THE VOTE SEEKERS.

Incidents of Their Canvass Through the State.

CHARGES AND COUNTER CHARGES

Sometimes Enliven the Meetings and Break the Monotony-Walt White man In the Race.

Sumter Speaking,

Sumter, Special.-The meeting here was held in the opera house, and at one time about 500 were present.

Col. J. M. Knight, county chairman, presided. Rev. J. A. Clifton. D. D., opened with prayer. Col. Knight read the anti-mudslinging resolutions of the State Democratic convention.

The candidates for railroad commissioner came first.

Barney Evans was introduced as "Maj. Evans of Edgefield or Cuba, or somewhere else." Barney accused W. D. of indulging in personalities. He himself was attacking W. D.'s record. He charged to-day that Coast Line and Southern are pooling rates, and Sumter is suffering from it. He was applauded.

Mr. Berry put in a good word of prohibition. Senator Pettigrew was applauded when he mentioned the name of Joseph H. Earle. Mr. Etheredge was absent-sick. Mr. Mayfield offered himself as one of seven patriotic gentlemen who want this good job.

Mr. W. D. Evans replied to the critieism of B. B. Evans and Mayfield. Barney Evans says so much that he doesn't know what he does say. There was a dispute between the Evanses as to whether or not W. D. voted for reduction on cotton, Barney proposed to refer it to Mr. H. R. Thomas, former commissioner.

Senator Tillman was not here. The candidates for governor were

then presented in turn.

Patterson began by protesting against the time limit. Referred to having lived in Sumter 29 years ago. The orderly crowd is evidence of its salutary features. When he tackled prohibition he was applauded. He had been received with some applause. He accused Col. Hoyt of coalition.

Col. Hoyt-If you say I advocate it now you say what you know is not so. McSweeney was slightly applauded. He characterized the charges of Patterson as too little to be seriously discussed. He had followed the custom of Hagood and others in taking the papers. He was as successful a business man as Mr. Patterson and he believed it a good investment. Patterson had not said anything about enforcement of the law in Barnwell and Bamberg and in Sumter. The six constables in Charleston are doing their duty better than twenty before.

Col. Hoyt was greeted with applause, Col. Hoyt said that Patterson was preaching that the dispensary is prohibitive, and in the next breath he says that there are more blind tigers

than ever before.

Patterson has made such grave and serious charges that McSweeney ought to be impeached, because he reads newspapers and has newspaper men on his staff. (Laughter.) Col. Hoyt admitted that the dispensary law is better than barrooms. He had always worked for the enforcement of the law, and he could enforce it better than any of the other candidates. He denied the charge of coalition. Would Patterson reject the support of a reputable newspaper? Did McSweeney's appointing two of his staff from The State office influence that paper? It is not supporting him. If McSweeney did subscribe for the papers, that was not buying their support. Hoyt contrasted Maine with South Carolina. The seaport towns in Maine cause the big sales of illicit liquor, and South Carolina is composed of different sort of citizens.

G. Walt Whitman began to fire at a retiring crowd. He said Columbia blind tigers are jealous of Charleston's opportunities. It is self-demonstrative that the dispensary law is not being enforced. It is not being enforced in the dispensaries themselves. He had helped bring about the reform movement and it hadn't done any good. for taxes are a fourth higher notwithstanding the dispensary profits. He made no charges, but it looks "desperately suspicious" where all the money

There was slight applause when Mr. Gary was presented. He gave Mc-Sweeney a side swipe. The blind tigers in Charleston advertise in the papers. A few Sundays ago at the Isle of Palms he had been taken for Ben Tillman and the tiger there was frightened.

Col. Hoyt had never shown how prohibition could be enforced without a constabulary; and where was he to obtain the revenue? He advocated having textile schools wherever practl-cable, and havng the gate between common schools and colleges closed.

Gary caught the crowd by a reply to a question from McDonald Furman. The latter inquired if the Gary family had not enjoyed the offices in South Carolina, against the platform of 1890

favored by Ben Tillman. Gary asked: "Didn't they deserve There were cheers for Gary. The latter continued that he was running on his individuality, and didn't want | he created a fine impression,

to be rejected because he has kinpeople who are some account. He was warmly applauded.

Col. Knox Livingstor promises to be a lot of trouble to his competitors for the office of lieutenant governor. He made his second speech, having missed several meetings on account of business engagements. He had represented a county which has been prohibition for 60 years. When the Childs bill-a hybrid measure-was introduced, he proposed a substitute, a gen-uine prohibition bill. It was killed. He had voted for the Archer local option bill. He is still prohibitionist.

The crowd had dwindled down when the candidates for lieutenant governor began.

Winkler said that Gladstone advocated the dispensary system.

Col. Sloan spoke of some of Sum-

ter's gallant soldiers. Mr. Blease made a brief speech as it

was getting late. Tillman was greeted with applause. He poked fun at his competitors. He rested his claims with the boys who followed him in the war with Spain. If Hoyt is elected governor, what's he going to do with the governor of North

Carolina? Gen. Bellinger telegraphed that he could not be here. Judge Moore rejoined the campaign here. He proposed and advocated local option, and scored violation of the dispensary law. He charged his opponents with dereliction of duty. "Bully for you," said an attentive listener, as Mr. Moore concluded. Mr. Moore read extracts from a letter from Senator Tillman urging him to indict the custom house officials for violating State law, and the attorney general would not advise with the governor and himself about it.

Dr. Timmerman and Capt, Jennings discussed their respective capabilities for the office of State treasurer.

Derham and Brooker rocked along as usual. There was no spice in theirs. McMahan was not here and Capers did not speak at length.

Gen. Floyd and Capt. Rouse spoke, and each was pleasantly received.

There was quite an extended colloquy between Mr. Brooker and Treasurer D. E. Keels of Sumter, in which the latter denied some of Mr. Brooker's statements regarding nulla bona taxes in this county. /

Manning Meeting.

Manning, Special.-The crowd at this place surpassed all for endurance. The pyrotechnics started at 11 o'clock and lasted nearly seven hours. There were about seven hundred in the crowd when it was largest, and when it concluded there were at least 200.

McSweeney led off. He referred to his success as a business man, and said he had tried to give a business man's administration. He believed that he had done more for the dispensary than had been accomplished by any other

governor. He had selected his constabulary carefully. The men who were making flimsy charges against him just wanted to get into office. McSweeney had been received without demonstration, was cheered when he recited his stand in the Pons case. He denied that he

had failed to enforce the law in Charleston. He did not claim the credit for finding the "Black" papers, bu; the papers were found on his recommendation. It is absolutely untrue that he has any connection with Charleston blind tigers, and they will vote for him as a business man.

Col. Hoyt said he had been a business man twice as long as McSweeney and he had never made a failure. He then review the enactment of the dispensary law. There was more rowdy-ism in bar rooms than there was in dispensaries, but bar rooms were numerous. He had protested against the enactment of the dispensary law, but when it was passed he had always urg-ed its enforcement. Prohibition may have failed to prohibit, but because most of the town councils were not in sympathy with it. A prohibition governor can do nothing without a prohibition legislature.

"Trot out a dispensary man." shouted somebody, and Col. Hoyt introduced Walt Whitman.

The latter, after jumping on State colleges, said he was in the legislature and helped enact the dispensary law. He said he could prove that the police of Charleston are in league with the blind tigers. He himself had been di-rected to a blind tiger by a policeman. He charged that at the Isle of Palms he had found a dispensary of the State running a blind tiger on Sunday.

Gary occasioned some laughter by telling of his being taken for Tillman in Charleston, and in consequence the blind tigers were frightened. The governor ought to have the blind tigers agraid of him, too. Why, if a few constables can enforce the law, has the governor increased the force in Charleston from four to ten. He then made his customary speech. Gary was

warmly applauded. Patterson spoke from the deck of a

wagon. Mr. Winkler was the next speaker. He was followed by Col. Sloan, who spoke under difficulties from a cold. Blease made a new speech advocating the dispensary. It is the best form of prohibition.

Jim Tillman made a defense of the newspapers. He made no protest because they could not print the speeches in full.

Col. Livingston said if he had never enjoyed the confidence of Marlboro he would not have the face to aspire to such a high and honorable place as

that of lieutenant governor. He did not think the liquor question would be settled until the people vote on it directly. This is his second speech and

Judge J. H. Moore, candidate for attorney general, said that the police looking for blind tigers is a joke in Charleston. He charged that the highest legal officer in the State will not set the machinery in motion to stop the blind tigers.

Gen. Bellinger was not liere. Dr. Timmerman and Captain Jen-

nings had no row in their candidacy for State treasurer.

Brooker and Derham discussed fin-

ances until the audiecne became all muddled. McMahan and Capers jollied each

other good naturedly. Each made a good impression and votes. Capt. Rouse and Gen. Floyd discuss-

ed the question hether or not a young man should be adjutant general. Barney Evans said that the railroad ommission has reduced the rate on brick, probably because Bill Neal had

gone into the brick business. Mr. Berry renewed his advocacy of prohibition.

Etheridge had been home sick, but arrived here.

W. D. Mayfield thought commissioners should be elected every two years and be panid out of State funds instead of by railroads.

W. D. Evans replied to the charges of his opponents and indulged in some pleasantry. The reduction of the rate on brick was offered on account of the building of factories.

At Monck's Corner.

Monck's Corner, Special.-The meeting was held at Monck's Corner, capital of Berkeley county. The court house was crowded, a number of ladies being present. There was slight applause when McSweeney yas presented. He had been called to Columbia and was permitted to speak first so that be could catch the train. He said that he expected his record to be attacked on flimsy charges and he urged the crowd to review his record and give him a fair showing.

The candidates for lieutenant governor spoke next, Col. Sloan leading, Col. Blease followed. Blease made a hit with his jokes. Col. Tillman was applauded. Col. Livingston referred to the fields of Eutaw and St. Stephens nearby. His speech was a poem. Col. Winkle: concluded the list for this of-

Judge J. H. Moore injected a joke into his usually very serious arraignment of the blind tigers in Charleston and of officials who do not enforce the dispensary law. Geeral Bellinger was not present, but his name was appaluded.

Dr. Timmerman exhibited the gold watch given him by the Senators when he was lieutenant governor. His services as State treasurer had been acceptable. He had headed the ticket from Edgefield county for the house in 1890 by 300 votes when he really was not a candidate. He was popular with the ladies. (Laughter.)

Capt. Jennings said he was popular with the ladies too. Had not been married twice like Dr. Timmerman, and had married the prettiest girl in the country. They have 14, not 40, children as he said at Bamberg.

Comptroller General Derham said he was under a \$30,000 bond to do his duty, and how could he violate the law in 19 particulars as charged by Brook-

Brooker charged that Treasurer Wiggins and Sheriff Morrison would give evidence that the books had not been closed and adjusted for 10 years. He had not charged shortages, but there were irregularities.

Brooker became heated, and he and Derham disputed warmly. He said that no settlement had been made in this county to the comptroller general in 18 months.

Sheriff Morrison was called in evidence. He said that all executions placed in his hands had been returned or collected as provided by law. Auditor Wiggins wanted to know why the expert sent here by Brooker had reported not a dollar of irregularities.

There were cries of "Turn on the light," "Hurrah for Derham" and other interruptions, and Brooker concluded amid confusion.

McMahan made an earnest speech in behalf of better common schools surrounded by public spirited communi-

Gen. Floyd promised his opponent, Dr. Rouse, a commission in the army in China or the Philippines.

Dr. Rouse said that Charleston has been a nonentity for years. He appealed for Charleston to have a chance. He invited them all to Charleston to

the love feast during the exposition. The candidates for railroad commissioner were cut down to five minutes

today on their own motion. Col. Hoyt was the first speaker after dinner. He was listened to attentively. The name of Ben Tillman was cheered when Col. Hoyt urged the people of Berkeley to go to the polls in November as suggested by Tillman. He made a hurried speech as he wanted to catch the special train. None of his opponents would go before the women in opposition to prohibition. He congratulated the State on the amity and concord and said that even Walt Whitman has let up on Ben Tillman.

Walt Whitman was received with cheers. He advocated the dispensary, amusing and entertaining the crowd. He renewed his statement that the beer dispensary at the Isle of Palms is

open on Sunday. Gary was received with an ovation. His pseech was more aggressive than any yet. He tackled "My dear Appelt" for charging too many Garys are holding office, and the crowd yelled its appreciation. The crowd seemed solid for Gary.

Patterson adjourned the crowd to the yard of the court house, where he occupied a wagon. The next meeting will be on July 10,

at Georgetown.

TROUBLE AT WALTERBORO.

Operatives and Negroes Engage in a Fierce Street Fight.

Walterboro, Special .- A fight took place on the streets Saturday afternoon between Harvey Beach and Joe Brock, Richard Walker and Henry Robertson. Beach is a young white man who works in a factory here, the others are negroes. Some days ago one of the negroes took Beach off his bicycle and slapped his face. Since then trouble has been brewing between the operatives and negroes and Saturday afternoon about 5 o'clock they became engaged in a fight. Beach was knocked down with a brickbat by Walker and then a general fight ensued, and it seemed as if pandemonium had broken loose.

Brock was shot in the head and stomach and is thought to be dying. Walker is now lodged in jail, barely escaping lynching. Beach is better, but is seriously hurt.

The crowd is terribly wrought up. The militia company was called out and is now on guard.

It is thought trouble will take place if Brock dies. The negroes are said to be arming themselves. The whites have already armed and are in command of the situation.

Woman's Mission Conference.

Greenville, Special.-The annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the South Carolina conference, M. E. church, South, was in session here last week. There was over 100 delegates, officers, and visitors in attendance and much enthusiasm was manifested in missionary matters. The sessions were well attended by the people of the city.

The opening session was on Wednesday night, when an address of welcome was made by the Rev. G. F. Harmon, pastor of the Buncombe Street church, Mrs. W. M. Wightman, of Charleston, who has been for many years president of the organization, responded. Miss Theresa McDavid read the formal welcome on behalf of the missionary workers of the city. Two young ladies lately returned from foreign missionary fields were introduced. Miss Emma Gay, from China and Miss Glenn, from Brazil, Miss Della Wright, who is to go to China in a year or so, was also presented.

On Thursday two business sessions were held at which reports from societies, district secretaries and other officers were received and discussed. Miss Glenn, who has been in Brazil for five years, made a most instructive and practical address. She went out from the North Georgia conference, but has been closely associated with South Carolina people in Brazil all the while. Todyaw ill be spent in returne work and toni at there will be a few short addresses, among them one by Miss

Gary. This body of women is a splendid one, full of intelligence and enthusiasm. The officers are: President, Mrs. W. M. Wightman, Charleston; vice president, Mrs. J. W. Humbert, Hartsville; treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Greene, Greenwood; corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. S. Herbert, Orangeburg; recording secretary, Mrs. Peter Stokes, Lowndesville.

Properly Pardoned.

A short time ago, in Gaffney, a negro, Jesse Wesson, whose character was proven as good as anyone's found, upon an unexpected return home, his wife in a compromising position with another man. He promptly killed the despoiler of the happiness of his home. The case was tried and a conviction resulted. The newspapers called attention to the matter in vigorous terms and the best people of the county protested against the punishment of the man. These same people forthwith got up petitions to the governor, asking for Wesson's pardon. On Saturday the pardon was very properly granted and now Wesson is a free man.

For Misusing Mail,

Florence, Special.-Mr. R. L. Lee, a prominent merchant of Darlington, was brought before United States Commissioner Wells charged with violating the postal lays by sending profane and obscene language through the mails. Mr. Lee waived his preliminary examination. His attorney, Mr. Spears of Darlington, argued the legal questions Friday.

Prisoners Get Away.

Marlboro county seems unfortunate with her prisoners. At the second session of court three negroes were convicted, one of larceny and two of assault, and as Deputy Sheriff Meekins went in jail to give supper to the prisoners one of the above seized him and threw him to the floor. Mr. Meekin's pistol fell from his pocket and was picked up immediately by one of the prisoners, and these with another prisoner who had just been convicted by a magistrate, made good their escape out of the back door and into the swamp just back of the jail. Sheriff Green was in the country at the time and on his return everything was done to capture the fugitives, but so far they are free men.

SOUTH CAROLINA CROPS.

Weather Conditions Have Been Und favorable the Past Week.

The week ending 8 a. m. June 25th, averaged about 6 degrees per day cooler than usual, with minimum temperatures ranging between 55 and 72, and maximum temperatures between 70 and 93 degrees. The lowest temperatures prevailed during the first half of the week.

The average rainfall for the week was 2.85 inches, ranging from less than I inch to 6 inches. The heaviest rains occurred in the west central and in the southeastern counties, where lands were badly washed, and crops on many bottom lands were flooded and destroyed. The rains injured cotion, some corn, melons, and wheat in the shock, causing sprouting-over the vestern and south central counties, but were either highly beneficial or not narmful elsewhere, and they improved ice, tobacco gardens and pastures, and ninor crops generally. Over a large ortion of the State cultivation was mpracticable, except on from 1 to 3 lays, consequently fields are becoming rassy, and all field crops stand in need of cultivation. These conditions were it their worst in the western half of the State, while over the northeastern tounties there has been no harmful excess of rainfall, and crops of all kinds are very promising. Sunshine was deficient over the entire State.

Corn is generally doing well, but some is turning yellow and is firing, while on bottom lands, in the western portions, much was destroyed by flooding. Early corn is being laid by.

There was general deterioration in the condition of cotton in the western counties, and in the upper Edisto valley, where some has not been chopped to stands, and fields are foul with grass and weeds, and where the crop has received very little cultivation. Elsewhere cotton is growing rapidly, and early cotton is blooming. Lice are still prevalent and in places have broken stands. There are more or less complaint of grassy fields from all sections, and cotton is in urgent need of dry, hot weather to permit cultivation and for its normal development.

Tobacco has improved. Cutting and curing is in progress but is not general. Worms are numerous in Williamsburg county.

Wheat that has not been housed or thrashed is beginning to sprout in the shock. Thrashing making slow progress. Late oats have been harvested. Weather unfavorable on melons. Rice, sweet potatoes, gardens and minor crops are doing well. Fruit is rotting as it ripens. Peas continue to be sown on stubble lands, and planted

Killed on the Train.

McCormick, Special.—Quite a serious shooting affray occurred on the excursion train returning from Augusta to Verderey Saturday night, just north of Parksville. There was an unruly negro, full of cheap whiskey, who began giving trouble immediately after leaving Augusta. After breaking out nearly every window in the car, shooting his pistol and raising Cain and being quieted down by the train crew several times, he finally threatened to shoot one Wilson, the porter on the train. The white flagman, Mr. Wingard of Augusta, in attempting to take his pistol from him, was shot through the hand. The negro then swcceeded in turning his pistol on the porter, who grappled with him, knocking the pistol up. In the melee the negro was shot through the breast three times. He fell at the first shot and died in a few

Palmetto Pencilings.

The county Democratic executive committee of Newberry decided to have the county dispenser and board. of control nominated by primary elec-

A charter was issued Saturday to the Standard Building and Loan Association, of Charleston, Capital stock \$150,. 000. Officers: R. G. Rhett, president; R. M. Masters, vice president; T. T. Hyde, secretary and treasurer; W. H. Thomas, solicitor; R. G. Rhett, R. M. Masters, F. H. McMaster, J. P. De-Veaux, J. Alwyn Ball, G. B. Buil,

Gov. McSweeney has appointed the members of the State board of Homeopathic medical examiners, provided for by the general assembly at its last session. The appointees are as follows: Dr. B. H. Thurman, Cheraw; Dr. J. A. Whitman, Charleston; Dr. George Morgan Hursh, Columbia, The commissions will be forwarded to

these gentlemen at once. A commission for a charter has been issued to the Citizens' Bank, of Honea Path, Anderson County. Corporators: J. A. Brock, C. E. Harper, Ellison A. Smyth, James L. Orr, Ezekiel Harris, J. W. Brock, L. A. Brock, P. W. Sulli, van, J. V. Kay and M. McGee, Capital stock, \$25,000.