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Let us hasten to say that no reference was intended in our last issue to the Senatorial candidate of the editor of the Charleston Evening Post.

As we see it, there is little use to be concerned over the result of the dispensary election in this county on the 20th instant. It makes little difference which way the election goes, for we believe the next legislature will pass a State prohibition law.

State Superintendent of Education O. B. Martin has made a sorry spectacle of himself in his attack on Governor Ansel because the governor appointed John C. Sheppard, of Edgefield, as a member of the State board of education without consulting Mr. Martin.

The city council of Greenwood has set a good example in refusing to grant a perpetual franchise to the South Carolina Public Service Corporation, which wanted six years to build a trolley line. Too many South Carolina towns and cities have heretofore given away valuable rights to Northern capitalists.

Some people express a great deal of satisfaction over the defeat of Vardaman in Mississippi for the United States Senate and the election of John Sharp Williams. A matter of sentiment purely. The country will never know any difference, and one would do as well as the other so far as results are concerned. Still it is to the credit of Mississippi's voters that so blatant a demagogue as Vardaman should have been defeated.

We feel somewhat encouraged over the present outlook for an organization of the farmers of this county. There was not as many present at the meeting last Monday as there should have been, but the showing was not so bad after all. The organization can be made a success if our farmers will just take an interest in it, and we propose to keep up the agitation until we do get them aroused or they drop it altogether. Another meeting is to be held the first Monday in September, and at this meeting the committee to solicit stock for the cotton warehouse will make a report of what has been accomplished. Let there be a good number of farmers and business men present.

The movement to erect a cotton warehouse in Bamberg has taken definite shape, by the executive committee of the county cotton association being authorized to solicit subscriptions to the capital stock. You cannot expect to get the benefits unless you put something into the scheme. Don't wait for the committee to call on you, but see them at once and subscribe for as many shares as you can. There is a subscription list at our office, in the hands of the editor of this paper, and if you want to subscribe, let us know. We do not propose to run anybody down and beg them to take stock. The benefits to be derived from the enterprise are too plain for us to have to beg our farmers and business men to go into the company. Of course, every one will be solicited who can be seen, but don't wait for some one to call on you. Any member of the committee will be glad to take your subscription, even if you can take only one share.

The Greatest Bluff.

Mrs. Carrie Nation was speaking at York, Pa., the other day, when she espied a picture of President Roosevelt, hanging on the wall. Pointing to it, she said: "There is no man so ugly to me as he. He is the greatest bluff in the country. I always say, what is he up to now? When he springs something new on the country he will set the dogs on the game and then expect you to do wonders. Then, when you look for results, he has called the dogs off again. Oh, he is a great politician, he is."

The legislature of Georgia has passed a law which disfranchises all negroes.

"BLEST BE THE TIE."

How the Familiar Old Hymn Came to be Written.

Not one in a thousand of those who sing that good old hymn, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" knows the history of its homely origin.

According to the Church Eclectic, it was written by the Rev. John Fawcett, who in the latter part of the eighteenth century was the pastor of a poor little church in Lockshire, England. His family and responsibilities were large, his salary was less than \$4 a week.

In 1772 he felt himself obliged to accept a call to a London church. His farewell sermon had been preached, six wagons loaded with furniture and books stood by the door. His congregation, men, women, and children, were in an agony of tears.

Mr. Fawcett and his wife sat down on a packing case and cried with the others. Looking up, Mrs. Fawcett said:

"Oh, John, John, I cannot bear this! I know not where to go!" "Nor I either," said he; "nor will we go. Unload the wagons and put everything back in its old place."

His letter of acceptance to the London church was recalled and he wrote this hymn to commemorate the episode.

Bill Nye's Long Wait.

Bill Nye when a young man once made an engagement with a young lady friend of his to take her out driving on Sunday afternoon. The appointed day came, but at the livery stable all the horses were taken out save one old, shaky, exceedingly bony horse.

Mr. Nye hired the nag and drove to his friend's residence. The lady let him wait nearly an hour before she was ready, and then, on viewing the disreputable outfit flatly refused to accompany Mr. Nye.

"Why," she exclaimed sneeringly, "that horse may die of old age at any moment."

"Madame," Mr. Nye replied, "when I arrived that horse was a prancing young steed."

Didn't Know a Good Thing.

Not long ago in a Western market town I chanced to observe an Irishman with a live turkey under his arm. The turkey was squawking and gobbling in a distressed way, a racket to which the Irishman did not at first pay any particular notice. Finally, however, the disturbance got on to the Celt's nerves. Giving the bird a poke in the side, he exclaimed:

"Be quiet! What's the matter wid ye, anyhow? Why should yez want to walk whin I'm willin to carry ye?" —Harper's Monthly.

Low Cotton Average.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—The agricultural department's cotton crop report issued today, shows the condition on July 25 as 75, compared with 82.9 on the same date last year.

In the table given in the report issued by the crop reporting board of the bureau of statistics of the Agricultural Department, the following condition by States on July 25, 1907, is shown:

Virginia, 65; North Carolina, 75; South Carolina, 81; Florida, 84; Alabama, 72; Mississippi, 71; Texas, 75; Arkansas, 68; Tennessee, 75.

The ten-year average was as follows: Virginia, 86; North Carolina, 84; South Carolina, 81; Georgia, 83; Florida, 84; Alabama, 82; Mississippi, 82; Louisiana, 84; Texas, 82; Arkansas, 84; Tennessee, 85; United States, 82.6.

Fire at Aiken.

AIKEN, August 6.—Last night at 9.30 o'clock fire broke out in Richardson's wood yard, in Aiken, and after burning for several hours was dynamited, but the fire, while it was kept confined, continued to burn until this morning when it was finally extinguished. The fire department responded promptly, but the fire had spread so rapidly that but little could be done other than keeping it confined. At 12 o'clock dynamite was used to prevent several large piles of wood from catching. A large quantity of machinery was burned and a barn and stables were also burned. The loss is estimated to be about \$4,000 and it is understood that some insurance was carried, but it is not known how much. The machinery, buildings, etc., are a complete loss, while a quantity of wood was saved.

Richland county will vote on the county court proposition next Tuesday.

The annual meeting of the good roads association of South Carolina was held in Spartanburg yesterday.

Messrs. C. R. Brabham and C. J. S. Brooker paid a visit to the Blackville section Tuesday. They say the crops are fine up there, and the truck farmers made good money this year on canteloupes, asparagus, etc.

Arthur Davis, a negro, was convicted in Union Tuesday of manslaughter and sentenced to fifteen years in the penitentiary. He shot and killed Clarence Gist, a young white man, at Carlisle in that county a few months ago.

A New England man was taken to police court and fined \$8.50 for making love to two girls at the same time. The expenses of a specialist in any line are always very high.

Chicago's health commissioner finds that the strenuous life is killing off the men in the Windy City, while the other sex is holding its own. Chicago women have always been credited with having an unusually firm grip upon the terrestrial sphere.

Valuable Farm and Timber Lands For Sale on Easy Terms

Bamberg County

85 acres, more or less, 4-room dwelling, barn and stables, and one 3-room tenant house with barn and stables, about 70 acres cleared and in fine state of cultivation. Only one mile North of Bamberg, S. C., good for trucking or general crops. Will go at a bargain for a limited time. Price on application.

36 acres, more or less, about 30 acres cleared. No buildings. Only about one mile from Bamberg. Near enough to keep your town cows and hogs. Price only \$20 per acre.

100 acres, more or less, about one mile South of Odom's Bridge; 75 acres cleared, 5-room dwelling, dining room and kitchen, barn and stables and other outbuildings. Lands in good state of cultivation; good neighborhood. Price and terms on application.

50 acres, about two-thirds of which is covered with pecan trees just coming into profitable bearing. This property lies near the town of Denmark, a railroad center. A bargain awaits some one. Will pay for itself in a few years. Price on application.

442 acres, more or less, 4-room dwelling, barn and stables and other outbuildings, about 150 acres cleared, balance in hardwood timber. One mile North of Midway on Southern Railway. Price \$10 per acre.

150 acres without buildings, about 75 acres cleared, balance in hardwood timbers. Lies about one mile East of Midway on Southern Railway. Price \$10 per acre.

260 acres, more or less, about 100 acres cleared, 4-room dwelling, barn and stables and other outbuildings. Well timbered with hard wood. Lies about two miles North-east of Bamberg. Price \$10 per acre.

910 acres, lies within a few hundred yards of Midway. Farm and stock lands. Price low; terms easy.

650 acres, finely timbered with hardwoods, and lies about 5 miles of Ehrhardt on Coast Line R. R.

500 acres in Three Mile Township, well improved and in a high state of cultivation. Few farms as good in Bamberg county. Description and terms on application.

City Property

A beautiful home with town and country privileges, situated on the West end of Railroad Avenue, and fronts Calhoun and Broad Streets, contains 14 acres of land in town of Bamberg, with eight-room modern dwelling in good repair; good orchard and vineyard; about five acres in pecan trees, about one-half bearing; artesian well 47 feet deep flowing 16 gallons of good, pure water per minute; water piped through dwelling; swimming pool and fish pond; one acre in flowers and shrubbery; good servant house and all necessary outbuildings; also conservatory and two summer houses with beautiful vines growing over them; healthy location. Population of town about 2,500, ships about 15,000 bales of cotton per year, and only 45 miles from Aiken, the great health resort of S. C. This property lies on the Southern Railway, and the land without the improvements, cut into residential lots, could be sold from \$600 to \$1000 per acre, but will be sold at a low figure. Call early if you want a bargain. Price on application. I will sell ten acres of this lot, with three-room tenant house and five acres of pecans, for \$2,500.00.

One large lot on East end of Railroad Avenue extending South to Midway street, 6-room dwelling, good tenant house, barn and stables, large garden, choice fruit trees, good water, all under fence and in good repair; convenient to church and schools. Price \$2,500.00.

One open lot on corner of Church and Cox streets, containing one acre. This nice building site will be placed at a low figure to a quick buyer. Price on request.

J. T. O'NEAL, Real Estate Agent, Bamberg, S. C.

ANNUAL SETTLEMENT.

Statement Showing the Receipts and Disbursements for Bamberg County.

As promised last week, we give below the figures of the annual settlement between the comptroller general and our county officers. The statement will no doubt prove of much interest to our readers, as it shows the sources of income of the county, as well as the disbursements.

RECEIPTS—COUNTY.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like Cash on hand last settlement, Cash on hand last settlement for city, Cash on hand last settlement from special road tax, etc.

DISBURSEMENTS—COUNTY.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like Paid Co. Com'rs. orders special road tax, Paid Co. Com'rs. orders com. road tax, Nulla bona executions, 1905, etc.

RECEIPTS—SCHOOLS.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like Cash on hand last settlement, Delinquent taxes, in hands of sheriff, Original assessment, 3 mills on \$2,729,400, etc.

DISBURSEMENTS—SCHOOLS.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like Nulla bona executions, 1905, Paid school orders, Deductions and abatements by comptroller general, etc.

Notice of Dispensary Election.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at the various election precincts in Bamberg County on Tuesday, the 20th day of August, 1907, to determine the question whether alcoholic liquors and beverages may be sold in said county in accordance with the terms of sections 2 and 3 of the Act No. 226 of the General Assembly of this State, approved February 16th, 1907, commonly called "The Carey-Cothran Act," the petition provided for by said Act having been duly filed with me. The said election shall be held and conducted by the same officers and under the rules and regulations provided by law for general elections. The Election Commissioners for said County shall at each voting precinct therein provide one ballot box in which the ballots must be cast. Every voter in favor of the sale of liquors and beverages in said County shall cast a ballot in the box provided therefor, on which shall be printed the words, "For Sale," and every voter opposed shall cast a ballot upon which shall be printed the words, "Against Sale." At said election any person who is a qualified elector of said County may vote. The Election Commissioners of said County will provide for said election.

J. B. KEARSE, County Supervisor for Said County. Bamberg, S. C., July 16, 1907.

MANAGERS OF ELECTION.

Pursuant to an order of J. B. Kearse, Supervisor for Bamberg county, calling upon the Election Commissioners of said county to prepare for an election on the dispensary question, in said county of Bamberg, to be held August 20th, 1907, the following are appointed as managers of said election: Bamberg—G. E. Bamberg, C. A. Milhous, N. Z. Felder. Denmark—J. H. Atterberry, J. P. Storne, C. T. Bamberg. Ehrhardt—J. E. McMillan, J. E. Bishop, H. C. Copeland. Farrell's Store—J. E. Stokes, D. T. Rhoad, H. M. Wannamaker. Govan—J. H. Lancaster, W. H. Collins, J. A. Lain. Kearse—L. A. Brabham, H. W. Chitty, W. K. Best. Midway—A. J. Hunter, J. B. Smith, M. Smoak, Sr. Olar—W. T. Cave, Jimmie Morris, J. J. Brabham.

The managers shall take and subscribe, before any officer authorized to administer oaths, the oath of office prescribed by the constitution for such officers. Managers may appoint a clerk to assist them in the discharge of their duties, who shall take the oath prescribed before the chairman of the board of managers. The managers shall elect one of their number chairman of the board, and the chairman is empowered to administer the oaths to the other members.

The polls shall be opened, at the voting places designated above, at 7 o'clock in the forenoon, and shall close at 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the day of election. The managers shall administer to each person offering to vote an oath that he is qualified to vote at this election according to the constitution of this State and that he has not voted during this election.

The voting shall be by ballot, which ballot shall be of plain white paper two and a half inches wide by five inches long, clear and even cut, without ornament, designation, mutilation, symbol or mark of any kind whatsoever except the words "For Sale" or "Against Sale" printed thereon in black ink; and such ballot shall be so folded as to conceal the words printed thereon, and so folded shall be deposited in a box provided for that purpose, and no ballot of any other description found in the election box shall be counted. Each box, which must be provided with a sufficient lock, shall be publicly opened and inspected to show that it is empty and secure, and locked just before the opening of the poll. The keys shall be held by the managers, and the box shall not be opened during the election.

The managers of election shall require of every elector offering to vote at any election, before allowing him to vote, in addition to the production of a registration certificate, proof of payment of all taxes, including polltax, assessed against him collectable during the previous year. The production of a certificate or of the receipt of the officer authorized to collect such taxes shall be conclusive proof of the payment thereof.

Each clerk of the poll shall keep a poll list which shall contain one column headed "Names of Voters," and the name of each elector voting shall be entered by the clerk in such column. At the close of the election the managers and clerk shall immediately pro-

ceed publicly to open the ballot box and count the ballots therein, and continue such count, without adjournment or interruption, until the same is completed, and make such statement of the result thereof, and sign the same, as the nature of the election shall require. If, in counting, two or more like ballots shall be found folded together compactly, only one shall be counted, the other must be destroyed. If more ballots shall be found, on opening the box, than there are names on the poll list, all the ballots shall be returned to the box and thoroughly mixed together, and one of the managers, or clerk, shall, without seeing the ballots, draw therefrom and immediately destroy as many ballots as there are in excess of the number of names on the poll list.

Within three days thereafter the chairman of the board of managers, or one of them, to be designated in writing by the board, shall deliver to the commissioners of election at Bamberg, S. C., the poll list, the boxes containing the ballots, and a written statement of the result of the election in his precinct, and the oath forms signed by the managers and clerks. All these regulations must be strictly observed.

The managers will call at the Court House on Saturday before the election for the boxes and tickets.

J. F. CARTER, H. E. GRIMES, M. N. RICE, Commissioners State Elections. Bamberg, S. C., July 30, 1907.

Must Produce Certificate.

Columbia, S. C., August 2, 1907. Mr. J. F. Carter, Bamberg, S. C.—Dear Sir:—Your letter to the Attorney General, asking whether it is necessary for a voter to present his registration certificate and tax receipt at the ballot box when he offers to vote, has been received. In the case of Wright against the State Board of Canvassers, the Supreme Court decided that the manager should require the production of both registration certificate and tax receipt. It is proof of the payment of taxes that is required. The tax receipt is the best evidence, but if that cannot be produced a certificate of the treasurer, or best proof of which the fact is susceptible at the time, will be sufficient.

I enclose you the findings of the State Board of Canvassers in the case of the Kershaw election which was decided yesterday. If you desire any further information, write us and we will gladly serve you in any way we can. M. P. DEBRUHL, Assistant Attorney General.

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