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 LAURENS, S. C., July 20, 1897.

A Review.
 The campaigns are moving steadily towards the Western parts of the State. "Westward the star of Empire takes its way." No new features appear. McLaurin very seriously defends his tariff votes; Evans seriously attacks them; Mayfield makes a good square argument in opposition to McLaurin's record and has some specific to mend the short comings of the dispensary; Irby attacks Elberbe for his weakness, laughs at McLaurin, galls Evans occasionally and makes the feathers fly, ridicules the whole lay-out, with an occasional touch of argument as to the issues sprung by the quintette of statesmen. The meetings seem to continue small and are attracting little interest. Public opinion is moulding slowly—and the indications as yet are insufficient to enlighten as to which way the cat will jump. The great body of Democratic voters lie in the Western Piedmont—Spartanburg, York, Greenville, Anderson, Abbeville, and the satellite counties lying around them. As goes the volume of voters in these great counties so goes the great Senatorial plume.

The papers in the State, as a rule, are non-committal—straddling the fence. This, of course, comes from there being a full field of candidates. Now and then a newspaper hits a candidate squarely, but as between the rest no choice is made. You must read between the lines which way they are laying their shovels. The Greenville News, the Piedmont Daily, makes no selection, so of the Thrunderer, of Charleston, so of the Post, an evening luminary of Charleston, so of the Register of the capital city. The State speaks out wide mouthed for McLaurin and so its evening contemporary, the Record, each the echo of the other and together from which is indistinguishable. The great weeklies, the Anderson Intelligencer, the Abbeville Medium, the Greenville Mountaineer, and others of the like ilk we are unable as yet to place. In due time they will place their odds. The meetings have all been pleasant, but the wire edge is wearing off and by the time the speakers reach this latitude, the campaign will have narrowed down to the real issues and it will be lively. The dog days are here. A foolish nonsensical suggestion has been urged of a combine between Evans, Irby and Mayfield against McLaurin. But this is plainly absurd. One man could carry the opposition as well as the trio. It would look more like an entry of every man on his own hook with the hope of each to lead and if he fail to get a majority or if nobody get a majority, at least, to be second best and in the second and last tug. From the tone of the country press the country is sounder on the tariff than we had hoped for. There is a right stout conviction that we are all-round consumers and that we must fight for a low tariff or as near to Free Trade as we can get—adcast for two generations—until we have manufactures to protect, and do all we can it will require a half century to make us anything but consumers of manufactured articles and producers of raw material. Would it were otherwise.

Our good readers are entitled to have a taste of the pepper, mustard, ginger, spices and other condiments that give relish to the plain, every day corn dodger style of the campaign. In the way of sauce here is a saucy letter to the State from Capt. Shel touching Col. Irby's reference to him down in Aiken: To the Editor of The State: I observe in the proceedings of the senatorial campaign reported from Aiken that Candidate Irby in his harangue at that place, said: "Mayfield was poor old Shell's baby and Shell was a poor old Irby's baby." In reply, I will say that Mr. Mayfield is not my "baby," but is the distinguished son of a noble sire, and is a gentleman in the truest sense. The most that I have had to do in creating political misfortune was the part taken in advancing the possibilities of a very unworthy blatherskite and fraud, who for six years misrepresented the people of South Carolina in the United States Senate, and his name is John Laurens Manning Irby. I may be a "political corpse," but thank God! I am not a moral mount-back, and to say the least, I have the respect and confidence of all good christian people wherever known. The senatorial primary in Laurens county will determine to what extent my political corpse has decayed, and how much voters appreciate swagging swashbucklers. G. W. SHELL, Laurens, S. C., July 16, 1897.

John C. Calhoun is growing popular in this campaign. Jefferson and Jackson have grown to be great favorites in the last six years. But a live dog is better than a dead lion. Give us a live, lithe athletic, kicking Jackson. It is a nice affair when a lean yankee like Tom Reed can with a nasal drawl make a small potato out of the biggest man the "great State of South Carolina" has produced.

The News and Courier is cool and complacent, the Charleston Post sardonic, the Greenville News jubilant and frolicsome, the Register watching, the Record hugging McLaurin, the State reforming and explaining, the Spartanburg Herald looking through its microscope for a gold bug. Irby is jubilant, Evans reminiscent, Mayfield in earnest, McLaurin pointing backward and explaining, Duncan waiting.

Quinine and other fever medicines take from 5 to 10 days to cure fever. Johnson's Chill and Fever Tonic cures in ONE DAY.

CASTORIA
 For Infants and Children.
 The only safe and reliable medicine for infants and children.

For the Marlboro Democrat.
 The Laurens Advertiser, of last week said:
 "Coals are not brought to New Castle—wool is imported to a goat's house. What is not dumped upon the great cotton patches of Col. C. S. McCull or Chancellor Johnson over in Marlboro and Marion. No wonder that Frey and Lizar are coming to the help of McLaurin and Tillman."
 In noticing the above paragraph the Marlboro Democrat, published right at McCull's home, says: "The Advertiser was evidently hard up for an item or else he did not know that a cotton patch is not a dozen miles from the great patches of Mr. McCull, has been using Egyptian cotton, and a declaration with this mill that if a tax is placed upon raw material the mill will use none but raw cotton." "Craw in brother." This is vindication enough for the action of Senators Tillman and McLaurin in voting for the protection of cotton.

Very well, wise brother. Then it is all stuff about "bringing the mills to the cotton." We the cotton producers of South Carolina are in a nice pickle if cotton can be produced in Egypt, handled and laid down ten thousand miles distant over ocean and land at the Marlboro mills in competition with cotton grown at their gates. We should double the capacity and duplicate the mills. And by the way it is consoling to THE ADVERTISER to learn that there is a cotton mill down in Marlboro and that the liberal proprietors are anxious for a tariff to enhance the price of the raw material they consume. The cotton planters in that neighborhood should encourage those mill owners. And thus we have another paragraph, don't you see.

Fooled.
 The Senators, those pinks of "country," at the instance of Bacon, of Georgia, Tillman and McLaurin, "innocents abroad," put cotton ties and bugging on the Free List. When you got back to the House they went on the New England Protection List, of course. These Senators of ours are innocent people, and should be excused for "hollowing" before they got out of woods. Fool Who? Louisiana saves her sugar but Georgia fails on her "Bacon".

At Hampton, Lieutenant-Governor McSweeney's own reservation, and where he edits the Hampton Guardian, Col. Irby charged him with being in the big newspaper trust to suppress the campaign speeches. The Lieut-Governor denied the "soft impeachment," and the candidate graciously accepted the amende. These amenities between the powerful, are beautiful to behold.

The Cuban troubles hold out and so does the internee whiskey war in South Carolina. So we have two costly luxuries—the liquors and the litigation. Liquidation comes when the taxpayers walk up to the Captain's office in October.

We are indebted to Hon. Stanyarne Wilson for a copy of "An Act" to encourage the Industries of the United States." It is a fearful document, and in its title carries with it a fearful lie—being a Bill to rob the farmers and other consumers—ninety per cent of the people of these States.

A report went like wildfire throughout the State on Thursday last that Senator Tillman had been killed by electric cars at Washington. How the canard originated has not and probably will not be explained.

Senator Tillman's Dispensary Bill passed the Senate. He claims that it will enable the State to control the liquor business. Then, again, it is claimed that it will not alter the law as it stands.

The August Number
 Of The Delineator is called the Mid-summer Number, and its Exposition of hot-weather Modes and Fabrics is made graphic by full-page color plates and intertextual illustrations, supplemented by a special article on Morning Attire. The number is notable for its fiction, Frances Lynde's "Diana of the Ephesus," a dainty love story with a setting among the mountains of Northern Alabama, being complemented by the fascinating narration of an encounter with a Paris necromancer, which forms the second of Martin Orde's serial accounts of Olive Rayner's adventures. Mrs. A. S. Potter writing of the Social Life of St. Louis shows the continual potency of the Creole influence in that interesting semi-southern metropolis. No. 4 of Jeanie Drake's New York Types is devoted to a sprightly and amusing analysis of the women who shop. Dr. Grace Peckham Murray continues her "Talks on Health and Beauty" with a discussion of the various forms of exercises especially beneficial to her sex. The growth of Golf in America is authoritatively treated by Mrs. Reginald de Koven, with some account of noted feminine players. Especially suited to the dog days are the directions for making various Salad and Salad Dressings, and Francis Leeds for a Summer Pick-Me-Up. Young people looking for a new entertainment will enjoy Lucia M. Robbins' description of "A Butterfly Party." Mrs. Witherspoon's August Tea-Table includes mention of some of the novel uses now made of precious stones. Mr. Vick's Flower Garden is supplemented by practical answers to various inquiries, the books of the month are noticed, and the usual pages are devoted to needlework.

The Mount Lebanon Shakers have recently perfected an ingenious cure for dyspepsia. Their Digestive Cordial consists of a food already digested and a digester of foods happily combined. The importance of this invention will be appreciated when we realize what a proportion of the community are victims of some form of stomach troubles. Thousands of pale, thin people have little inclination to eat, and what they do eat causes them pain and distress. This Digestive Cordial of the Shakers corrects any stomach derangement at once. It makes thin people plump. Every one will be greatly interested to read the little book which has been placed in the hands of druggists for free distribution.

What is LAXOL? Nothing but Castor Oil made as palatable as honey. Children like it.

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Notice to Creditors.
 All creditors of the estate of Mary F. Kennedy, deceased, are hereby notified to present their claims duly attested to the undersigned on or before August 1st, 1897. W. W. KENNEDY, Administrator With Will Annexed. June 15, 1897—3—4t

DR. W. H. BALL, DENTIST,
 OFFICE OVER NATIONAL BANK, LAURENS
 OFFICE DAYS—Monday and Tuesday.

LONG BRANCH.
 The printers mistake of last week caused us to say Dr. Frank Taylor when it should have been Dr. Frank Godfrey. But we can forgive a hard worked printer for the Doctor is among us and here to stay. He is going about relieving the sick and encouraging the healthy.

The little Gilsons attended a picnic last Saturday at Bird's Mill and report a great big time. The much needed rains have come at last and everybody is rejoicing.

We hear the rumbling in the distance of the U. S. band for we are ready to jump aboard as she passes and choose that day whom we will vote for. SLOCUM GILSON.

CATARRH CURED.
 No remedy is as effectual in eradicated and curing Catarrh as Botanic Blood Balm, (B. B. B.) It purifies and enriches the blood, eliminates microbes, bacteria, etc., and builds up the system from the first dose. Thousands of cases of catarrh have been cured by its magic power. For all blood and skin diseases, it has no equal. Buy the old reliable and long tested remedy, and don't throw your money away on substitutes, palmed off as "just as good." Buy the old reliable Botanic Blood Balm. Price \$1.00 per large bottle. SAYS IT IS GLORIOUS. I cannot refrain from telling you what a glorious medicine you have. For two years my mother has suffered with a severe catarrh of the head and ulcerated sore throat. She resorted to various remedies without effect, until she used Botanic Blood Balm, which cured her catarrh, and helped her sore throat. W. A. PEPPER, Fredonia, Ala. For sale by druggists.

AN OPEN LETTER To MOTHERS.
 WE ARE ASSERTING IN THE COURTS OUR RIGHT TO THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE WORD "CASTORIA," AND "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," AS OUR TRADE MARK. I, DR. SAMUEL PITCHER, of Hyannis, Massachusetts, was the originator of "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," the same that has borne and does now bear the fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher on every bear the fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher wrapper. This is the original "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," which has been used in the homes of the Mothers of America for over thirty years. LOOK CAREFULLY at the wrapper and see that it is the kind you have always bought and has the signature of Chas. H. Fletcher wrapper. No one has authority from me to use my name except The Centaur Company of which Chas. H. Fletcher is President. March 8, 1897. Samuel Pitcher, M.D.

Do Not Be Deceived.
 Do not endanger the life of your child by accepting a cheap substitute which some druggist may offer you (because he makes a few more pennies on it), the ingredients of which even he does not know. "The Kind You Have Always Bought" BEARS THE FAC-SIMILE SIGNATURE OF Chas. H. Fletcher. Insist on Having The Kind That Never Failed You. THE CENTAUR COMPANY, 77 MURRAY STREET, NEW YORK CITY.

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Was Very Nervous
 Had Smothering Spells and Could Not Sleep—Doctors Called It Neuralgia and Indigestion.
 "I had pains in my head, neck and shoulders and all through my body but they were most severe in my left side. The doctor called it neuralgia and indigestion. I was confined to my bed for eight months. I was very nervous, had smothering spells and could not sleep. I read of cures by Hood's Sarsaparilla and of a case similar to mine. My husband procured a bottle, and I began taking it. After taking one bottle I felt better, was able to rest and my appetite improved. I continued until my nervousness was cured and I was much better in every way. My husband has also been benefited by Hood's Sarsaparilla." MARY S. STONE, Spinville, Virginia.

Hood's Sarsaparilla
 Is the Best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier. Sold by all druggists, 51, six for \$6.
 Sold harmoniously with Hood's Pills.

Perfectly Cool WITH ICE
 Cheap, as E. W. MARTIN sells it delivered at your door. No one need say How Hot It Is! Furnished for picnic and other parties. Prompt delivery, full weight and at the lowest prices. E. W. MARTIN, Laurens, S. C. Telephone No. 79.

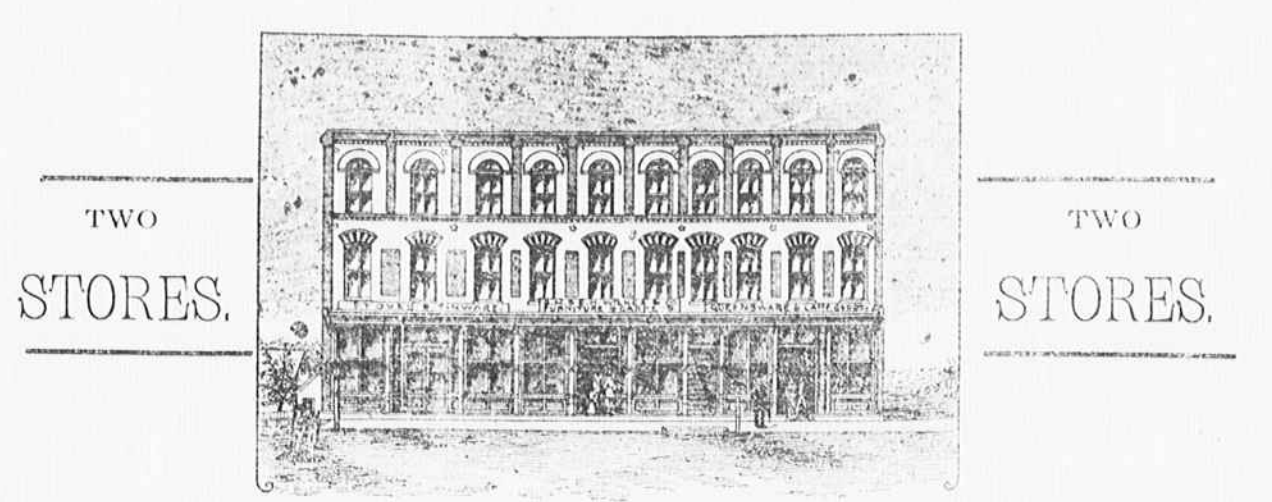
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You Will Find Us Here
 Waiting to invite you in and show you through our Large Stocks.
With 11 times as many Goods as can be shown in our city by any one.



Can furnish your house from Kitchen to Parlor. Will You Give Us a Chance?
China Store. Furniture Store. HOUSE FURNISHERS
S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & CO.
 Laurens, S. C., June 27, 1897. All Goods Delivered in South Carolina.

Furniture, Furniture
 AT THE
Big Store.
 We have the largest and most complete stock of Furniture ever shown in Laurens. You will be astonished to see Oak Suits at such Low Prices.
Stoves!
 We are selling the best Stove made, and can give you any size and price.
Our Motto
 Is to give the very best for the least money.

Remember
 We don't sell anything but what we can guarantee, and are doing business on business principles. You can find anything you want in Dress Goods, Trimmings, Millinery, Shoes and Gents Furnishing Goods. Celebrated light running "White Hickory" wagons, with extra deep and long bodies for hauling seed-cotton, cotton, etc., for sale cheap. Buy from us and get new Goods.

Laurens Cotton Mills,
 J. ED. BASS, Jr., Manager.

Notice
 TO THE People of Laurens
 I have opened up a large Harness and Saddlery business in the store room next to J. H. Sullivan's, on Main Street. I manufacture all of my Harness and sell them cheaper than you can buy this shoddy Northern harness which is put up by boys and girls that have no knowledge of the business. I have been working at the business for 20 years, and can make any kind of Harness from \$2.50 up to \$500.00. I work from three to five harness-makers all the time, and can make anything you want that I have not got in stock, but I always keep a large stock of everything in my line on hand. I sell one grade of harness at \$7.00 complete, that if you can buy elsewhere in Laurens for the same money I will make anyone that does it a present of a set. I sell all of my goods on twelve months guarantee if anything gives away I will fix it for nothing. I also do all kind of repairing at reasonable prices. Call and get prices and examine my stock of goods. I have a trace attachment that I give away with every set of harness that is worth in many cases from \$50 to \$100. It is a patent fastener to keep the trace from slipping off of the single trees. You can't buy them from any one but me as I have the right for this county. I sell them at 15 cents a pair or 2 pairs for 25 cents. Highest prices paid for Hides.
The Laurens Harness Co.
 B. B. HUGGIN, Proprietor
Prof. Otto C. Grunitz,
 —TEACHER OF—
 BRASS, REED AND STRINGED INSTRUMENTS.
 Classes taught on reasonable terms.
 LAURENS, S. C.

WATCHES AND Jewelry
 Mending and Repairing done at short notice and special attention given to watches.
 W. A. JOHNSON, The Jeweler.
 Mills & Robertson's old stand—next door Ben-Della Hotel.