

**MUST REGISTER IN ORDER TO VOTE.**

**IMPORTANT DECISION BY ATTORNEY GENERAL - OLD REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES NULL AND VOID.**

Attorney General Lyon, at the request of Gov. Ansel, has rendered an important opinion on the requirements of the act of 1908 on reenrollment and registration of voters. This act was passed by the general assembly, in accordance with the provision of the constitution, requiring new registration every ten years, and special appropriations were made for the boards of registrations in order that the books might be kept open a longer time than usual.

Mr Lyon holds that each and every voter who has heretofore registered must reregister and have his name entered on the books in the same manner as if it were entirely new registration. There is a provision that those registered before 1893 shall be entitled to another registration upon presentation of their certificates from the clerk of court or secretary of State that their names appear upon the records prior to 1893. On the new books opened and kept open during the months of July and August should be entered all the names. Those enrolled during the first Monday in each month of the year 1908.

The opinion is a strict construction of the law, but Mr Lyon feels that the act of 1908 should be carried out to the letter and the registration books be purged of thousands of names of those dead or removed from the State and that hereafter the boards of registration should be required to keep the books clean. This point was made in Barnwell county some months ago when an effort was made to get up a petition to vote out the dispensary. The names of hundreds of voters were counted in when they were not entitled to registration. Since then Gov. Ansel has made it plain to all boards that the law should be strictly enforced.

The request for this opinion came up on a query from a citizen of Dillon interested in the establishment of a new county in the upper section of Marion county. It is therefore of considerable importance as it is probable that an election on the petition presented will be ordered within the next few months.

**Warning to Democrats.**

Hon A F Lever, in his speech at Sumter Wednesday of last week, sounded a note of warning to the white voters of the Seventh congressional district—and it is a warning which naturally applies to every district in South Carolina—as follows: "I desire to bring to the attention of the people of the entire district the fact that a new registration of all voters is required this year. Every one who desires to become a qualified voter and elector must get another registration certificate. The old ones will not serve you for, as it were, they are out of date. This is a matter of great importance to you and you should see to it that not only you yourself become registered, but that your neighbor has his attention called to the matter. I trust that he press of the county and the State will urge the importance of this matter."

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners will meet on Friday before the first Monday in every month, as well as the first Monday, to transact any business which may come before it. S J SINGLETARY, Co Supervisor.

**Notice.**

Notice is hereby given that the number of days for work on the public roads, in lieu of commutation tax, is eight (8) days, as fixed by the Act of the Legislature of 1908. All overseers shall govern themselves accordingly in working those who have not paid the commutation tax. S. J. SINGLETARY, Co. Supervisor.

**NEED OF COUNTRY.**

Triumph of Democratic Principles Is Imperative.

**THE MAN AND THE HOUR.**

With the Nomination of John A. Johnson, Progressive Democrat of Integrity, Ability and Achievement, Success Is Assured.

Wearied of twelve years of overwhelming defeat in national elections, during which time the party has lost national political control of every northern state and has witnessed devastating inroads even on the southern states, hundreds of thousands of Democratic voters have in the last few months asked, "Who is the man who can lead the party to victory?"

The best of armies, military or political, require some measure of success to maintain their spirit and efficiency. Continuous and overwhelming defeat even in the worst of cages disheartens the strongest men. Conditions are such in this year 1908 that a united Democracy supporting a strong presidential nominee can win the presidential office and open the way for a return of the Democratic party to power. Not only do the best interests of the Democratic party call for a victory this year, but so also do the best interests of the nation. Twelve years of almost unopposed government of the republic by one party and for eight of those years practically by one man have brought about conditions that are repugnant to the efficient and satisfactory administration of a government supposedly of the people.

**Principle With Victory.**

Victory can be achieved this year without sacrificing one iota of the stand for principle that has been made with so much sacrifice by the Democratic party of the United States for the last dozen years. It is merely a question of changing leadership. Three times in succession our party has gone to defeat because its leadership has not been able to inspire confidence in the masses of the voters, patriotic, progressive and sincere as that leadership has unquestionably been. The party is greater than its individual membership and greater than its leaders. The time has come when it should name its leader in a presidential campaign and no longer permit itself to be defeated by a sentimental, though heroic, devotion to a great name that has dominated it for a dozen years.

If in the ranks of the party there is a man whose principles, whose party fealty, whose success in political battles, whose actual achievements in legislation and statesmanship—and a man holding a commanding political situation—are such that victory under his leadership is indicated, is it not the duty of reasonable, thoughtful, devoted Democrats desiring the success of their party to turn to him?

**Johnson the Man.**

The friends of Governor John A. Johnson of Minnesota, who have watched his remarkable career in recent years, as well as impartial observers and journalists throughout the country, believe that he is the man of the hour, the man in every way equipped to make a successful campaign and afterward to be a chief executive of the highest order. Let us briefly review his career.

John A. Johnson was born in St. Peter, Nicollet county, Minn., July 28, 1861, of Swedish parents. His childhood and youth were passed in great poverty. At thirteen years of age he was compelled to leave the public schools of his native city in order to support himself and the parental family. Though his formal education was thus early cut short, his self education never stopped. A student at all times, a wide reader and a thoughtful one, Mr. Johnson, after some years of obscure toil as a drug and grocery clerk and railway timekeeper, became at the age of twenty-four editor of the St. Peter Herald. He soon became known as one of the ablest of Minnesota journalists and was recognized as one of the leaders of journalism in a state remarkable for the number, vigor and influence of its periodical press. As a country editor he was gradually drawn into politics and in 1898 was elected a member of the senate of the Minnesota legislature, and his first public political work was as a member of that body. From the first he was identified with various reform measures which have since become law in Minnesota.

Wherever Governor Johnson has gone he has impressed men as being a man of the Lincoln type. He has the faculty of making many friends and few enemies.

**Governor Johnson's Legislative Results**  
The governor recommended a permanent tax commission. The legislature gave it to him, and the ink was hardly dry on the document before he appointed a commission so strong in its personnel that the Republican senate resolved by a rising vote to confirm the appointments without delay, while the equally Republican house, though without the power of confirmation, expressed by a rising vote its appreciation of the excellence of the governor's appointments.

In northern Minnesota are the greatest iron ore fields in the world. The state of Minnesota owns extensive areas of these lands. By leases they were largely in the hands of the United States Steel corporation, and the state was receiving only an insignificant income from its royalties. The governor advised the withdrawal of all such lands from mineral leases, and the legislature concurred. Minnesota has enjoyed but scant in-

come from the wealth of the private, owned iron mines. The governor recommended a royalty tax on the output of these mines. He did not get it, but the United States Steel corporation bound itself to establish a \$20,000,000 fund at Duluth.

The new tax commission, together with a state board of equalization, were created by the legislature. The members of the commission were appointed by Governor Johnson. In the four years of Governor Johnson's administration increased the assessed valuation of the steel corporation's iron ore holdings in Minnesota from \$32,000,000 to \$190,000,000.

The sleeping car companies of Minnesota had never paid taxes in Minnesota in proportion to their earnings. The governor recommended a change in the system of taxing the companies, and a satisfactory tax was enacted. Similarly a mortgage tax was enacted.

**Railway**

Taking up the subject of the railway, Governor Johnson in a report so exhaustively and ably prepared existing rates that the railway voluntarily made a reduction of one cent on grain rates of the northern Minnesota. By subsequent legislation, the voluntary reduction was followed by a horizontal reduction in maximum freight rates of about 13 per cent, and there was created a new class of merchandise tariff in which the rates were reduced about 20 per cent. The railways took these reductions into the United States courts by enjoining the attorney general of Minnesota from enforcing the law. This action has opened up some of the most important constitutional questions that have come before the supreme court in this generation.

**The Two Cent Law.**

The enactment of the two cent passenger tariff law was an example of Governor Johnson's celerity of action. Invited to address the Minnesota Editorial association, instead of making the usual platitudeous address on such occasions, he exploded the two cent bomb and urged that an end be put to the giving of passes. He talked on the same subject to a convention of commercial travelers. Immediately the state was aflame with this innovation in railway legislation. When the legislature met he asked for a law embodying this idea, and the legislature quickly responded. Neighboring states followed with reductions, and now throughout the middle northwest the two cent rate prevails.

About the time Governor Johnson came into office there was a widespread agitation for reciprocal demurrage laws which would compel railways to allow shippers demurrage charges for failure to deliver cars on time. Governor Johnson, ever abreast of popular progress, recommended such a law and got it.

Thanks to his initiative, the orders of the Minnesota railroad and warehouse commission are now immediately effective pending appeal.

**In Defense of Labor.**

Governor Johnson, in consonance with his thorough democracy and believing in equal rights, has not been neglectful of the interests of labor. He desired a free state employment bureau designed to eliminate the many abuses that have marked private employment bureaus in the great labor centers of Minnesota. Such a bureau was created and has been thoroughly helpful and widely efficient.

Since time immemorial that relic of feudalism, the common law doctrine of nonliability of employer to employee for injuries occurring through the negligence of a fellow servant, has prevailed in Minnesota as well as in many other states. "This ancient rule of the common law," said Governor Johnson, "coupled with the other rule generally referred to as the doctrine of the assumption of risk by employees, has cast upon the individual laborer a risk and responsibility out of proportion to the wages he receives."

During his term of office Governor Johnson has had to deal with one great conflict between labor and capital—namely, the strike of the miners on the Minnesota iron ranges. By direct personal intervention, by advice to the employers on the one hand and the strikers on the other, the governor succeeded, without the use of state troops, in preventing violence and bloodshed.

In the forests and prairies of northern Minnesota are great extents of fertile lands which, owing to lack of drainage, have not been available for cultivation. Thanks to Governor Johnson, additional legislation on this subject was secured, and hundreds of thousands of acres of fertile land will be added to the rolls of the state's wealth.

Governor Johnson believes in the municipal ownership of public utilities, and, following his suggestion, a modified form of the Illinois Mueller law was adopted by the Minnesota legislature. Under its provisions a municipality may bond its street railways or other public utilities to pay the cost of the purchase and operation of the same.

Minnesota, a leading agricultural state, has long had to contend with the cordage trust, which has a practical monopoly of the binding twine used in harvesting. For many years the state has had a twine plant in which prison labor was employed. The trust erected a factory in Minnesota to compete with the state made twine, and Governor Johnson's answer was, with the consent of the legislature, authorization for the state twine plant to sell its product outside as well as within the state. The cordage trust will now have to fight the cheap Minnesota state made twine in other states as well as at home.

**VARIETY OF NEWS AT HARPERS**

**MASONIC PICNIC ON JUNE 24—PROTRACTED MEETING CLOSES—TOWN WELL DRAINED AND HEALTHY.**

HARPER, June 23:—Wednesday, June 24, will be a red letter day for our little town. The local Masonic lodge will give a picnic, in which the other orders will join, namely, the Woodmen of Harper and Rosemary and also the Knights of Pythias. Mr Editor, be sure to come down and join in our feast, and we would be glad to have a good address from you. We also expect Mr Philip Stoll, of your town, to be here on this auspicious occasion.

Farmers are low-spirited over the drought that is doing great damage to crops generally.

Enclosed is a cotton bloom picked from the 20 acre field of Mr W S Camlin, Jr, of our town. This cotton is nearly waist high and has limbs 12 to 14 inches long. It is of the Allen long staple variety, the seed being bought direct from Mr Allen of Mississippi and from its present appearance the cotton will produce a or more to the acre.

Rev J E Macaffey of Kingstree has just closed a series of meetings at Rosemary, which were attended and enjoyed by the people of Harper. This minister has many warm friends in our town who hope that he may live long and enjoy life.

Business here is very dull, but our merchants are looking forward to better things in the fall.

Mr D M Bath, of our town, has been called to the bedside of his sister in Plantersville, who is very sick with typhoid fever.

I am glad to say that our town has been thoroughly drained. We have not had a single case of fever here, and we expect to offer home-seekers an opportunity to cast their lot with us and have good health.

Several of our business men are going to put up an up-to-date ginney here for the ensuing season.

Come down, Mr Editor, on the 24th.

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**News from Salters Depot.**

SALTERS DEPOT, June 22:—Among those who took in the meeting at Kingstree Monday were: Messrs L D McKay, J A Ferrell, E T Hamer, L A and J W Whitfield, A R Moseley, L T Thompson, Ed Pope, James Davis and J E Dove.

The first and second nines of this place played a game of ball here Saturday. At the end of seven innings the score stood twelve to two in favor of the first nine.

Mr and Mrs L T Thompson and daughter, Miss Beatrice, with Mrs Emmie Ferrell, spent last Saturday and Sunday in Charleston and at the Isle of Palms.

Mrs Chas W Fowler is visiting her parents, near Mount Holley.

Miss Leila Whitehead spent last week in Columbia visiting friends.

Crops are looking well now, but are very small.

Watermelons are coming in, also cantaloupes.

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The examination for the award of vacant scholarships in Winthrop College and for the admission of new students will be held at the county court house on Friday, July 3, at 9 a.m. Applicants must not be less than fifteen years of age. When scholarships are vacant after July 3 they will be awarded to those making the highest average at this examination, provided they meet the conditions governing the award. Applicants for scholarships should write to President Johnson before the examination for examination blanks.

Scholarships are worth \$100 and free tuition. The next session will open September 16, 1908. For further information and catalogue, address President D B Johnson, Rock Hill, S.C. 5-7-8t

**Read the Farmers & Merchants Bank's ad. this issue.**

Hereafter we positively refuse to publish any communication received at this office later than Tuesday, noon, except local and personal items, which will not be available later than Wednesday, noon, for the current week. By trying to be accommodating we are thrown late every week and we are tired of it. This notice applies to EVERY BODY. 4-25-tf.

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Who shall have been a resident of the State for two years, and of the county one year, and of the polling precinct in which the elector offers to vote four months before the day of election, and shall have paid, six months before, any poll tax then due and payable, and who can both read and write any section of the constitution of 1895 submitted to him by the Supervisors of Registration, or who can show that he owns, and has paid all taxes collectable on during the present year, property in this State assessed at three hundred dollars or more. J. Y. McGILL, Clerk of Board.

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