

## OUR STANDARD-BEARERS.

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## POLITICS, NOT PRINCIPLE.

We cannot understand how good men, who we know are advocating Colonel Hoyt's election because they believe he is standing for a principle, can any longer doubt that Colonel Hoyt's candidacy is not for principle, but for office. If it were for principle, there would be no shifting of position. He would not at one place say that he preferred dispensary to license, and at other places demand the destruction of the dispensary. He would if he were standing for a holy principle, demand prohibition pure and simple and stand by it if he knew he would not carry a county in the State.

A close observer of his speeches will detect Colonel Hoyt's policies by the way he panders to the crowds he faces, if a strong dispensary crowd, he prefers that system to license, and will promise if elected to enforce it better than it is being enforced now, if a prohibition crowd, he protests, with hands upraised in holy horror against the State making him a partner to the whiskey business, and that the dispensary should be stamped out of existence, if the crowd is in doubt, he does not want to destroy the dispensary, but simply wants to restrict its sale for legitimate purposes. In other words he wants votes.

As an example of the way the supporters of Colonel Hoyt are advocating a "holy principle" we have taken the following extracts from the Greenville News a warm advocate of Colonel Hoyt.

Any fear that the election of Col. Hoyt would abolish the dispensary at once and open the way for the return of open bar-rooms is entirely groundless. In the first place, the governor cannot alter the law in any way, and his recommendation to that effect would have little weight with legislators who disagree with him.

While the election of a prohibitionist as governor would not abolish the dispensary law, it would have a good moral effect by putting the disapproval of the people upon the State's engaging in the liquor business, and would tend to make liquor-drinking not so popular a pastime as it is.

It will thus be seen that they are really not after upholding a "holy principle" but that they are trying to catch votes "a comin' and a gwine." They want to fool the church members who are being electioneered by the preachers to vote for Hoyt, and they also want to fool those who favor the dispensary.

## THINK.

There are a class of men so blinded with prejudice against the dispensary that they will support anything that opposes it, even if they have to give their support to an enemy of the State institutions of higher learning. We cannot understand what the friends of Winthrop, Clemson, South Carolina College and the Citadel are thinking about. Do they not know that Colonel Hoyt has always been a leader in making a fight against the State colleges? He has always been an ultra-denominational college advocate. With Colonel Hoyt in the gubernatorial chair, and a legislature of his way of thinking, our State institutions of higher learning are in danger of ruin. There has never been a movement to cripple these institutions of learning but that it has had the warm support of Colonel Hoyt; we are therefore surprised to find men professing friendship for those glorious institutions, helping Colonel Hoyt and the other enemy of the colleges to get into position to strike them a fatal blow. We think it the duty of every friend of the Citadel, South Carolina College, Winthrop and Clemson to agitate this matter, that those who have permitted themselves to be lulled to sleep by the liquor discussion, to wake up and

prevent the ruthless hand of the destroyers from bringing ruin to the institutions that should be the pride of every citizen in the State.

If the Prohibitionists will be as energetic in upholding the dispensary law, as they are in trying to destroy it, we would have a sincere demonstration of their earnestness and as near prohibition as the most ardent Prohibitionist could want. The trouble is, if they were to help enforce the dispensary law, the advocates of the law will benefit by its popularity, and the political prohbits see no office attachments in the thing for them.

The financial condition of this county has never been better, every debt paid and over twelve hundred dollars in the treasury, the tax levy reduced one mill less than last year, with the finest kind of a prospect for a still further reduction of, from one and a half, to two mills more. Think of it, we are out of debt and Clarendon's paper is worth one hundred cents in the dollar. The day for discounting county paper fifty per cent is passed, and the result is our officers can get work done for the county on a cash basis. This is what we call legislating for the people's interests, and this is why we warn against sending revenge-seekers to the legislature.

The Prohibitionists of Florida concluded not to put out a legislative ticket for fear it may weaken Colonel Hoyt's chances for governor. Among the participants of the conference was a minister who seemed to be very conspicuous and active. He was one of the advocates of not putting any obstructions in the way of Brother Hoyt's election. We may be wrong, but it strikes us, the preacher would have been at better business if he had been going about asking alms for the poor and needy, instead of votes for Colonel Hoyt or any other politician. "Let us elect Col. Hoyt" seems to be idea of a political heaven with a certain grade of politicians and preachers.

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## SIMPLE STORY.

The Form of a Child—The Heart of a Hero—How an Ambitious Orphan Boy Rose from the Humblest Station in Life to the Highest Position in the Councils of the State.

Away back in the fifties a vessel puts into Charleston harbor. For days it has wrestled with the waves of the broad Atlantic, and its passengers are rejoiced to see the sunny land to which starry-eyed Hope has pointed.

Two passengers, yes, three, especially interest us. A young man in whose eyes burn truth and fidelity, and a young woman who holds by the hand a slender, delicate boy about four years of age. It is easy to see that the three are father, mother, son.

They have left their old home, hope this the new world, they will live out of life's rough circumstance a happy life.

The little boy is the center from and toward which their every thought revolves. To educate this boy so that he may be a blessing to them and his adopted country is their hourly prayer.

Their little home is a happy one, for peace and love, and plenty abound. But God knows best—"He doeth all things well." Suddenly the dark days come. The noble young father is stricken down with yellow fever, and the widow and the fatherless commence the hard, cruel battle of life.

Mr. McSweeney takes a deep interest in military matters and after his election to the Legislature in 1894 he was chairman of the committee on military. He has also been a trustee of the South Carolina College and a member of the board of visitors of the Citadel, and by virtue of his influence, chairman of both boards at present.

He is a member of the Order of Knights of Honor and the Knights of Pythias and has been honored by both organizations.

In 1896 he was elected Lieutenant Governor by a handsome majority and re-elected in 1898 without opposition, and on the death of Governor W. H. Ellerbe in June, 1899, he took the oath of office as Governor, and has since discharged the duties of the office with dignity and fine business ability.

FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP.

His administration of the State's affairs has been so successful that even his political enemies cannot pick a flaw in his record. He now, as an endorsement of his faithful stewardship asks an election to a full term at the hands of his fellow citizens. In a manner Governor McSweeney belongs to Abbeville county. She made a man his immediate feet, and while he must stand by him in the coming election, she can not afford to turn her back on her adopted son even if another of her sons is in the race. Governor McSweeney believes that the dispensary system has been placed on our statute books as a state aid, and he respects all men's opinions, but he enforces the laws of our State, and he not even for the endorsement of a second term, will be cringe either to true prohibitionists or bow to them.

## THE NEWS BOY.

But to return to our little newsboy. The Charleston society people sweep perhaps buying a paper, perhaps not. What does it matter? But ah! some day, mayhap, those same fine people's grandsons may be sent to our capital city as pages in the Legislative halls of South Carolina, and lo! when the Governor's Message is read, it is written by that same little barefoot newsboy. Ah! little fellow, with the form of a child and the heart of a hero, surely since those March winds blew and those August suns beat upon your little head, you have striven manfully. "Seest thou a man diligent in business, he shall stand before kings!" Aye, in South Carolina he shall be a king among his fellows!

THE NEWS BOY BECOMES GOVERNOR. Now that you have already guessed who this brave little newsboy is, he shall be formally introduced to you.

of the State's affairs. Some peculiar people argue that when man succeeds to this office from that of Lieut-Governor this cause should not be observed.

This shows simply a love of arguing about nothing, or to express it more elegantly, it is the difference between tweedle-dee and tweedle-dum.

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNORS NOT FIGURE HEADS.

Our Lieutenant-governors are not mere figure-heads. From the very nature of the office, only men of ability can fill it. This officer must preside over the Senate, a body of able and trained public men, generally; many of whom are firstclass lawyers. (We Tillmanites had a lot of the rust rubbed off our political spectacles when old Ben was running for governor. We are nearly as sharp, or to use fine language, we are about as good diplomats as the ants, and there is no use whatever in trying to get us to argue about how many angels can dance upon the point of a camel's needle. We are saving wood now and will vote for McSweeney at the first, and if necessary at the second primary, as sure as hay-seeds live.)

THE GOOD OLD RULE SHOULD HOLD GOOD TODAY.

It has been the invariable custom to give the governor a second term as an endorsement of a good administration of the affairs of the State. This was so well understood that there was nothing but routine work at the former nominating convention for second term until Tillman came in, then the hours of hate and fury, malice and all other kinds of manners were let loose, and we were entranced to relegated Tillman to the scrap heap, to his shame, to his disgrace, in the eyes of the world. (Old Ben send old Ben home? Did we do what Gonzales and the gang desired us to do? I think I hear the rebel yell, "No, no, never, never." We gave him a second term, and then sent him to the United States Senate, where he has vindicated our faith in his ability and won a national reputation for himself.)

WE OWN N'SWEENEY ANOTHER TERM.

In simple justice and common decency we owe Governor McSweeney another term. Our State cannot even then afford to lose the services of such an able man. Mr. Gary also has ability you will answer. Granting this, but why, when it has been the custom of a century to allow a second term; why should we remove the old landmarks now when our State has been more prosperous than for many years past?

The phenomenal development of South Carolina in manufacturing marks an era in our industrial history that astonishes the world. We are able to stand and gaze at the aches

steps second only to Massachusetts in the number of her spindles. This

splendid fact alone proves that the present governor has the confidence of business men at home and abroad. We have tried this man—why take one with less experience.

NICK MCASLAN'S DILEMMA.

Like Gary, he is all right for another time, but just now he is like the little Secceder boy down on Long Cane that "Nick" McCuskin tells about. Nick and a candidate dined with a friend and they had fried chicken. Nick declares he didn't take a second piece, but that just as the candidate helped himself a second time there was a loud wail from behind the door. The gentleman of the house said, "What's the matter, budgie?" Budgie boozed home, but had been blotted out. "Then damn fo' all, I'm a fool," said Nick. "I went home and brought my mother to bed, and she sent me to take another dose in fifteen or twenty minutes if he did not find relief, but he took no more and was soon well again." (See R. B. Loryea Drug Store, Isaac M. Loryea, Prop.)

FRANKLIN AND M'SWEENEY.

Like Mr. Franklin, who ate his bread on the streets, M-Sweeney went to bed supperless, because when he went to Ninety-Six, he was unable to buy three meals a day. Like Franklin, success came to him, and now the boy who once was able to buy only two meals a day is well provided for, and he has no fear of becoming a charge upon his country.

The people of the State of his nativity give him their heart's affection, while they bestow upon him the highest honor which any people can confer upon any man. We may be wrong, but it strikes us, the preacher would have been at better business if he had been going about asking alms for the poor and needy, instead of votes for Colonel Hoyt or any other politician.

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