

The Ailed Powers have Pekin, but it may prove an elephant. There is no telling what must happen in the near future. There is but one thing that seems settled as to the policy of this Government—China must not be partitioned.

Postponed.
The proposed meeting at Wood's Grove, near Mt. Bethel, by Revs. Todd and Holmes is postponed. We make the announcement at the request of Messrs. James Bramlett and Jerry Stone.

A Card From Col. Tillman.
My attention has been called by several friends to a report that is being circulated in Laurens county to the effect that at the Laurens meeting I held Mr. Patterson in order that Mr. Gray might strike him. The report is absolutely untrue and is so characterized by Mr. Tillman himself. I am a friend of both gentlemen and did what I did to end an unfortunate quarrel. The only blow that passed after I caught Mr. Patterson struck me and not him.

Very Respectfully,
JAMES H. TILLMAN.

J. S. Wells is superintending the brickwork for J. S. Blacklock's cotton mill, forty tonnage houses and a twenty-room hotel, which Mr. Blacklock will have erected in the neighborhood of his cottonseed oil mill already in operation on his large estate at Goldville. A deep Artesian well is being bored on the place. At last accounts the well was over 280 feet deep, but Mr. Blacklock will not be satisfied until water flows, so he will continue boring. Mr. Blacklock is the only man in this section who uses the round bale in the cotton business. He had over 1,500 such bales last year. With a cotton mill, oil mill, Artesian well, hotel and a large number of houses on his estate Mr. Blacklock will have a thriving village of his own. He will turn his big crop into the manufacturing industries at his own doors.—Newberry cor. News and Courier.

EDITOR ADVERTISER:
In printing the list of subscribers last week you omitted the following names:
Albright, Dr. G. C. \$10.00
Armstrong, John A. 5.00
Patterson, Martin R. 2.50
Winter & Bro. J. E. 10.00
Stone & Campbell, 2.50

Please give this prominent position in your next issue—otherwise an injustice would be done these gentlemen. The list I made out for your printers was checked over twice by me.

Yours respectfully,
H. K. ARKIN,
Sec'y Laurens Co. Agr. and Mech. Assn.

These mornings are too warm and you are in need of one of our Wickless Blue Flame Stoves.
S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Co.

At Clemson.
The meeting of the Farmers Institute at Clemson has been largely attended. Intelligent and progressive farmers and will evaluate in great good. At a meeting of the visitors in attendance Col. J. D. M. Shaw was called to the Chair and had this to say upon the advantage of farmers gatherings and exchange of ideas as reported for the News and Courier:

"In some parts of our country they have compulsory education for their children. We farmers are simply children of larger growth. We need education—we need to be taught how to farm better. It is an undisputed fact that these institutes—albeit gathering these farmers can meet, confer and exchange ideas are beneficial and educational. A great many of our farmers and I hate to admit it are so lazy or so bigotted, or something, you can't teach them anything. They ought to be made to learn how to farm. These institutes and the county institutes are for that purpose. I for one am in favor of cramming education on farm boys and the throats of these bigoted ignoramus."

This breezily did Col. John D. M. Shaw, of the county of Laurens, deliver himself yesterday afternoon at the "farmers' experience meeting" held in connection with the institute, which began its sessions in Chapel Hill here on Monday night.

Col. Shaw was prompted to this expression of opinion, because some of the delegates had been wrangling for the matter of an hour over the expediency of holding county institutes, the discussion starting because of the simple question of Col. R. W. Simpson, chairman of the board of trustees of the College.

County Finances.
The thermometer is standing 96 in the shade and it is too hot for so much figuration! I still stand to the text that we are too extravagant in our county affairs. Laurens county is expending this year, \$38,286
Abbeville county is expending this year, 13,700
Difference against Laurens, 24,586
Take of Laurens Railroad debt, 10,315
Take off past indebtedness, which will equalize the two counties, 4,500
and leave Laurens spending \$9,871, more than Abbeville which amount is against us in nicely managing our county government.

I am glad our Supervisor is not a candidate. What has been said is for the good of our county—not to injure any candidate in the field. I have always voted for, talked up the financial ability of our Supervisor. He has made out his case and proved that Laurens is run cheaper than Abbeville. He has completely mystified me with his long tabulation. "The horse stands 16 feet high," still I cannot exactly understand how \$28,000 and 6 mills are cheaper than \$12,000 and 3 mills.

WM. D. SULLIVAN,
August 16th.

Notice to Capitalists!
Pursuant to an Act of the General Assembly of South Carolina, Bonds of the county of Laurens to the amount of \$1,000 issued in aid of the Greenville and Laurens, and Greenwood, Laurens & Spartanburg Railroads, and due in December, 1900, will be refunded and to run for thirty years. See Act, page 253, Statutes at Large, Act D. 1900. Seal bids invited until October 1st, 1900.

R. P. ADAIR,
Supervisor and Chairman Board of County Commissioners, L. O.

College of Charleston.
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Board in the College Dormitory, including furnished room and lights, can be obtained at \$10 a month. Tuition, \$10 session, payable in two installments. One scholarship giving free tuition is assigned to each county of South Carolina, the holder to be appointed by the COUNTY SUPERVISOR of Education and the JUDGE OF PROBATE. All candidates for admission are permitted to compete for Boyce Scholarship, which pays \$150 a year.

Very respectfully,
W. A. JOHNSON,
President.

County Canvass.

The Editor is disappointed in not being able this week to give the positions of candidates for the General Assembly in public and live issues more fully. He has been unable from feeble health to attend the meetings and his friend has disappointed him as a reporter. We want to say now for all, that the policies, one of being dyed-in-the-wool democrats of candidates for the local offices is no matter—business qualifications and a determination to reduce the expenses of the county administration. We are to watch our county expenses—the State levy being 5 mills and the 2 mills and poll tax being constitutional and irrevocable. We feel some delicacy in undertaking to locate the seats of the Senate and House on public issues, but so far as we gather they are nearly together. They are all for the Dispensary, (the only issue in the State canvass), Mr. Cooper modifying his views with the idea of local self-government, the county to replace the State and manage the sale of liquors and control it entirely.

Mr. Goodwin, for the Senate, urges the sale of convict State farms and employment of convicts on public works, State phosphate works, etc.

Dr. Wolf answered "Yes" to questions propounded at Hopewell as to labor contracts—very much on the line recently suggested by THE ADVERTISER requiring labor contracts to be indexed. He is strongly in favor of better road laws.

Mr. Shanks in his platform two salient points, one to abolish State farms, and put long term convicts on public works; another biennial sessions, strongly urged by THE ADVERTISER during the last session. This will require a constitutional amendment.

Mr. Nichols favors biennial sessions and believes in a good "bill killer" as a Legislator.

Mr. Nash wants schools put on a cash basis; contract labor law improved; the road system improved and is in favor of liberality to old soldiers and their widows.

Mr. McGowan believes in education; and will support the institutions of the State; did not at first support Clarendon, but regards it now as a part of our educational system; wants one more court term to relieve the Jail and for economy.

Mr. Sullivan wants a better contract system, and thinks the roads should be so worked as to make improvement permanent and the State farms sold. "Thinks the abolition of the Dispensary would be a calamity."

Mr. McDanel formerly represented this county in the House. He favors amendments to labor contract law, increase of penalty for breach, cash payments to school teachers and does not believe prohibition will work.

From auditors who have heard the speakers we have endeavored to give the salient points of their platforms. It will be seen that they are substantially the same and it is a family matter to select three members and a Senator to represent us. They are all good fellows and it is nearly Hobson's choice.

In the course of the canvass on the circuit of the county there has been some little vinegar, salt and spice, but these ingredients are purifiers, and give relish to the main dish. The result of them will have a healthy influence.

Mr. Thompson Gives Some Figures.
Mr. Sullivan's array of figures is misleading in many ways, as pointed out by Mr. Adair. Mr. Sullivan was dealing with estimates, which included in estimates for Laurens \$4,500 for past indebtedness while there was only 1 of a mill levied, which gives only \$1,228; again as pointed out by Mr. Adair, it includes for R. R. taxes, \$10,315, voted in 1890, and for which the county officials cannot be held responsible. There are only fourteen counties that pay any R. R. taxes in only three or four the R. R. taxes equal that of Laurens. Now the only way to be absolutely fair is to take the levies for ordinary expenses, to wit: roads, bridges, jails, salaries, chain gang, court, poor, etc., in the several counties and compare them. When we do do this, where do we find Laurens in the list? The comptroller's report shows that she is 40th on the list, but to be fair take 1 mill from the special levy for R. R. and carry to the funds for ordinary expenses, which is done in Laurens by special act of the Legislature, leaving as a fact, 21 mills for Railroad, which is required to pay the annual interest on the Railroad debt, it then gives us 31 mills for ordinary county purposes and leaves twenty counties with a greater levy for ordinary purposes, (even assuming that no other county uses a portion of special levies for ordinary purposes,) with nineteen counties with an equal or less levy. Many of the counties have levies ranging from 4 to 6 and 7 mills.

Now this same Comptroller's report shows this: Abbeville total property \$4,418,820; taxes, \$60,449; Laurens, total property \$4,911,865; total taxes, \$72,106. Now deduct for Railroad taxes, (Abbeville has no R. R. tax), \$10,315 and you have for Laurens \$61,791.

I am informed that the public buildings of Greenwood were built by the citizens and she has no R. R. taxes, yet the levy for 1890, (I am dealing with the levies for the last fiscal year) was 121 mills; Laurens, 14 mills. Deduct for R. R. 21 mills—111 mills.

Mr. Sullivan says Abbeville has a tax rate of 31 mills, which raises \$13,700; Laurens 6 mills and \$38,286. Now this is not fair, 31 on the total property of Abbeville raises \$16,750; while Mr. Sullivan over-looks the fact that 6 mills on the total property of Laurens raises \$29,471, and he neglects to tell us out of that \$29,471, the sum of \$10,315 is taken yearly to pay interest on a Railroad debt, which Mr. Sullivan knows well is as much as the 31 mills pay for schools, until our representatives shall levy a sinking fund to gradually pay off this debt.

Mr. Sullivan tells us that Laurens is 2nd in raising tax money. Last year this report shows that Laurens stands as to total taxable property 10th; as to total taxes for all purposes 10th; as to aggregate taxes for all county purposes, (including R. R. taxes), Laurens stands 14th; Laurens, 14 mills, bridges, salaries, etc., Laurens stands 21st.

Now let us array more figures for you that some persons may be led to believe that we pay more taxes than our neighbors. Take Greenville. Deduct 1 mill for Railroad from her levy of 123 leaves 122; Spartanburg, deduct 1 mill for Railroad from her levy of 155 mills, leaves 154; Laurens, deduct 21 for Railroad from her levy of 14 mills, leaves for Laurens 111 mills. Or you may put it this way: Deduct State levy, 5 mills, and R. R. 21 mills, tax for schools, and all Railroad levies in these counties and you have the following:

Greenville—Total property, \$6,898,820. Ordinary county taxes, 4 mills, \$28,471. Total taxes, all purposes, \$164,364.
Spartanburg—Total property, 10,990,441. Ordinary county taxes, 5 mills, \$54,952. Total taxes, all purposes, \$174,791.
Laurens—Total property, \$4,911,865. Ordinary county taxes, 31 mills, \$18,419. Total taxes, all purposes, \$72,106.

FACTS PERSONAL

AND BRIEF NOTES OF RECENT EVENTS.

Miss Mary Simpson is visiting at Glenn Springs.

Mayor Richey and family spent several days the past week at Cokesbury.

Mr. Jas. S. Switzer spent Sunday at Woodruff.

Mr. G. Lang Anderson, of Williams-ton, was here a short while this week.

Miss Lula Taylor, of Princeton, is visiting in the city.

Capt. W. A. McClintock, of Ora, was in the city on campaign day.

The 28th will come before another issue of this paper.

Col. J. Wash Watts, of Mountville, was in the city Monday.

Capt. J. B. Humbert, of Princeton, was in town Monday.

Dr. Alex. McCarley, of Easley, is visiting in the city.

Mr. J. P. Saxon, of Huntington, is spending several weeks in the mountains.

Mr. G. W. Taylor, a prominent citizen of Greenville, was in town yesterday.

Mr. John Balle, of Roanoke, Va., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Balle, on Main Street.

Mr. W. W. Graham, of Spartanburg, is in the city for the purpose of assuming the management of the "Fair."

Mr. Laurens Dorroh, a leading merchant of Gray Court, was in the city on Friday last.

Mr. John A. Poole, of Columbia, was in the city Monday seeing relatives.

Mr. L. H. Watts, Esq., and Mrs. Watts, prominent citizens of Greenville, visited Col. Ball's family.

Mr. Ben Townsend, of Union, was in town during the week on professional business.

The county Campaign was commendable quiet here on Monday. The voters are studying county economy.

Mrs. J. M. Hampton and children visited Spartanburg during the past week.

Mr. D. H. Counts, of Bamberg, was in the city the last of the week visiting Mr. N. B. Dial.

Mrs. Bettie Langston after a visit to Mrs. J. Ran Little has returned to her home in Augusta.

J. H. Moore's name on the printed State ticket must be struck off as he has withdrawn from the candidacy for Attorney General.

Col. S. W. Vance and son Frank, of Columbia, were in the city the first of the week seeing old friends and acquaintances.

Mr. J. J. McSwain, one of the bright young men of the State, and prominent in educational lines in the city, visiting the family of Mr. P. P. McGowan.

Mrs. Dr. Barksdale is visiting at Mrs. Evans at Spartanburg. Dr. Barksdale went over on Saturday and spent Sunday in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Saxon, after a pleasant visit to their father's family, Dr. C. A. Saxon, of Huntington, accompanied by Mrs. S. G. Simmons and little grandson, has returned to the city.

"Voter" sends us a communication which we must decline for two reasons. The author's name is not given and it attacks a prominent candidate for Governor, and no opportunity for reply will be had before the election.

Mr. J. O. C. Fleming's building on the square is moving right up, notwithstanding the scarcity of expert labor. But the building will not lag and will be ready for its occupants at the opening of the business season.

Co. F, 14th S. C. V., had its annual reunion at Langston's church Saturday last. It was a delightful occasion, old soldiers and the new generation recalling the glorious memorials of their heroic fathers.

Revival services are being conducted at the Baptist church this week. The Rev. Mr. Buckholtz, of Chester, is doing some very earnest and forceful preaching. The meeting will continue several days.

Mr. W. Robt. McCuen and Miss Lola Miller were married last evening at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Virginia Miller, the Rev. Robt. Adams of the Presbyterian church officiating. Only intimate friends and relatives were present.

On Friday evening last the members of the Social Club of this city were very delightfully entertained by Misses Mariogene and Lillette Calne. Various amusements were indulged in and dainty refreshments served, altogether giving the men who attended a most pleasant evening.

A Chance for You, Young Man.
The Laurens County Alumni Association will award a scholarship worth \$125.00 to the South Carolina College for the ensuing year. The examination to be held Friday, September 7th at Laurens Court House. Let all interested apply for detailed information to J. J. McSwain, Laurens, S. C.

Death.
Hon. D. Wade Anderson, a prominent citizen of this county, died at his home at Waterloo, Monday night after a short illness. He represented this county in the Legislature in 1876, being a member of the famous Wallace House. The funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon near the home of Mr. Anderson.

W. P. Harris.
We are glad Mr. Harris went to the Clemson Institute. His farm is an addition to the Laurens. Here is what the State's correspondent says of one of the most progressive men in the State:

"Mr. W. P. Harris, one of the most progressive of Laurens county farmers, said: 'We are going back home to give out the information we have received here, and I can see unlooked-for development in the farming interests as a result of this meeting. I expect to bring some of the men on my plantation and my neighbors back with me another year.'"

It is claimed that nowhere can a full College course with all the advantages of modern equipment and modern methods be obtained at a less cost than at the College of Charleston. With a fine equipment, handsome and commodious buildings, modern and complete equipment, and a strong faculty, the institution offers unusual advantages to the young men of this State and in Southern States. Here is what one of the men on my plantation has obtained at the College Dormitory for \$10 a month, including furnished room and lights and the total necessary expenses of a scholarship to students should not be more than \$15.00. One scholarship giving free tuition is assigned to each county of South Carolina, the holder of which is appointed by the Probate Judge and the County Superintendent of Education.

W. A. JOHNSON,
Laurens, S. C.

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1st Prize 1 pair \$5.00 shoes. 2nd Prize 1 pair \$3.00 shoes. 3rd Prize 1 pair \$2.00 shoes. 4th Prize 1 pair \$1.00 shoes.
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