

CHEROKEE!

Whoop! Whoop! Hurrah! Whoop-e-e!

WE ARE THE PEOPLE!

You Can Talk About Your Two to One But Look at This.

We Are Going to Set Up Housekeeping for Ourselves--The Vote and How It Was Cast--Talk of Fraud at White Plains.

Landslide! Tonado! Earthquake! Blizzard! Cyclone! Volcano! Whoop! Whoop-e-e! We are the people! Geomony whiz, great guns and what not!

The LEDGER sends hearty greetings to the 22,000 people of Cherokee county. The day opened clear and bright. It was an ideal election day, neither hot nor cold and not too dry.

Let those good, brave, honest, courageous and manly men in town and country alike, who have worked so hard and faithfully to help themselves and posterity keep shoulder to shoulder in time to come, as they have in this fight, and work for each others common good, and make this, the baby county of South Carolina, the banner county of the State.

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tending to private matters and paying their duty to their state and county.

A step forward has been taken. We mean to move on toward progress, education and richness and advancement in general.

The success of the election is due to no one man or set of men. Every man laid down his prejudice and his business to bring about the desired result. The farmer left his farm to talk New County to his less enthusiastic neighbor.

It shall be the aim of THE LEDGER, and it speaks the wishes of the people of both town and country, to have a reduction of taxes, and as soon as matters settle down we want the promises made on the stump, advocating a New County, carried out in full.

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About 12 o'clock a telegram was received from Blacksburg saying the "yes" ballots had all been voted and to send more. They were dispatched at once.

Some of the hardest work was done in Union county that has ever been done, and good men who had been outspoken in their opposition, turned at the very last moment. Friend met friend and plead in earnest with them to take the progressive step.

At Timber Ridge, new county received 77 to 19. It was thought that box would be about even.

Wilkinsville showed up as the banner box for Union, the vote being 131 for to 7 against.

Draytonville surpassed all expectations by voting 59 to 10 for the new county.

Glandysburg proved a wonder by voting 27 to 10 against, because she was so far off.

The greatest surprise of all came from Sarratt's, where we more than broke even by 68 to 60. Here the hardest fighting was done.

ferred as much as \$5 for a single vote there.

Blacksburg did manly, giving a four to one vote for the new county, while Buffalo rose to the occasion with a poll of 42 to 1.

Grassy Pond gave a good round vote of 5 to 1. Ezell's broke in our favor by 47 to 39.

Our friends at Macedonia went agin us by 24 to 18, but the new county advocates did noble work to hold it down to that.

At White Plains the opposition kept their promise to roll up a great majority against us by voting 132 against to 9 for. We lift our hat to those nine patriots.

We have heard of some irregularities at this box, but we beat them too bad to claim it.

Joe Allen's went against us by 26 to 2. Again we lift our hat to the two patriots.

A number of "no" votes cast in Union were illegal, not having the correct matter printed on them. However we don't claim that. We let them count every vote cast against new county, whether regular or irregular, according to law or not, and we beat them just as stated in the above table.

As soon as enough returns were in to insure the new county the pent up feelings of the populace was let off and the night was made one of joyful celebrating. It is pleasant to note the few drunks when the occasion is taken into consideration.

To every man who voted for new county, we feel grateful and acknowledge our thanks. To every man who voted "no" we wish to say we bear you no illwill, and may prosperity smile upon you and yours as well as us and ours.

Gaffney's new band furnished excellent music Monday and Tuesday nights. The boys played like old vets and no one would have imagined that they had only been practicing five weeks. The music was soul-stirring and helped bring along the new county.

How's Ferry.

HOWELL'S FERRY, December 7.—Mr. Ed. H. DeCamp was around to see us last week. Mr. DeCamp has several warm friends in this section.

The C. E. society met at the hospitable home of S. L. Estes yesterday. Several hogs have been killed in this section Mr. J. A. M. Estes had the finest killed one weighed 408. The other 396.

Some neighbors in this section did not go to preaching yesterday. They stayed at home and read the papers to be posted on the eighth.

Quite an interesting debate was held at the school house Saturday night. The subject was, Resolved—"That character is the product of nature rather than culture." Each side was supplied with four speakers. Nature.—H. B. McDaniel Capt. R. L. Kirby, J. T. Estes, W. T. Cowart, S. A. Lee, Culture.—R. A. Foster, Capt. J. P. Williams, W. C. Blackwell Sam J. Strain, N. J. Blackwell, The affirmative side gained. The next subject is: "Which should be educated to the highest extent the male or the female?"

W. T. Foster purchased a nice horse from Mr. Richer, a Tennessee drover several days ago.

SAMBO.

At Woods Hall. Tonight and tomorrow night Hillders Wonders and Gift Carnival, will appear at Woods Hall. Of the performance the Spartanburg (S. C.) Herald says:—

"There was a good crowd at the opera house last night to see the performance of the Hillyer's Wonders and Gift Carnival, and to take chances in the distribution of gifts. The show is an interesting and funny one. The thought transfer and cabinet manifestation business was well and cleverly done and is strictly 'up to date' puzzling and amusing everybody. The distribution of gifts was fair, liberal and up to promise. The entire show went well and the people got the full value of their money in fun, astonishment and presents.

Three Cheers for the New County.

BLACKSBURG, S. C., Dec. 8.—DEAR MR. EDITOR:—Three cheers for the new county! I am a colored citizen here, but am equally interested in common material welfare. I worked for this "New County" movement and voted today. It seems that the day breaketh. We are awake to our opportunities and resource! Success to Cherokee county and Gaffney court house! And now, in the choice of officers, let coolness and thoughtfulness reign.

J. W. MOULTREE.

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AN AUSPICIOUS DAY IT WAS.

SENATOR TILLMAN IN THE CITY.

He Addresses About Eighteen Hundred Voters on the Advantages and Disadvantages of Small Counties.

Last Saturday was an auspicious day for Gaffney. Although the sun shone warm and bright and it was an ideal day overhead, the melting snow, slushy streets and the cold, damp ground made it very disagreeable on the feet. The roads were heavy and travel was difficult. Notwithstanding all this, an audience of at least 2,000 people greeted South Carolina's favorite son, to hear him discuss the advantages and disadvantages of smaller counties. Of that audience there were 1,600 or 1,700 voters, nearly every man of whom was for a New County. It was known that Senator Tillman would not whoop up the new county of Limestone. Although he was invited by the promoters of the New County scheme, it was known that he would not utter any other views than his own. He is a peculiar man in that respect. During the entire speech he made but one utterance that was erroneous—at least the report of Comptroller-General Norton makes it appear so. He said that Saluda's court house would cost her nothing, whereas, according to Mr. Norton's report, a levy of 1 1/2 mills has been made in that county for court house bonds.

Senator Tillman arrived in the city Friday afternoon on the 4.18 train from the south. It was expected that he would come on the 11.47 p. m. train via Charlotte, but he found it more convenient to come by Spartanburg. As a consequence of his unexpected arrival there were not over 200 people at the train to greet him. But these gave him a royal reception. After being presented to the reception committee he was escorted to a carriage and driven to the home of A. A. Sarratt, whose guest he was during his stay in the city. In the evening the reception committee called on the Senator and spent a couple of hours very pleasantly.

THE DAY.

Saturday morning people began to arrive early. The report had been circulated in some sections that the Senator would not be here, and a number that would have been here stayed home on that account. Nevertheless, the people—principally voters—kept coming in, some in buggies and some in wagons and some on horseback. About 11 o'clock a special train arrived from Blacksburg with about 250 Cherokee braves. They were almost a solid unit for the New County and they made the welkin ring. Along with this delegation came a brass band, which discoursed appropriate music throughout the day.

THE SPEAKING.

About 12 o'clock the Senator was driven down town. He stopped at the hotel a short while, the admiration of the surging crowd, and walked from there to the speakers' stand. Upon his arrival the band struck up a lively air, after which Chairman M. M. Tate introduced the Rev. J. D. Crout, of the Methodist church, who offered an eloquent petition. He prayed that God might bless the occasion, the people assembled and him who was to speak.

After another tune by the band Chairman Tate introduced Col. T. B. Butler, who made the address of welcome. The band played again and Col. R. M. Jolly, in a neat little speech, introduced Senator Tillman. When Senator Tillman arose there was hearty cheering. One wag yelled out: "Boys, he looks natural." The crowd broke loose in cheers. The Senator spoke in part as follows:

"MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—I am always glad to meet the people of my own state face to face in whatever corner it may be. They have been very kind to me, perhaps kinder than I deserve [A voice: 'No, they haven't.], and I love them all. I have always deemed it my duty when they called on me to respond, and it is always a pleasure to greet them. I have always fought for a free expression. I have had the pleasure of meeting the people of this town before. Six years ago I spoke from the veranda of the hotel over there when I first ran for governor. Two years later a portion of them came to Spartanburg wearing white caps with a certain brand of soda printed thereon. [Laughter.] They opposed me then. They had a

perfect right to oppose me. They have the right to oppose me now. I bear them no ill-will because they did not see fit to support me. [Applause.] I merely mention this fact because opposing papers and individuals have twitted me with coming here to help the men who tried to insult me. I look at it differently. I have a right to speak to those people who oppose me as well as those who favor me, and no man can keep me from it. My interest is your interest, and because I am in the United States Senate is no reason why it should ostracise me from you. I have charged Senators with not being in touch with their people, and I do not want to fall in that error myself. I am here simply because I was invited here by about 100 citizens and taxpayers. You are freemen. I cannot dictate to you how to vote. I simply come here to present to you the facts and let you decide for yourself. I might have refused to come if I had been a politician, but if I had refused I would have been a coward. I might not tell you what you want to hear, but I will get in the middle of the road and stay there.

"We have had some pretty hot times in South Carolina in the past six years. We have stirred things with a big spoon. We have cut a wide swath and the scythe has gone pretty close to the ground. What was it for? It was to keep South Carolina from lagging behind her sister states. You swing the pendulum and it will go almost as far the other way. The Reform movement came near swinging the pendulum over but now it is about to get to its natural position again. The constitutional convention was in nearly an equal balance. Previous to that it was impossible to have smaller counties because the old court houses generally succeeded in electing their choice of representatives and they would combine and fight it. It is different now. The constitutional convention makes it possible for you to have smaller counties. You have the thing in your own hands. We provided that whenever the territory provided sufficient property and population you could vote on the question. I am here to warn you against making mistakes. Be sure you are right and then go ahead. They can't drag you into it. What is a county? It is a portion of a state cut off for specific government. Just here Senator Tillman went into an elaborate explanation of county government.

Formerly our counties were four times the size they are now. That was when the county was sparsely settled. Now the county is thickly settled and we need more conveniences.

Some one disturbed the Senator by talking in the crowd. He stopped, looked in the direction of the disturber and said: "If that man is going to talk I'll wait until he gets through." The crowd yelled and the Senator proceeded with his speech.

"In that portion of Edgefield which was cut from Saluda some people had to travel forty miles in order to reach the old county seat. The county seat was not in the geographical centre of the old county, hence those people who lived in the extreme limits were placed at a great disadvantage.

The Senator then went on to explain how Pendleton and Cambridge were divide for the convenience of the people.

The reasons for the nucleus of this new county is because the portions of Spartanburg, Union and York to be cut off are far from the court houses and the question is whether or not the people are ready for a new bee gum. Think of it for a moment, you men who live in the Northwest corner of Spartanburg and the west end of Union and York. You will simply swarm and leave the old gum.

What are the advantages of a court house? A court house would be a school to some of you. When you are not busy you can go to court and listen to the cases and perhaps avoid some petty trouble for yourself. Then there is a drawback. You might be so close as to encourage you to bring a little suit against some fellow when you did not have much ground for it. But then a suit in law is a luxury and you have a right to pay for it if you want it. One great advantage would be that you farmers could go to court, attend to your business and return home to spend the night unless you got tied up with some dispensary like some of our Edgefield people. Salem county is dead for the present but I believe they will eventually see the need of a smaller county and succeed. There are at present about six new county schemes, all of which have been started since the constitutional convention. They will vote in about ten days. You will vote next week. Where do these schemes originate from? It comes from the desire of some ambitious, wide awake town like Gaffney to become a county seat. They have that right. I don't blame them. They can't drag you into it. If you don't vote they can't get you.

Why do the old court houses work so hard to keep you in the old counties? Why does the Piedmont Head-

light fill up columns and pages trying to show you why you should not have a new county? You have your own answers so I will not say more than that it is because they want to keep your taxes and your patronage.

Dollars and cents and conscience are the things to be weighed. I come here not to tell the people what to do. You have got to decide for yourselves. I will simply put the evidence. You are the jury and must decide. All that I can do is to point out the drawbacks and advantages.

MEDDLING IN GAFFNEY'S PUDDING.

I understand Gaffney has entered into a bond of \$15,000 to build the courthouse and jail. I stand here ready to make oath that the bond is good and legal and given in good faith. That bond is not in the right shape, however. That twelve year clause should not be in it. There is many a slip between the cup and the lip." They should build the courthouse right now and not wait twelve years. They will say I'm meddling now. Well if I am I'm meddling with Gaffney's pudding. I don't doubt the sincerity of the intentions but there should be no "ifs and ands" about it. If Rock Hill had the chance to bid on this courthouse, she would build you a \$50,000 courthouse and do it at once. I know Gaffney is not less enterprising than Rock Hill. Greenwood will build at once, and Gaffney is too plucky not to build at once. The question to be considered is: "Is it worth the cost to establish a new county?" Law and trading go hand in hand at the courthouse, and any thrifty town ought to have a courthouse if it can.

You can't hope or expect to reduce your taxes for a while at least. You may do that later on. Your taxes may be increased. The question is whether you want it. What is it worth to you? You consider with this the loss of time and the wear and tear of your vehicles and stock. I believe a typical county should not have a man go over ten or twelve miles to a courthouse. I believe South Carolina should have fifty or sixty counties. I merely give this as my opinion. If I had my way I would make South Carolina look like a patch quilt. It has been charged that Edgefield has become conservative by the change. I want to say that I never have and I never will allow my personal interest to enter into the matter. My personal ambitions are secondary when the interest of the people of South Carolina is at stake. I do not care whether the new county may be against me or not. It is not a question of politics, but as to whether you want this county regardless of politics. If I have erred in coming here, my independence is worth nothing. I have never knuckled or bowed to get votes, and I never will. I have been accused of every sin in the decalogue, but it is a personal gratification to be able to say that I have not been accused of being a fool. I have always noticed that small counties have the best roads. A small county is like a small farm. You can attend to it better. You men who own large plantations of thousands of acres and rent your land, know it is worn out and full of gullies. A small county is more compact and you can give it better attention than you can a large one. In large counties you do not know who you are voting for half the time. You never see a candidate until he comes around to shake your hand and kiss the babies and flatter Mrs. So and So.

Pick out the best men and put them in office and then watch them. Watch them, I say! Don't be niggardly in paying your public officers. Pay enough to secure competent men and pay them enough to keep them from pilfering. Don't let them monkey with the public money.

Senator Tillman then went into State affairs in general, and the dispensary in particular. He declared that if the dispensary was honestly carried out, it was the best law the Reform party had put upon the statutes. He wound up by asking all that were in favor of the dispensary law and the carrying out of it honestly, to hold up their hands. Hundreds of hands went into the air on the affirmative vote, while but a few declared their opposition to it.

The speech was frequently interrupted with applause, and it was the almost the unanimous verdict of the people, that it did good for the new county. THE LEDGER returns thanks to the Senator for his coming, and hopes at some other time to have him address the citizens of Cherokee county.

Aching Joints

Announce the presence of rheumatism which causes untold suffering. Rheumatism is due to lactic acid in the blood. It cannot be cured by liniments or other outward applications. Hood's Sarsaparilla purifies the blood, removes the cause of rheumatism and permanently cures this disease. This is the testimony of thousands of people who once suffered the pains of rheumatism but who have actually been cured by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. Its great power to act upon the blood and remove every impurity is the secret of the wonderful cures by Hood's Sarsaparilla.