

Letter From Manville.

MANVILLE, S. C., July 24, 1894.

Daily rains and laying-by time have granted to our farmers a season of leisure, hence a habit of loafing, but we have the consolation that we can loaf in good spirits, for with the present outlook hard times will not be so universal a cry another year. The corn crop is made, and, as a rule, it is good; in fact, very fine. The cotton, also, is very good, but the continued rains and indolence in the plowing by some farmers has turned some of it yellow. But not having had any grass throughout the first part of the season and a very luxuriant growth immediately following the rains, caused somewhat of a panic among the farmers; and a season of rejoicing among the colored populace, for it meant a change of diet for them from green watermelons and mutton corn, which was gathered from some one else's field. But, considering that almost starvation stared some of the negroes in the face, there was comparatively little stealing. An enterprising darkey lifted all of one gentleman's turkeys and a goodly share of his melons and sloped. But but pursuit soon brought the gent to justice, and he was given the choice of a season in the jail or a respectable chastisement, and he chose the latter, which was administered to him in quite lively style. He was turned loose and advised to go forth and sin no more.

Between the thieves and fakirs we have suffered more or less, however, for I saw one of the latter deliberately "do" one of our best business men out of a dollar and a half a few days ago; and the shrewdest part of it, on the part of the fakir, was that he left the gentleman in question fully convinced that he had not been swindled at all. "All's well that ends well."

The new county question is being agitated considerably in these parts, and I think it should be fully discussed and carefully considered before being voted on. We should take into consideration the shape of the new, and that of Sumter County, if divided, where the line now being surveyed would make it, for it would leave both of the counties in bad shape. Bishopville, the proposed new county seat, would be situated about thirty miles from some of those people who live beyond Spring Hill and almost as far from those below Lynchburg. Sumter County would also be left in bad shape. So, in summing up the disadvantages of being removed from a better market center and railroad facilities and the distance to be traveled by some of the new county inhabitants, we do not think that one could hesitate in deciding that they outnumber the advantages; for aside from a benefit to those who live in and in the immediate vicinity of Bishopville, which would be entirely individual, we do not see where it will benefit the citizens at large, especially when it is taken into consideration the expense and necessary extra levy of taxes that it would take to get and maintain the new county in good shape and that, falling as it will, on less taxable property, makes it a grave issue, which we should consider, and not vote for it simply because it is a new thing. Once we get to supporting a new county, we higher taxes, the novelty will soon wear off, and we will awake to the full realization that we have shackled ourselves with a galling burden.

When we consider the above suggestions to those who would study and comprehend the gravity and importance of so important a step.

Politics, that, though more interest is being manifested in the last week or two, for the clubs must meet and reorganize on Saturday the 28th.

We look forward to the papers with interest to see who next and what little office he wants.

There will be a moonlight picnic given at Mr. H. W. Bembert's grove, in front of his residence, this evening, and a nice time is anticipated by all, and we do not fear that they will not realize their anticipations, unless it rains. Also a picnic at Mechanicsville on Thursday, 26th, which will be quite an extensive affair, from the present outlook, and a pleasant one, no doubt.

Mrs. Kennedy, Miss May, Mr. Frank Holman, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ingram are summing at Mechanicsville.

Dr. H. M. Stuckey was here a few days ago.

Ionia Letter.

IONIA, S. C., July 23, 1894.

We are having plenty of rain now. The farmers are about through laying by their crops. Crops are fine this year.

We believe that there will be a large crop of cotton and corn made this year. Gardens are looking well since the rain began.

Mr. John McOathern and Miss Ada Stephens were married on the 11th, at 8 o'clock. Also Mr. John Wiley Higgins and Miss Mannie Calvin were married on the 15th.

Mr. J. W. Brown is teaching a singing school here.

There are a series of meetings being carried on at Cedar Creek Baptist Church, and many have joined. Fourteen were baptized there yesterday at 10 o'clock.

Miss Lena Davis, of Sumter, is visiting near here.

One of our old bachelors said that he was playing with his pipe Saturday morning and snagged his foot so he could not go to see his girl that night. We hope no accident will happen to him next time.

Isaac Williams, a colored boy, has been stealing turkeys and watermelons from Mr. Frank McOathern. They caught him and gave him 50 lashes on his naked back (good enough).

Oakland and the Old Star Club played another match game on the 14th. Oakland made 5 scores, Old Star 22 scores. We beat them twice in succession, and are ready to try them again.

Mr. R. G. Davis, of Sumter, was in the neighborhood a few weeks ago on his bicycle.

Mr. Simpson has started the school at the Tal Davis school house.

I would like to say a few words about the new county. It is foolish to think about running out a new county. Just think how much expense it will be to the taxpayers to build a new court house and jail and the expense to run out the county. The court house will not be any nearer in the center than it is in Sumter, and the taxes will be higher. It is just the men who pay poll tax that voted for the new county, and the landowners will be the ones to pay the expenses.

We believe that the majority of the people in this section are opposed to it.

Sumter County is our old native county and we would like for it to remain so.

LITTLE FARMER.

The Name of Salem.

ST. CHARLES, July 17, 1894.

Mr. Editor: The name Salem is very dear to many of us who live in this part of our county. Some sacred memories and pleasant reminiscences of a historical nature are connected with that name. The Wilsons, Bradleys, James, and Andersons, also some of the descendants of the godly and sainted Stephensons are dwelling on the banks of Black River.

How did this name come about? In Hebrews, seventh chapter, latter part of second verse, we read, "King of Salem, which is king of peace." In the County of Williamsburg, at old Indiantown, there was a Presbyterian Church divided into two warring factions. After many years of bitter strife, a part of that congregation moved up on the waters of Black River in Sumter County, and settled in and around where Salem Brick Church now stands. This Kingdom was called Salem, in honor of "Salem, King of peace and righteousness;" they were so glad to have peace and harmony.

In the year 1790, 3d day of June, in the

City of Columbia, our forefathers framed a Constitution. In this constitution Clarendon and Claremont have each two members in the House; combined they have one Senator. After this date we have three separate election districts in our county, composed of Clarendon, Claremont and Salem—each having its own Tax Collector, and one Sheriff, and one Clerk for the three. After the Revolutionary War this county was named in honor of Gen. Sumter.

Mr. Durant's baby county will inherit an honored and revered name.

S. D. M. LA COSTR.

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Letter From Wedgefield.

WEDGEFIELD, S. C., July 24, 1894.

Texas fleas have proved a great nuisance among the chickens in various parts of the county this year, and chickens have died from them equal to an epidemic of cholera. There seems to be no cure once they get a good hold, but your correspondent has used on some he bought—all in yard having escaped so far—pure carbolic acid which relieved in every instance, and the disease did not spread to chickens in yard. Chickens on which the remedy was used, to all appearances, were perfectly healthy, but on turning up the gills, found underneath the same, in some instances were covered and some had less. The whole surface—under side of gills—was touched freely with pure carbolic acid, and the chickens not only got well and the fleas did not spread on them, but no other chickens caught fleas from them. This is a very simple remedy, and surely worth a trial. Should the disease pass further than into the stage mentioned, we could not advise the use of so potent a remedy, as it may be used to an extent, i. e., all over the head, and cause death in itself.

Rev. J. C. Chandler is conducting a protracted meeting in the Methodist Church this week. He has been expecting able assistance, but so far they have not come. Rev. Joseph Crookard filled his appointment in the Presbyterian Church last Sunday.

The Wedgefield Club played the "Brick Bats," of Privateer, here on last Wednesday. Mr. R. A. Shoolbred, of Richland, played with Wedgefield. When the game was called after nine innings, the score stood 12 to 24 in favor of Wedgefield. Mr. J. B. McBride acted as umpire.

Hon. R. I. Manning is spending some time on Sullivan's Island.

Mr. Thos. Strange, jr., has gone to Harris Litchia Springs for his health.

Miss Lucy C. Singleton leaves tomorrow for Charlottesville, Va., where she goes to make an extended visit to her aunt, Mrs. Green Peyton. She expects to stop over in Winoosboro for a week to visit friends there.

Miss Elise Singleton has returned from Columbia, where she has been visiting the family of Dr. T. T. Moore.

Mrs. J. M. Moseley is reported as being much better.

Crops are doing fine with the exception of too much rain.

Meal is going at \$1.00 per bushel, and many of us are buying. But from the present outlook no one will buy next year who planted corn, for the crop is the finest, and the acreage larger than for many years.

Mr. J. E. Anderson, our former operator, now of Faison, N. C., spent the day in town. Wedgefield and Staunton were playing this p. m., but rain broke up the game before the first inning was over.

Observations on the Clarendon Meeting.

CLARENDON, July 12, 1894.

Editor Watchman and Southeron:

There has been seemingly an abundance of rain, yet, the branches have little water in some and none in others, so thirsty has been, and still is the condition. Crops cannot look better, as far as I have seen, and heard from. Gardens have suffered, from their appearance at present, very much, though they are looking up and improving every day. I believe everything in the planting line is all but up and doing well—slips may not all be headed, however. It really looks as if we are going to have a very fine crop year. The rains have been pretty general in this county, as I have got the news from all parts thereof.

Yes, I was in Manning on the 10th and heard and saw all the candidates—called on Gen. Butler, and was received both kindly and politely by him.

I met Gov. Tillman just as the meeting had adjourned in the court house. We recognized each other and shook hands. They both are men of fine mental parts. Gen. Butler is cool, calm and logical, whilst Gov. Tillman is quite a good reasoner, yet rather too intemperate and prejudiced. The one would make any sacrifice on his part for the good of his entire State, whilst the other would adhere to a favorite faction, whether it be founded in error or not. Gen. Butler is a statesman, whilst Gov. Tillman is a mere politician. I intend neither a compliment to Gen. Butler, nor any disparagement to Gov. Tillman. I only, as an honest correspondent, state what the two men seem to me to be.

Mr. Yeldell most favorably impressed me. He is a man of merit, refinement and brain. Gen. Ellerbe is a man of good judgment, prudence, honesty, fair play, forbearance, logic and great self-control, and would make a most magnificent Governor. I know something about his ancestry.

I love the Hon. Jas. E. Tindal as if he were a brother. He could and would acquit himself handsomely in any public position in life.

Gen. Richbourg's benevolent face quite captivated my heart. God bless him. I had the honor of a conversation with him. I was boasting up Gen. Butler and mistook him for our U. S. Senator.

I could not gather enough from Col. Watts and Mr. Whitman, to form an opinion, as to their abilities. I make no doubt but that they are good men and gentlemen. I felt a tear start in my eye when I looked into the face of Senator Evans. I asked myself, is he the nephew of my most dear and intimate friend and schoolmate of Marion County—Mr. James Evans.

Had the chairman, S. A. Nettles, not unthoughtfully (I hope not purposely) ruled out our candidate for Congress, I would have asked him to answer Mr. Evans.

Mr. Nettles and our candidate for Congress both belong to the Methodist Church. Our candidate did speak, amid and above the din and howls of a few bad boys, whose parents I am told were in Manning at the time. He complimented Congressman McLaurin very highly and put up for McLaurin the best argument he could for the Agricultural sub-treasury in the absence of his opponent, regardless of his own views on the subject. Yes, and he says furthermore, that he is perfectly willing to set aside his own political predilections for the time being, and argue the whole alliance platform for McLaurin against the whole world in arms. He told me to add three times three cheers for McLaurin.

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The Dispensary Re-opening

Gov. Tillman has made good his declaration that he would open the dispensaries on August 1st. He issued the following proclamation on Monday.

State of South Carolina, Executive Chamber. Whereas, under the provisions of an act "to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, as beverage, within this State, except as herein provided" approved December 24, 1892, the State assumed control of the legal liquor traffic in South Carolina, commencing July 1st, 1893, and

Whereas, the said policy and purpose of the State to permit the sale of liquor by and through the State's officers only, was reaffirmed by an act, approved December 23, 1893, entitled "an act to declare the law in reference to and further regulate the use, sale, consumption, transportation and disposition of alcoholic liquors within the State of South Carolina, and to police the same," and

Whereas, the Supreme Court of the State of South Carolina by a decision rendered the 19th April, 1894, declared the first act, above mentioned, unconstitutional, except one small proviso of one section. The executive, in obedience to what he conceived to be the will of the court, closed all the dispensaries and discharged the constabulary. In a subsequent decision, the court still ignoring the act of 1893, above mentioned, construed its decision to mean "There can be no legal sale of liquor by license," but has seemingly on purpose, admitted to mention or construe the act of '93; and

Whereas, the State of South Carolina, acting in good faith through the executive branch of the government, and relying upon the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Hoover vs. the Town Council of Chester, in which it was declared that the act of 1893 "was in effect an act to regulate the sale of spirituous liquors, the power to do which is universally recognized," has invested large sums of money in liquors for sale under the provisions of the two acts mentioned, and

Whereas, this liquor is now being held at heavy expense, while the State is flooded with contraband whiskey, sold without authority of law,

Now, therefore, I, B. R. Tillman, Governor of the State of South Carolina, in exercise of my discretion, as Executive, do issue this my proclamation and declare that the said Supreme Court, having adjourned without, and, in any wise, giving expression in regard to the act of 1893, that the said act is of full force and effect, and will be enforced in accordance with my oath of office, until the court shall have passed upon the same, or until the Legislature shall have repealed it.

The county dispensers in the various counties will open their dispensaries on Wednesday, Aug. 1. All persons interested, including public carriers, are notified that importation of liquors will be at the risk of seizure and prosecution, and all contraband liquors found in the borders of the State will be seized and confiscated according to law.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed, at Columbia, this twenty-third day of July A. D. 1894, and in the one hundred and nineteenth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

B. R. TILLMAN.

By the Governor, J. E. Tindal, Secretary of State.

Republican District Convention.

The Republican District Convention of the Seventh Congressional District met in St. Matthews on last Thursday, 19th instant. There was great confusion and disagreement in the committee which attempted to make up a temporary roll of the delegates, the friends of Col. T. B. Johnston insisting upon the placing on the temporary roll of the Convention the Sumter delegation, headed by Col. Johnston, and the Orangeburg delegation, headed by H. Fordham.

It being impossible to adjust the matter amicably the five delegates from Berkeley, together with the seven regular delegates from Sumter, eight from Orangeburg and one from Colleton counties, met in Convention, which was called to order by R. H. Jenkins, the regular district chairman.

The 7th district Republican Convention is composed of thirty-one delegates, as follows: Berkeley five, Colleton five, Lexington four, Orangeburg eight, Richland two, Sumter seven.

John C. Whittaker, of Sumter, placed in nomination Col. Thomas B. Johnston, of Sumter, which was seconded by A. J. H. Porcher, of Berkeley. H. B. Thomas, of Orangeburg, placed in nomination J. H. Fordham, of Orangeburg. Fordham declined the nomination and moved that Capt. Johnson be nominated by acclamation, which was done.

The remaining ten regular delegates, four from Colleton, four from Lexington and two from Richland, together with the bolting delegations from Orangeburg and Sumter, formed a Convention and nominated E. M. Brayton, of Columbia, as a candidate for Congress from the same district.

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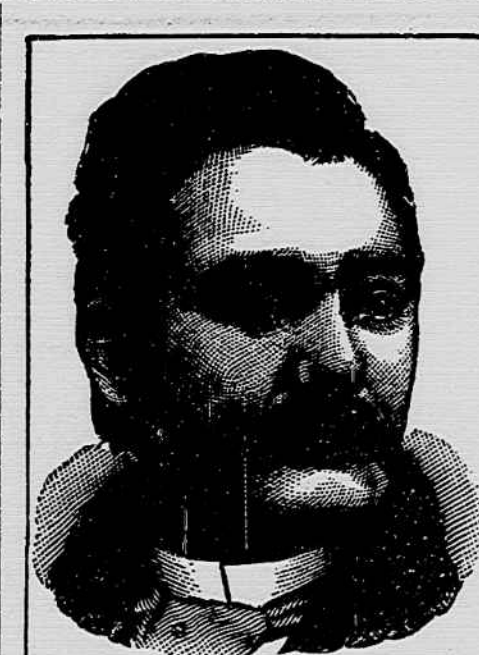
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