

OUR COUNTRY

No doubt every one forward to the day when Grounds will be opened

everybody can go in to Gate and have a Jolly time

We, the undersigned, must acknowledge that we are looking and waiting for the Fair to open

but there is something just at this time that would equally, if not more interest us

and that is to do a good business, and at the same time please our friends and the public generally

We claim that we have met you half way by having stacked our house with the

BEST AND CHOICEST GOODS

to be had in any market, and if the reader will now come the other half of the way

why then we would all be happy, and the time would pass away quickly even if the Fair Grounds were closed

We promise to please you by offering you LOW FOR CASH the following goods

COFFEES—Of all grades, roasted or green.

SUGARS—Of every kind, at lowest market price.

TEAS—We have a fair stock and ask you to send for samples even if you don't wish to buy right away.

MEATS—Such as Choice Hams and Strips, you can always get at our place.

SAUSAGES—From now on we will receive three times per week.

FRESH PORK SAUSAGES

from a first class steam sausage manufactory at Richmond, Va.

We will also offer different kinds of SMOKED BOLOGNAS during this season.

MACKEREL—The scarcity of Mackerel this season has caused an advance in prices for good qualities

but they are high or low we are determined to let you have what you want at living prices

We have them in kits and five pound cans. We have them Broiled in Mustard Sauce, and also in Tomato Sauce. The last are liked by everybody, and sell rapidly.

THE FAIR

Is over, and while not as successful as its friends had hoped, it was much better than any we have had in the past

The weather was fine and the attendance reasonably good. The number of country people present was far too small, and the Fair will never be what it ought, until farmers take charge both as to management and exhibits

We want more field crops, more vegetables and fruits. The County cannot thrive and grow fat on embroidery, fancy sewing, pretty nicknacks, wines, jellies and such like

We need the substantial in greater quantity and variety. Of the three most important field crops, cotton, corn and oats, we believe there was but one exhibit of each

The vegetables on exhibition were remarkably fine, but there were not enough to make competition lively. The poultry exhibit was good; chickens, turkeys, geese, pigeons in abundance, and many of them worthy of exhibition at any Fair

The most successful feature of the Fair was the live stock. Horses, cows and hogs of the best breeds and in fine condition spoke well for the efforts of our people in that line

We have heard congratulations from all sides, as to the success of that department and flatter ourselves that no County Fair in the State has ever done better

The domestic and household exhibit has always been tolerably good in Sumter, and this year was fully up to the average

Fine cows of course make fine butter, and preserves jellies, pickles and many other compounds, the result of woman's handiwork and skill, deserve much credit

The financial exhibit was not as good as it might have been, though the receipts will be sufficient, we understand, to pay the premiums

THE POLITICAL TRIALS

We see from our exchanges, and from some correspondence emanating from Democratic headquarters, that political prosecutions will be the order of the day, at the next session of the U. S. Court, which convenes in Columbia, the last of this month

Mr. Melton is not disposed to talk about the anticipated trials, but it is very evident that he is preparing for one more effort to harass and annoy our people, and we call attention to this matter now, so that the Democratic Clubs may be ready to respond to any calls, which may be made upon them for men or means, in defending the accused

The U. S. officials are very tardy in learning a lesson which have been trying to teach them for a number of years, and that is, we are a unit in defending each other from the malicious prosecutions of their hirelings

We do not propose for our State to fall into the hands of the hybrid gads, made up of Greenbackers, Republicans, and negroes, nor do we intend that those who agitate our elections shall be punished for doing their simple duty

THE ELECTIONS

On last Tuesday, important elections were held in a number of the States

Virginia elected a Legislature, and the campaign was unusually heated and violent. The result was a grand triumph for the Democrats, who swept the State by a majority, which will probably reach 30,000

The Legislature has a Democratic majority of about thirty on joint ballot

In Maryland, the election was for Governor, State Officers and part of the Legislature. The Republicans made extraordinary efforts to gain control of the State, and Democratic denunciations made such a result very probable

Their efforts however were abortive, and the Democrats elected their ticket by a majority of 12,000 in the State, and have thirty-seven on joint ballot in the Legislature

Pennsylvania goes Republican as usual. The election was for Auditor Treasurer, and they had a majority of 17,000. We lost nothing in Pennsylvania, for Democratic success last year, was brought about by Republican quarrels

The Democrats elected their ticket in New Jersey. They had a majority of 5,000 in the State and four on joint ballot in the Legislature

In New York we did very badly. The Democratic factions in New York city quarreled as usual, and the tremendous majority of nearly 200,000, which the Democrats polled last year, was scattered to the winds

The election was for one Supreme Judge, State Officers and Legislature. The Democrats elected the Judge and the State Officers, except Secretary of State (He was defeated because he was an advocate of temperance)

The Republicans elected the Secretary and a majority of the Legislature

Connecticut has gone over to the enemy, having a Republican majority of sixty-five in the Legislature

Butler the Beast, was defeated in Massachusetts. The Republicans elected their Governor, most of the State Officers, and have a majority in all the Legislature of more than forty

We are sorry for the defeat of our friend, Mr. Butler. He was just the man to

Mississippi was overwhelmingly Demo

THE MARKETS

SUMTER, S. C., Nov. 13, 1883. COTTON—About 450 bales have been sold during the week ending the 13th

WILMINGTON, N. C., Nov. 12, 1883. SUGAR—Market quoted firm at 33 cents

ROBIN—The market firm at \$1.07 for Strained and \$1.12 for Good Strained

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