

Property Qualification.

Few people realize the power that is wielded by the great daily newspapers of the day, not only in shaping public opinions, but in giving expression to views and opinions which the world at large readily accepts as current in the community in which they originate.

The Charleston News and Courier has done much to build up the South, and is, so far as news is concerned, without an equal in the Southern States. But a recent editorial in that paper, which has caused considerable comment, and to which Senator LOGAN referred, in his speech on the admission of Dakota, is taken as the sentiment of the thinking people of South Carolina, is calculated to inflict serious injury upon the State.

We allude to the article which appeared some weeks ago advocating a property qualification for suffrage. There may be some men in this State, but we are glad to know very few, who are so un-democratic as to desire to cast the whole machinery of government upon the rich and to disfranchise a man because of his poverty.

It seems hard to convince some people that a poor man can be either intelligent or honest, but when a leading democratic newspaper gives utterance to the idea that representation should be based upon property, we may stop and reflect before we allow the opinions it expresses, to go out as the sentiment of the South.

Money can do many things, but, bad indeed will be the state of affairs, when it alone can gain an entrance into the sacred precincts of the ballot-box.

If it had been proposed that the Constitution should be amended so as to require an educational qualification, there might be some show of reason in it, but we cannot allow that the possession of this world's goods confers such extraordinary powers, as that only those who have been so fortunate as to accumulate a goodly portion, are competent to decide who shall rule the nation.

Senator LOGAN says of South Carolina: "It is the very State where all the leading ideas of Democracy have cropped out for fifty years." Of this, the State should be proud; but never yet has South Carolina attempted to pass property qualification, and it will be a long time before the News and Courier, or any other agency, can make the true sons of South Carolina so far forget themselves and the principles of democracy as to pass such an un-democratic measure.

We honor the democratic party, not because it is a party, but for the principles embodied in its platform; because it gives equal protection to all and allows the humblest citizen an equal voice with the millionaire in choosing men to make and enforce the laws.

This is one of the leading ideas of Democracy, and to say that South Carolina has attempted or desires a change, is to grossly misrepresent the facts.

The New Deal Again. "Get those glass eyes; And like a scurvy politician, Seem to see the things thou dost not."

Many of our exchanges, without advancing any definite reason, persist in clamoring for a new deal in the next election of State officers. Much has been said about the new deal, and it is probable that as the election draws near, it will be taken up by dissatisfied politicians of a low order, who desire to ride into what they consider "fat offices," upon this hobby.

Unquestionably, the most important consideration in electing officers is their individual qualifications. Fitness for the discharge of the duties should first be considered, and we have no sympathy with those who seem to imagine that because a man's grandfather performed the State service, therefore all his descendants should receive the emoluments of a public office, as annuities.

No one section of the State is entitled to greater favor than another. Good men can be found all over the State, and as they are but representatives of the people, they should be chosen from the people of the State as such.

Perhaps the new deal idea arises from the fact that great complaint is made against high taxes. Unless it can be shown that the State officers have abused the trust reposed in them, we see no reason for turning a man out of office who has performed his duty, satisfied his

constituents, and proven himself worthy. It is folly to turn out a good man simply to experiment with another. The State officers have nothing to do with reducing taxation. This evil, if it be one, must be remedied by the legislators and County Commissioners. Elect competent and trustworthy County officers and you may be sure no unnecessary expense will be incurred.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNTY TREASURER

—OF THE— LAURENS CO., S. C.,

OF MONEY PAID FROM NOVEMBER 1st, 1884, TO NOVEMBER 1st, 1885.

To His Honor the Presiding Judge of the Court of General Sessions for Laurens County, February Term, 1886:

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 1.

Table listing names and amounts for School District No. 1, including M C Fleming, N E Bramlet, Sallie R West, A B Juhan, Jane Chalmers, P S Little, A P Butler, C L Butler, J B Harris, C N Holmes, furniture.

SCHOOL DISTRICT, No. 2.

Table listing names and amounts for School District No. 2, including F C Rose, L W E Putman, P S Little, Ella O Fowler, C G Garrett, Mattie B Moore, J R Martin, Doctor Cook, C M Coker, Manerva B Patton, M A Cox, T Ann Garrett.

SCHOOL DISTRICT, No. 3.

Table listing names and amounts for School District No. 3, including Mattie Anderson, A B Riley, J H Garrison, J Q Mahaffey, M C Crisp, C S Butler, F J Goings, E E Harper, W W Bryson, S J Bryson, A L L Riley, D F Welborn, L W E Putman, M S Owings, G D Knight, S R West, R E Garlington, M A Owens.

Dr. Talmage on High License

Table listing names and amounts for Dr. Talmage on High License, including M L Franklin, Antny Robertson, A P Butler, Maneva B Patton, J E Goodgion, J J Rowland, H H Watkins, H H Archibald, Fannie Willis, R J Sanders, S J Medlock, W L Hood, J S Machen, M J Mahaffey, J R Wadkins, O F Oliver, T S Harris, L T H Daniel, Jas O Martin, H E Lewis, Sallie A Lewis, J H Elledge, T C Odell, T H Nelson, Emma Elledge, Susan F Fuller, L A Merriman, W P Culbertson, M T Allison, G Martin, S A Neely, M J Henry, M H Daniel, G Martin.

Keep Out of Debt

Debt and interest are two things that keep many noses to the grindstone. One of the principal causes of debt is extravagance; the Americans as a people are noted for living beyond their means; pay day is as sure to come as the tax collector, and when it comes the debtor is unprepared and a panic ensues. We never know, says the St. Louis Republican, how general the habit of extravagance is till a crash like that of 1873 comes on the country. These crashes are sharp peremptory notices to pay up, addressed to every person in debt. The demand has to be complied with, and the bankruptcies and breakups in every community that follow, reveals the large number of persons who have been living on favor. In prosperous times it is easy to get credit, and the result is, many live beyond their means and some make use of credit to secure a show of wealth, mortgage property which they do not own, and the interest charges on which swallow up a large portion of their income. Debts are incurred and sooner or later have to be paid, either during life, or by selling the unfortunate debtor's mortgaged property, thus stripping him and his family of all their imagined wealth, and leaving them destitute. There is no class of persons who can less afford to go into debt than farmers—and this because, when once in debt, they rarely get out. In many counties in Missouri, says the Republican, and the process is so complete as to have entirely transformed the community from what it was twenty years ago. The explanation is simple: Germans do not go in debt or live beyond their means, but they buy the farms of Americans who do. The moral is, keep out of debt.

NOTICE

The following gentlemen are appointed as Supervisors of the Public Highways for the year 1886: Youngs Township—Wash H. Drummond, Dial's Township—Ludy Bolt, Sullivan's—Enoch Mitchell, Waterloo—J. E. Goddard, Cross Hill—McNeil Simpson, Hunter—Rhett Copeland, Jacks—G. C. Young, Scuffletown—T. J. Little, Laurens—Capers Hellans.

Said Supervisors will select overseers of all the public highways in their Township, and direct said overseers to call out all persons liable for road working, and see that their public highways are put in good condition on or by the 1st of April next, and each supervisor make their report by the 6th day of April next, to the Board of County Commissioners, at Laurens C. H., otherwise the law will be enforced.

J. W. LITTLE, C. B. C. L. C. Feb. 10, '86.

NOTICE.

By virtue of a chattel mortgage executed by Alonzo L. Crawford to Reab, O'Connor & Bailey, on the 18th day of June 1885, and recorded in the office of Register of Mesne Conveyances for Laurens County, October 9th, 1885, I will sell, at Laurens C. H., S. C., on Feb. 18th, one Pool Table and Fixtures, to satisfy the above stated mortgage. N. D. FRANKS, Ag't. for Mortgage. Feb. 3d, 1886.

NEW FIRM.

The old firm of Boyd, Pluss & Co. having dissolved by mutual consent, the undersigned have formed a co-partnership and will keep a full stock of Family Groceries and Plantation Supplies. We are also Agts. for Waudo Fertilizer and Acid Phosphate. Mr. Pluss, in behalf of the old firm, takes this opportunity to extend his thanks for past favors, and now solicits for the new firm, a liberal patronage. Our friends will please notice that we occupy the handsome brick building of Mr. G. F. Little, on the corner of Main and Harper Streets, where we will be glad to welcome them. PLUSS & FERGUSON. Laurens, S. C., Jan. 25, 1886.

Photographer.

Having located in the Fowler Building, over the stores of John D Sheahan, for the purpose of taking Photographs and Ferretotypes, and also Copying and Enlarging, I am prepared to give you satisfaction, having had ten years' experience. Call and get a shadow before the substance fades. Pictures taken on a cloudy as well as a fair day. J. R. GLAZENER.

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COMMENCING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29, 1885, at 9.15 A. M., Passenger Trains will run as follows, "Eastern time": TO AND FROM CHARLESTON. EAST (DAILY). Depart Columbia 7.30 a.m. 5.27 p.m. Due Charleston 12.18 p.m. 9.05 p.m. WEST (DAILY). Depart Charleston 7.20 a.m. 5.10 p.m. Due Columbia 10.40 a.m. 10.50 p.m. TO AND FROM CAMDEN. (EAST DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY). Depart Columbia 7.30 a.m. 5.05 p.m. 5.27 p.m. Due Camden 12.47 p.m. 7.42 p.m. 7.42 p.m. (WEST DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY). Depart Camden 6.50 a.m. 7 a.m. 3.15 p.m. Due Columbia 9.25 a.m. 10.40 a.m. 10 p.m. TO AND FROM AUGUSTA. EAST (DAILY). Depart Columbia 5.27 p.m. Due Augusta 10.30 p.m. WEST (DAILY). Depart Augusta 4.45 p.m. Due Columbia 10.00 p.m. CONNECTIONS. Made at Columbia with Columbia and Greenville Railroad by train arriving at 10.40 A. M., and departing at 5.27 P. M. At Columbia Junction with C. C. & A. Railroad by same train to and from all points on both roads. Passengers take supper at Branchville. At Charleston with steamers for New York; and with steamer for Jacksonville and points on St. John's River, Tuesdays and Saturdays; with Charleston and Savannah Railroad to and from Savannah and points in Florida, daily. Georgia and Central Railroads to and from all points on West Railroads to and from all points on South and West by air. D. McQUEEN, Ag't. Columbia, S. C. JOHN B. PECK, General Manager, etc. D. C. Allen, G. P. and Ticket Agent.

GREENVILLE & COLUMBIA RAILROAD.

On and after Jan. 10, 1886, Passenger Trains will run as herewith indicated upon this road and its branches. Daily, except Sundays. No. 53—UP PASSENGER. Leave Columbia C. & G. Depot 10.45 a.m. Arrive Alston 11.45 a.m. " Newberry 12.48 p.m. " Ninety-Six 2.03 p.m. " Hodges 2.03 p.m. " Belton 4.11 p.m. " Greenville 5.35 p.m. No. 52—DOWN PASSENGER. Leave Greenville 9.45 a.m. Arrive Belton 11.03 a.m. " Hodges 12.17 p.m. " Ninety-Six 1.10 p.m. " Newberry 3.02 p.m. " Alston 4.05 p.m. " Columbia 5.15 p.m. LAURENS RAILROAD. Leave Helena 3.32 p.m. Arrive at Laurens C. H. 8.00 a.m. Leave Laurens C. H. 8.00 a.m. Arrive at Helena 11.00 a.m. G. R. TALLCOTT, Superintendent. D. CARDWELL, A. G. P. A.

Wilmington, Columbia and Augusta.

General Passenger Department, COLUMBIA, S. C., July 19, 1885. MAIL AND EXPRESS. South-Daily. No. 48. No. 49. Leave Wilmington 8.10 p.m. 10.10 p.m. Arrive Florence 9.42 p.m. 11.17 p.m. " Marion 11.28 p.m. 12.40 p.m. Arrive Florence 11.25 p.m. 1.15 a.m. " Sumter 1.54 a.m. " Columbia 5.40 a.m. North-Daily. No. 43. No. 47. Leave Columbia 9.50 a.m. Arrive Sumter 11.55 p.m. Arrive Florence 4.15 p.m. 5.07 a.m. Leave Marion 5.30 p.m. 5.53 a.m. " Florence 7.02 p.m. 7.44 a.m. Arrive Wilmington 8.33 p.m. 9.67 a.m. Charleston and Columbia Special. Leave Charleston No. 53. No. 52. Arrive " 7.25 a.m. 9.30 p.m. Arrive Columbia 10.55 a.m. 6.27 p.m. Leave " T. M. EMERSON, G. P. A. J. F. Davis, Gen'l. Sup't. C. M. SMITH, Agent, Columbia, S. C.

Do you not see that this high license movement strikes at the heart of the best homes in America? That it proposes the fattest lambs for the sacrifice? That it is at war with our most domesticated circles in America? Tell it to all the philanthropists who are trying to make the world better, and let journalists tell it with pen and type, that this day in the presence of my Maker and my Judge, I stamp this license movement the monopoly of domination. It proposes to pair with honor; to pillar with splendor and guard with monopolistic advantage a business which has made the ground hollow under England, Scotland and America, with catcombs of slaughtered drunkards. I am opposed to high license because it is anti-American, it is anti-common sense, it is anti-demonstrated fact, and it is anti-Christian. Our Revolutionary fathers wrote first with pen and then in red ink, that all men are equal before the law. Impartially written on the Declaration of Independence, on the constitution of the United States and over the door of State and National capitals. Now; now, then, dare you propose for \$500 or \$1,000 to let one man sell sweetened dynamite while you deny to his fellow the right because he cannot raise more than \$100 or more than \$500, or cannot raise anything? Are the small dealers in this festive liquid to have no right? I plead for equal rights, the first American doctrine; I plead for the rights of these men who are doing a small, prudent economical business in selling extract of logwood; blue vitriol and strychnine. What right have you to say to these wealthy men who are standing beside their great conflagration of temptation, "Go ahead," while you deny the poor fellow in the traffic so much as to strike a lucifer match. Now, this high license movement is the property qualification in the most offensive shape. Why do you not carry it out in other things? Why do you not stop all bakeries and bakers can pay \$1,000 license? Why do you not shut up all the butcher shops until the butchers can pay \$500 or \$1,000? Why do you not stop these thread and needle stores and small dry goods establishments except that a man pays \$500, or \$1,000? "Oh," you say, "that is different." How is it different? "Well," you say, "the sale of meats and clothes does no damage." Ah! my brother! you have surrendered the whole subject. If rum-selling is right let all have the right, and if it is wrong \$500 or \$1,000 are only a bribe to the Government to give men privileges which it denies to the masses of the people.

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