dark clouds of misfortune hanging over him he is a man, and any one reading his testimony must be impressed with this fact, that Bill Neal's frank statements show that he did not intend to do anything wrong. On the witness stand he would not lie, but told the truth, even when it was convicting him. There have been other witnesses upon the stand in court who did not so favorably impress their hearers with the truthfulness of their oaths, and some of these made indiscriminate charges, but failed when the time came to specify, and now that the party charged has been found guilty of wrong-doing does not carry with it a vindication of those who slandered the man at some other time.

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School Interest.

Office of State Supt. Education, Columbia, S. C., March 8, 1899.

Dear Sir: The Legislature has given \$5,000 to be expended for the "better instruction of the teachers of the public schools." This, in addition to the resources heretofore depended upon, should enable us to bring within the reach of every teacher a first class summer normal school of several weeks' duration.

Section 18. A first grade certificate may be renewed by the county board from which it was issued. If, however, a teachers' institute or summer school is held in the county, a first grade certificate shall not be renewed unless the holder attends the institute or summer school or shows some satisfactory reason for not doing so.

As a valuable adjunct to the summer normal school in providing for the "better instruction of the teachers of the public schools," we must look to the organization and development of the teachers' association in each county. This is an agency in fitting the teachers for the more successful discharge of their duties to the children and to the State, is recognized by our school law as a part of our school system, under the direction of the county superintendents and the State Superintendent.

By section 2 of the school law, it is made the duty of the State Superintendent to visit every county in the State as often as practicable for the purpose of inspecting the schools, awakening an interest favorable to the cause of education, and diffusing as widely as possible, by public addresses and personal communication with school officers, teachers and parents, a knowledge of existing defects and of desirable improvements in the government and instruction of said schools.

Understanding that in some counties teachers' associations are still lacking, and wishing where they already exist to speak a word of encouragement to them, I propose to make a tour of all the counties as soon as possible, and to meet the teachers at their county-seat. I shall lay before them the plan of work of the summer normal school and suggestions for the more efficient operation of their teachers' associations.

For the present I refer to only the white teachers. All should be present in order thoroughly to understand what it is proposed both to do for them and to require of them. By the normal college extension contemplated, the teachers will be the immediate beneficiaries of valuable educational facilities which the majority have never been permitted to enjoy.

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Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

Washington, March 17.—Construction was caused among some of the War Department officials by some of the testimony given before the Military Court of Inquiry, in Chicago, this week. There had evidently been a weak spot somewhere in the Alger coaching department, and it may result in another court-martial for Eagan, the verdict of which Mr. McKinley will not dare to set aside or mitigate, and serious trouble for other officers who have been connected with the Alger clique.

The "nigger" in the canal legislation of Congress is becoming visible to the naked eye. The work done by the Panama Canal company's lobbyists in killing legislation for the construction of the Nicaragua and Panama routes, is now being supplemented by other shrewd work towards roping this country in as a partner in the Panama Canal. As another move in that direction about sixty Senators and Representatives have accepted invitations for a month's junket upon an elegant steamship, as guests of the Panama Canal Co., the junket to include a visit to Cuban ports of interest.

The absolute control exercised over the machinery of the republican party by Boss Hanna is shown by the talk in Washington about Mr. Hobart and the republican national ticket next year. Mr. Hobart is not only willing but anxious to be the old ticket put up again, but there are some objections, because of the unbroken rule of changing the tail of the ticket. Hanna will settle the matter before Mr. Hobart leaves his Thomasville house, where he is a guest with Mr. and Mrs. McKinley, and the strangest thing about it is the ready acquiescence of prominent Republicans in his right to do so.

When Admiral Higginson wrote a letter declining the promotion given to him because the nominations of his brother officers for similar promotions had not been acted upon by the Senate, while his had been confirmed, the country expressed its admiration for the extraordinary display of magnanimity; when Sampson made an attempt to square himself by following with a letter to the Secretary of the Navy, suggesting that his name be left out of the promotions sent to the Senate, at the next session of Congress, the country gave him the ha ha of derision.

Anti-imperialists would feel more like rejoicing over the American victories over the Filipinos during the present week were it not for the loss of good American blood in the fighting that led up to those victories and their belief that it was lost in a cause that is so unwise and their further belief that more will have to be continually lost, either through fighting or disease, as long as we keep those islands and try to control their semi-savage inhabitants.

The average woman's firm belief in home rule. Theoretical philosophers are sometimes practical fools.

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When a man fails he tries to make a virtue of necessity.

The poker-playing physician is sure of an occasional cure.

J. R. Hill, Backsville, S. C., writes: "I have used Dr. M. A. Simmons' liver medicine for dyspepsia with better results than I had from a long trial of Zeller's regulator, which I found not so good. Never had any such good results from black draught used by Dr. W. M. Brockinton."

Truth is mighty, fortunately a lot of it can be suppressed. Flats would be all right if woman could be cured of her habit of giving things away.

Keep Quiet and use Chamberlain's colic, cholera and diarrhea remedy for all pains of the stomach and all intestinal looseness of the bowels. It always cures. For sale by R. B. Loryha, drugist.

Lots of writers who pursue a literary career are unable to catch up with it. CASTORIA The Kind You Have Always Bought. Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

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The greatest after-dinner orator of any country says: "What people want to know is the facts about anything." Below we print a few facts regarding Manning: THE MANNING TIMES prints the best account of current events transpiring in Clarendon County; it prints the news. Read article "Does Tobacco Culture Pay?" in last week's issue.

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