

How South Carolina Was Once Represented.

Extracts From the Works and Speeches of John C. Calhoun on the Question of a Sound Currency.

"Let our planters have a sound currency and low duties and they can bid defiance to competition." Vol. 4, page 135.

"With a sound currency and low duties we have nothing to fear in open competition with other countries in the markets of the world." Vol. 4, page 197.

"The artificial expansion of the currency and consequent rise of prices and increased expenses of production would be of themselves fatal." Vol. 4, page 194.

"How is the foreign market to be commanded? By low instead of high duties and a sound currency fixed stable, and as nearly as possible on the level with the general currency of the world, instead of an inflated and fluctuating one." Vol. 4, page 193.

"Our market is the world . . . We have no monopoly in the supply of our products . . . Should we reduce our production others stand ready, by increasing theirs, to take our place. . . . In fact our only permanent and safe remedy is not from the rise in the price of what we sell, in which we can receive but little aid from our government, but a reduction in the price of what we buy." Vol. 6, page 21.

"There is great pecuniary distress, etc., (culmination of panic of 1837), what then is the cause? Indebtedness, universal, deep indebtedness of states, corporations, individuals—followed by a forced and sudden liquidation. This is the obvious and unquestionable cause. And what has caused this? What but a vast and long continued expansion of the currency." Vol. 4, page 122.

"The suffering patient is trembling in every joint, and almost ready to sink from his late debaucheries—his prescription is to return again to the battle, to drink again from the same deceitful bowl instead of honestly prescribing total abstinence as the only effectually remedy." Vol 4, pages 123-124.

"I have ever been averse to all sudden steps . . . as to the currency . . . and deep as my conviction is in favor of a sound currency, I am by no means disposed to reach by a sudden transition the point to which it may be reduced." Vol. 4, page 198.

"Any sudden and great change to even sounder conditions would convulse society to the centre" Vol 2, 358. "Resolve that everywhere there shall be a uniform value to the national currency." Vol. 7, page 157.

The currency (in 1816) is extremely depreciated. All would assent that this state of the currency was a stain on public and private credit and injurious to the morals of the community . . . Gold and silver have disappeared entirely." Vol. 2 page 155.

"How then are you to obtain the command of the foreign market? The first and indispensable step is a thorough reformation of the currency. Without a solid, stable and uniform currency you can never succeed." Vol 3:1-2 431.

"Great and sudden changes in the standard of value are particularly fatal to us." Vol 3, page 432.

"I hold it certain that no honest industry, pursued with the view of moderate and steady profits, can be safe in the midst of such sudden and violent vicissitudes.—Ibid.

"What is to become of that mighty mass who were governed by the mere force of pecuniary pressure to seek change—in whose ears change—change—change was incessantly sung? Have prices improved? Have times become better? Far otherwise! The agitation which they have caused and the powerful disturbing influence they must have on the currency and the money market, are the most deadly foes to the revival of business. They have already done much to depress trade and destroy confidence." Vol. 4, page 13.—Atlanta Journal.

The Tillman Program.

The following is Ben Tillman's plan of campaign as laid down in his speech last night.

- 1. The silverites should do their best to get control of the Democratic national convention.
2. If they fail in this they should bolt and nominate a candidate of their own.
3. If their candidate is defeated they should proceed to cut throats and break up the government.
This is in brief the line of conduct Tillman advocated last night.—Atlanta Journal, 18th.

Grand Lodge K. of P.

ROCK HILL, May 20.—May 19th was a red letter day for Rock Hill. At 10 o'clock the grand lodge of South Carolina, Knights of Pythias, went into session in the Catawba Rifles' armory, with Grand Chancellor H. F. Wilson of Sumter in the chair and with all the other grand officers present. We cannot yet speak of the work of the day, but there was some work upon revising the grand constitution which is the important work of the session. The officers of the grand lodge for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

P. G. C.—H. F. Wilson, Sumter.
G. C.—W. H. Thomas, Charleston.
G. V. C.—D. C. Heyward, Walterboro.
G. P.—Wm. Goldsmith, Jr., Greenville.
G. M. of E.—C. H. Bergman, Charleston.
G. K of R. and S.—D J. Auld, Sumter.

The other officers being appointed and not elected they will not be announced until the end of the session. The grand lodge adjourned for the day at 7 o'clock.

In the evening the Pythians and a large number of citizens assembled in the spacious auditorium of the Presbyterian high school and partook of the banquet given by the local lodge and the citizens of Rock Hill. The hall was profusely decorated in blue yellow and red bunting and the long tables were in covers of the same emblematic colors and were lighted by numerous candles. Covers were laid for 325.

The banquet was served by the King's Daughters and too much cannot be said of the manner in which they did it. It is to their tasteful arrangements and deft hands that we owe the success of the entertainment. The tables were waited upon by three score and ten of the prettiest girls in the country, and when, after grace had been said, they marched down the central aisle two by two, bearing the waiters of coffee and tea and separating at the end, wound themselves deftly around the tables, many of the good "brothers" lost their heads entirely. I now one handsome Knight from down about "A" who was supposed to be tasting pickle when the maids came in, but who afterwards was unable to tell his neighbor whether it was sweet pickle or sour pickle.

The toasts of the evening were as follows:

Our Visitors—Rev. H. B. Browne.
The Grand Lodge of South Carolina—Grand Chancellor Wilson.
Our Sister Lodges—Claude Sawyer.
Our Women—Rev. J. H. Thornwell, D.D.
The Pythian Goat—C. C. Featherstone.

Winthrop College—President D. B. Johnson, and replied to by Grand Chancellor elect Thomas.

The Bachelors—W. J. Cherry, Esq. A very strange feature of all the addresses was that each of the gentlemen announced himself as the only, "bachelor" in the grand lodge and they all very fittingly paid a tribute to the women—in fact every man who sat down to the banquet seemed to have his thoughts directed to "woman, lovely woman," and he wrenched with a zest the cold silvered tongue which was served with the peaceful olive—queen olive.—The State.

ROCK HILL, May 21.—The Grand Lodge of South Carolina, Knights of Pythias, reassembled in the armory of the Catawba Rifles yesterday at 10 o'clock and went down to work with a zest not to be overcome by the weather or the attentions of the local brethren and citizens.

The work for the most part was routine. Outside of that there was the work of the revision of the Constitution. This was a big undertaking in itself.

In regard to this change it can be said that the government is now divided into three departments, namely: The legislative, the judicial and the executive. The lodge went into secret session yesterday and "exemplified the work"—a very important matter.

At 4:45 the lodge adjourned for a recess, to accept the hospitality of the Winthrop Normal and Industrial colleges.

At 3:30 the Knights were given a reception in the spacious parlors and halls of the college. I should be undertaking a task beyond me to attempt a description of the decorations and can only venture the expression that they were superb. The young ladies and faculty exerted themselves to give the guests a good time, showing them over the building, etc.

In time each guest was escorted by some fair maiden to the spacious dining hall and there served with light refreshments—strawberries, ice cream and cake.

After the reception which continued until 8 o'clock, the visitors assembled in the big auditorium, and being joined by the citizens of the town, almost filled it, where they were given a concert by the faculty and students.

The concert was a "geni" one of the best Winthrop college has given, and this is saying much. It consisted of instrumental and vocal music.

G M at A, Douglass Jennings, Bennettsville; G I G, J W Orvin, Monck's Corner; G O G, W P "askin, Latta. At 2 o'clock this morning the Grand Lodge, K. of P., of South Carolina, adjourned to meet in Anderson the third week in May, 1897.

"Pursued by its Enemies."

BALTIMORE, May 21 —President R. Curzon Hoffman of the Seaboard Air Line, when asked for a statement in reply to the charge that his company has attempted to defraud the United States government by "padding" the mail service, said: "I know absolutely nothing about the charges, and until I am thoroughly informed on the subject I prefer to make no statement. This is the first intimation that I have had that the postoffice department entertained a grievance against the Seaboard Air Line, and I cannot believe that Postmaster General Wilson would publish to the world charges of such a serious nature without giving our line an opportunity to explain. Some of our enemies seem to delight in circulating false reports about the company, and I believe that this statement which is alleged to have been made by the postmaster general, emanated from persons unfriendly to the Seaboard Air Line."

Two Girls Killed

LANCASTER, May 21.—During a thunderstorm yesterday afternoon two daughters of Mr. R. S. Sullivan, a well to do farmer, living in the country, aged 19 and 17, were struck and instantly killed by lightning. The girls had been hoeing in the field and were taking shelter from the rain under a tree nearby, when killed.

The Cost of a 5,000 Spindle Mill.

The Edgefield Cotton mill, now in process of building in Edgefield, is to operate five thousand spindles and one hundred and eighty looms. The questions have been asked, what is the capacity of the mill, how much money would be paid out to run such a plant for a year, how much cotton consumed in the same length of time, and others of similar import. For answer we have interviewed the management of the mill and secured figures from other mills in successful operation.

The cost of the entire plant of the Edgefield mill will be, approximately, seventy-five thousand dollars; the number of hands employed, one hundred and fifty; amount of money paid out to operatives per annum, \$25,000; bales of cotton used in same time twenty-five hundred to three thousand.

Senator Vest made a stir in the Senate last week. After Morgan he is perhaps the highest intellect in the Senate on the Democratic side. When he returned from Europe some months ago, he was paraded in the gold papers as having abandoned his extreme silver views. But it was soon contradicted. In the Senate on the 7th inst., he made a clear, distinct, unmistakable threat as well as warning. He said to the Senate and the Democratic party that "there must not be any Federal interference at Chicago." The office-holders were far too active he said. He scored the President for rebuking one set of officers while he allows Cabinet officers to go over the country campaigning and making speeches against Democratic principles and policy. He gave him a lick for allowing postmasters to control conventions. He then made his own position very clear. Here it is:

"I have stated under much criticism in Missouri, that I was a Democrat under all conditions; that I intended to abide by the action of my party; that I was too old to hunt for a new political home; that I should die as I have lived in the party of Jefferson, devoted to his teaching and principles. But I serve notice now that if this convention at Chicago is to be made up of Federal office holders, brought there to overawe and override the wishes of the honest majority of the Democratic party throughout the United States, it is no Democratic Convention with me. I shall abide the will of the majority of my party honestly assembled and honestly expressed. I make no threat, but I want no misunderstanding. The Democratic party is a party of honest expression and not of Federal patronage."—Wilmington Messenger.

Snodgrass Acquitted.

CHATTANOOGA, May 21.—Chief Justice David L. Snodgrass was this morning acquitted of the charge of assault with intent to kill John H. Beasley. The assault took place in The Times building Dec. 25, 1895. Beasley was wounded in the left arm and has lost the use of that member. The jury voted for acquittal on the first poll, and consequently there was no discussion on the merits of the case. There was no applause when the foreman, Mr. Hixon, announced the vote, but Judge Snodgrass and friends crowded about him to congratulate him. The defendant sat for 15 minutes listening to further proceedings of the court, then quietly withdrew. The charge of pistol carrying against him was continued until next term.

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