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 W. W. BALL, EDITOR.

A Review.
 "The wheels continue to go round"—the campaign to proceed. The course is three-fourths run—the goal is in sight. Nobody knows how they stand in the race—the count must tell the tale. With this week ends the contest in the hill counties and the next two weeks wind up the circus over on the Atlantic coast. There is very little additional interest to the issues already familiar to our readers. The candidates talk out the time—but the real sparring is between Irby and McLaurin. Apparently the real battle is between these two champions. Irby finds spoils on his flanks in the shape of Neal, Gonzales and Ellerbe. He does not seem to hear of the Spartanburg Herald. He would appear to have left that Mountain CLARION to the care of Gantt. Irby charges that Ellerbe is prostituting his high office of Governor to defeat him—and Gonzales and Neal are backing his Excellency.—Mayfield finds a dangerous bogie in the Dispensary, and batters wings at it right, left and upwards. Wherefore, he should be United States Senator. Every sound premise has its conclusion, if there be anything in logic. Evans is a died-in-the-wool Democrat, stands by Calhoun's tariff doctrine, believes in free trade and possibly sailors rights and abnegates the "new evangel" in the shape of McLaurin's views. McLaurin defends Ellerbe, or Ellerbe in appointing him Senator, would have removed the Metropolitan police from Charleston, but circumstances, nodoubt, intervened to control the Governor's action, defend himself from the charge of Republican proclivities, and his course in Congress—as well as that of Tillman. Tillman is on the stump—a sort of side track—still declaring that he is not in the scramble. In his speech at Abbeville however, before a Farmer's Institute, he justified his and McLaurin's tariff votes—re-litertating that while the stealing is going on he wants his people to get their share. This is in the fashionable line of the logic of the period, also, and leaves all principle out of question. Tillman spoke at Tirza Friday, before a great gathering of Alliancemen and farmers. It will be difficult for Benjamin to keep out of the muss and his "ruthers" in the scramble are probably well known to representative men from all parts of the State by this time. Ninety per cent of the leading politicians were at Tirza. In National elections it was once the well understood fact—as goes Pennsylvania, so goes the Union—and it might as well be accepted as a fact—as goes Benjamin so goes the little South Carolina incident.

At the monthly meeting of the State Board of Control on Thursday last the following purchases were made: 515 barrels whiskey, that is to say, 25,000 gallons, in pints 200,000 giving to every adult man a full pint; the blind syzer and original package establishment well the supply a hundred per centum. The State also purchased 300 barrels beer. So the State means that no citizen shall suffer from thirst, but all the time on a temperance crusade. None must be drunk on the sacred premises but carried home and drunk in the presence of children or on the highway gaiped.

Inspector Hill in his report to the State Board has this to say about Laurens: July 8th I went to Laurens to look up the accounts of ex-Dispenser Langston. This matter I found in the hands of Mr. N. B. Dial, who will make an effort to collect and report to you. I was at Laurens on the 13th, and on the 14th went to Denmark. This Dispensary I found behind for a small amount, which the dispenser said he said he would soon settle. August 2 I went to Stephens, and on checking up the books of the dispenser I found that the mistake had been made of overpaying the town and county, leaving him due the State a small amount, which will be settled this week. I will recur to Laurens to say that while there I inspected the books of Dispenser Henry and found his books neatly and correctly kept.

Tillman will resign as Senator, (so says Benjamin) and run for Governor. If it is necessary, to defend the Dispensary. Never mind, the Courts will hammer the life out of it in due time. The Senator will be saved the awful ordeal of giving up his \$5,000 job.

In New York, the law provides that convicts shall not work, as their labor would compete with that of free labor. Twenty convicts looked up for want of employment became crazy and were sent to the State asylum. And now the honest men have to work to support the insane institution and its inmates.

Some 16 to 1 Free-Silverites may turn Bimetallists. Wolcott's committee is making progress in Europe. It will be bad if the finances are fixed before 1900 when Bryan shall have come.—Nothing will be left for us but Vest's tariff notions.

It begins to appear that the "blind tyger" has flourished in Charleston. It may be that the authorities in Columbia will finally find it out. They will be the last to see it, as they make a good thing out of the Dispensary.

It is a nice point to distinguish between John Gary Evans who put the Metropolitan system on Charleston and Ellerbe who keeps it there. That we are a blind mole and can't see, we acknowledge beforehand.

The Turk settled accounts with the Greek in almost four weeks, but it will take all the year for all Europe to settle the Turk.

GRAY COURT.
 The crops in this section are exceptionally fine and everybody greatly encouraged.
 We have not had a great abundance of rain, but a sufficient supply to keep all field crops thriving.
 There is some sickness in the neighborhood.
 Miss Nannie Tumblin has been sick for several days.
 The eldest child of Mr. Willis Cheek was sick last week.
 Mrs. J. E. Alexander has been quite ill for the past few weeks but we are glad to announce that she is better.
 Married at the residence of Rev. D. P. Boyd on last Thursday afternoon Mr. R. F. Babb to Miss Lizzy Kellett. The groom was 22 years of age, the bride 37.
 Rev. D. P. Boyd assisted by Rev. Mr. Phillips has been carrying on a protracted meeting at Shiloh this week. They report a good meeting.
 Misses Blanche and Maude Bishop have returned to their home at this place.
 Miss Bessie Bobo, of Greenville, is visiting the family of Mrs. Patton.
 A pleasant seeking party, consisting of the following young men left Gray Court last Wednesday morning for a trip to the mountains of the old North State: Messrs. Dorroh and Charles Peden, Ross Dorroh, Robt. Smith, Jas. Switzer, Zero Wilson and Charles Bishop. They expect to be gone about a fortnight.
 On Wednesday of week before last a large party of young people from Gray Court and Owings Station went to the reservoir on Enoree river for a day's fishing. The young ladies carried along cooking utensils, expecting to have a feast from the finny tribe. Despite the prolonged efforts on the part of the young men, they failed to secure a desired quantity of fish. However, an excellent dinner had been carried along so they were not cracked when the hour for it arrived. The afternoon was spent in "feast of words and flow of soul." All report a happy day.
 Mr. John Stripling, of Spartanburg was in our town last week.
 The Gin House which is being built by R. L. Gray is nearing completion. It will be one among the best equipped gineries in the country.
 Miss Mary Shell, of Laurens has been visiting relatives and friends at this place for the past week but has returned home.
 Mrs. John F. Bolt, of Laurens, paid a visit to relatives at this place last week.
 Mr. Oscar Simmons and family left home last Wednesday for a trip to the mountains.
 There will be a meeting of the Stockholders of Gray Court Stock Show on Friday, August 13, at 3 p. m. All who are interested will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.
 The Post Office at this place has recently been made a money order office. This is a safe way of handling money through the mail. It will prove to be a great convenience to all patrons of this office.
 Dorroh & Peden have recently prepared a cellar for ice in the rear of their new store building. A supply of ice is almost always on hand. This is quite a luxury these hot days, and also may be a convenience to sick people in the vicinity who need ice. Call around and see them and be sure to keep perfectly cool. Dorroh & Peden also run to some extent an undertaker's business. Almost anything in that line may be had from them.
 Now, we wish to ask what has become of the talker's up of an Oil Mill at this place? We begin to want to hear and see more about it. All we need is some one to give a start off and it will certainly be built.

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NOTICE!
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 JAMES DOWNEY,
 Supervisor.
 Aug. 5, 1897—42

THE CITY OF LAURENS.
 Vigorous as a Giant Refreshed With Wine.
 Special To The State.
 HARRIS SPRINGS, July 31.—It is fashionable now, almost de rigueur, to make two jaunts during your sojourn at Harris Lithia Springs—once to "Rosemont" (the old Cunningham house on the Saluda, and the other to the old-new town of Laurens. "Rosemont" is six miles from the springs, and is the home of bats and owls and ashes and tears, and memories sad, proud, historical. "Rosemont" is an intensely interesting place, but an intensely sad one.
 THE GIANT REFRESHED.
 The town of Laurens is 15 miles from the springs, but the road leading to it is fine and firm, traversing a country decidedly beautiful. A span of Brown's strong livery steeds jerk you into Laurens easily in two hours and a half. On yesterday morning five idle summer people were so jerked, Mrs. Isabel M. Armand, of Charleston, Mrs. J. M. Ford, of Augusta, Mrs. Constance Rivers, of Savannah, Mr. Claude Garrett, of Harris Lithia, and your correspondent of the dark and bloody ground of Edgefield. Mr. Claude Garrett, whose wonderful and irresistible magnetism is the outcome not only a very handsome face and form, but also of the kind of a most generous heart in the world, was the gloriator of the party and fought, blood and died, but nevertheless conquered, in the cause. Each one of the ladies is a bel esprit—Lady Sweetapple, Lady Audley and Lady Toppins.
 "IRBY HILL."
 It is 10 o'clock a. m. and we come up to a magnificent manorial and baronial home—a vast and tall old-fashioned majestic, white mansion, sitting in the midst of a superb natural grove of perhaps eight acres. This is the home of John Laurens Manning Irby—in the southern suburbs of Laurens, Senator Irby's mother and sisters live near him in lordly modern mansions.
 THE BENDILLA.
 Now we descend one almost infernal red hill and ascend another. The red hills of Edgefield are chalky and amiable compared to those of Laurens. The magnificent new and majestic cotton mill looms up in the eastern suburbs, on the other side of a wide and entirely bottomless ravine. May down in these bottomless bowels, which are green and pretty, runs the Western Carolina railway. There stand the depot buildings. And there swells the mighty tide of "Little River" making of Laurens easily a seaport town. The graceful Bendilla hotel faces us and holds out its arms to us as we drive westward across the square with the splendidly rejuvenated court house standing in the midst. The Bendilla is most triumphantly a lovely modern house and beautifully kept. In the pretty parlors of the Bendilla we find a new and very delightful upright piano, which we assault violently and interruptedly for twelve consecutive hours—until the chief of police notices us, courteously but firmly, that we must leave the town. No! Nobody in Laurens notifies you to leave. On the contrary, everybody is genial, generous and lightened to the last degree.

BALL & SIMKINS.
 Col. B. W. Ball and Mr. Louis Simkins, attorneys at law and gentlemen in the sight and favor of God, and our chief supporters in Laurens. They make no long tarrying to enter the field of love and prosperity. These are men and lawyers and Democrats of the highest and truest school. To meet them and commune was happiness enough for one day.

PEACH TREE STREET.
 And now comes Mrs. Louis Wardlaw Simkins, than whom no lovelier, nobler woman blesses God's earth, in a spacious baroque, driving our party first through Peach Tree street and then among the suburbs. We do not speak of Main street in Laurens as "Peach Tree street," in a spirit of badinage. Honestly, it reminded us at once and pleasantly of Atlanta's aristocratic thoroughfare. It is a long stretch of lovely homes and churches. All the four churches—Episcopal, Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist—stand, as it were, "cheek by jowl," so much so that the nine dimittis of the apostolic succession must vex the stern psalm of John Knox, and the free but wavering grace of John Wesley must mix somewhat painfully in "grace" of the Baptist. The Presbyterian church is handsome and quite large enough for London. The Baptist church also is very handsome. The Methodists are building anew in lordly style. The homes on Main street are charmingly mixed. Here a lovely, noble old ancestral mansion, there a modern residence of wonderful angles, turrets, towers, piazzas, pagodas and sun parlors. The modern houses of Citizen Dial, Bobo, Philpot, Davis, Owens, etc., are veritable palaces. They made us feel as poor as Lazarus when the dogs licked his sores. Mr. Dial owned Miss Ruth Mitchell of the old Batesburg-Edgefield-Lexington family. Her home is fit for a queen.

THE COTTON MILL.
 The new cotton mill is an enormous one—a four hundred thousand dollar one, 30,000 to 35,000 spindles, 800 to 1,000 looms. It is in fullest and most successful operation. Around it, in most admirably built houses, live from 1,500 to 2,000 people. This mill in all its appointments, is absolutely magnificent. Its popular, efficient and courteous president is Mr. W. E. Lucas. We went to this proud factory with feelings of intense interest, but in the midst of unmitigated physical discomfort. Going through a vast cotton mill at the object of a seven midsummer day is no child's play. Nobody but God will ever know our sufferings while achieving the feat.
 WATER WORKS AND ELECTRIC LIGHTS.
 These intangible evidences of fin de siecle progress and glory are all

there. They are just completed, not fairly turned on yet. But rest assured that new Laurens has both electric lights and water works. She has three banks. She has mercantile establishments, and many of them that may compare very favorably with Columbia's and Augusta's best.
 RASTUS ON PARADE.
 We wished very much to write about nine or ten of the splendid mercantile establishments of Laurens, but "Rastus on Parade" renders us wildly frantic, and forbids our further progress. At the Harris Lithia Springs, 300 people, one after the other, daily and nightly play "Rastus on Parade" on the piano—the groaning, shrieking and unhappy piano. "Rastus on Parade" is not bad, but at Harris Lithia it has become an active feeder of the South Carolina lunatic asylum. If there is anything in the world that we would willingly devote to the fury of the infernal gods it is "Rastus on Parade," and the people who play it.
 THE HOME COMING.
 At 7 o'clock p. m. we leave the charms and hospitalities of Laurens, and the ices and grapes and figs and aelons, to sweep homewards in the glittering gloaming. Lady Toppins and Lady Sweetapple and Lady Audley and the Chevalier Claude Garrett, the Count del Rio Secero, are valiant and beloved members of the Harris Lithia management. Their 21 hours' absence has been marked by "groanings that cannot be uttered." But Harris Lithia holds them again in her bosom and is supremely blessed.
 JAMES T. BACON.

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 Hood's Pills cure all Liver, Bilious and Sick Headache. 25c.

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