

Or the Judge.

For the Other will Replace Irby in the Race.

In the last 24 hours the entire outlook of the State campaign has been changed. The situation is now open to no end of speculation and there is no telling what shape the senatorial race will assume before the campaign has gotten under way. Irby's withdrawal came as a complete surprise to all but a few who had been anticipating such action on his part. It leaves the way open for another man to enter the lists along with Governor Evans and Mr. Donaldson. At present it looks as if that man is going to be either Congressman McLaurin or Judge Joseph H. Earle. It will be one or the other; and which, is the question!

Yesterday there was quite a gathering of politicians here and it reminded one of the eve of a State convention. No end of hectoring was being indulged in and the politicians, it may be said, have been put to guessing in more ways than one. Congressman McLaurin came here a few nights ago, before the announcement of Irby's withdrawal, and talked freely of entering the race. Then came the withdrawal and the road was open. Yesterday Mr. McLaurin's friends from his own county and elsewhere were here consulting with him about the matter, but no definite conclusion was reached. Some of his friends seem to be a little uneasy about his entering the race. If he gets out of the congressional race in the Fifth district, there are a host of candidates waiting to make the scramble for congressional honors.

Then there is Judge Earle. No one seems to be able to speak for him, yet his name is on the lips of every politician. It begins to appear now as if he will be the one to oppose Governor Evans. The whole situation was freely and fully discussed yesterday and the consensus of opinion seemed to be that Mr. McLaurin would remain in the congressional race, while Judge Earle would run against Governor Evans. Mr. McLaurin has not yet said what he intends to do. The outlook just at this time is somewhat puzzling. There are many reasons why Judge Earle is considered the most likely candidate, but these cannot be given to the public. The matter is the all-absorbing one in political circles and a great many politicians are considerably worried over it.

But though Senator Irby is out of the campaign it is safe to say that the bond business is still emphatically "in it," and will be the subject of a good many speeches on the stump. Everybody is anxiously awaiting Gov. Evan's promised statement of the matter, and to see what will come of it all.

In the meantime the time for the filing of primary election pledges by candidates for congress, the senate, State officers and solicitors is growing very short and the pledges are coming in, but slowly. Pledges were received by State Chairman Tompkins yesterday from the following additional candidates, several new men appearing in the field:

- For Congress, Fourth District—J. T. Johnson
- For Congress, Third District—J. W. Bowden.
- For Lieutenant Governor—M. B. McSweeney.
- For Congress, Fifth District—D. E. Finley.
- For Solicitor, Eighth Circuit—B. M. Shuman.
- For Comptroller General—James Norton.

Just What She Wanted

A lady whose organ of benevolence was not properly developed, once sent the following advertisement to a London paper:

"A lady, delicate in health wishes to meet with a useful companion. She must be domesticated, musical, early riser, amiable, of good appearance and have some experience in nursing. Total abstainer preferred. Comfortable home. No salary."

A few days after, the advertiser received a hamper, labelled:

"This side up—with care—perishable."

On opening it, she found a large tabby cat with a letter tied to her tail.

The letter ran thus:

"Madam: In answer to your advertisement, I am happy to furnish you with a very useful companion, which will exactly suit your requirements. She is domesticated, a good vocalist, an early riser, possesses an amiable disposition, and is considered handsome. She has had great experience in nursing, having raised a large family. I need scarcely add that she is a total abstainer. As a salary to her is no object, she will serve you faithfully in return for a comfortable home."

It would be putting it very mildly to say that this reply quite upset the lady's equilibrium.

YOKAHAMA, June 17.—Shocks of earthquake, accompanied by a tidal wave, have ravaged the northern part of Japan. The entire town of Kamashi has been destroyed, and 1,000 persons were killed. During twenty hours there were 150 distinct shocks of earthquake.

On Board the Raleigh.

Small Attendance of Naval Reserves at Drill.

Special to The State.

CHARLESTON, June 15.—The drilling of the battalion of the South Carolina naval reserves began to-day and will be continued for three days, by which time the men will have become familiar with the rifles, torpedo tubes and other warlike appliances aboard the United States cruiser Raleigh.

The Chicora Rifles, under the command of Capt. W. H. Pinckney, arrived in the city on the 8 o'clock boat from Mount Pleasant. The company was met at the Mount Pleasant and Sullivan's Island Ferry company's pier by Commander R. H. Pinckney and Lieut. W. Gibbs Whaley and the Lafayette Artillery, under the command of Capt. Charles L. DuBos.

The usual military formalities were held, after which the line of march was taken up. The battalion, at route step, marched down Concord street to Commercial wharf, where the Raleigh's cutters were awaiting them. The cutters were commanded by officers of the Raleigh, but the reserves did their own rowing. They appeared to have but little trouble in pulling for the ship. The Chicora Rifles showed themselves more apt at the oars than the Lafayette Artillery, this being due to the fact that the Chicoras live and have their being nearer the sea shore.

Upon arrival on board, the men went through the inspection successfully. They were then divided into squads, under the command of the cruiser's officers and taken over the ship and given instructions on the different death-dealing appliances and the manner of their operation. Whenever it was possible, the men were allowed to manipulate the guns themselves. It was hard for the boys, who are not accustomed to use much physical force in the course of their daily life, but the work had to be done and they were there to do it. So they faced the situation bravely.

The reserves returned to the city a little after noon for dinner, after which they went again aboard the vessel, where they remained until sunset this afternoon.

The officers were much disappointed at the small number of men on the inspection. The two companies had out only about 40 men, but as the naval authorities selected the present time, a most inconvenient period for the drilling, they are alone to be blamed for the small attendance.

Adjutant General J. Gary Watts arrived in the city to-day and visited the cruiser this afternoon.

Baron Rothschild's Friend in Need.

Baron Rothschild was once in a predicament that many people experience daily, and that is getting into a conveyance of some kind, and then not having the money to pay the fare.

The driver of the omnibus into which Rothschild entered demanded his fare, and the Baron, feeling in his pockets, discovered that he had no change. The driver was very angry. "What did you get in for, if you had no money?"

"I am Baron Rothschild," explained the great capitalist, "and here is my card."

The driver scornfully tossed the card away.

"Never heard of you before," said he, "and don't want to hear of you again. What I want is your fare."

The banker was in great haste. "Look here, I've an order for a million," he said, "give me the change" and he proffered a coupon for that amount.

The driver stared and the passengers laughed. Fortunately a friend of the baron entered the omnibus at the moment, and taking in the situation, immediately paid the fare. The driver, realizing his mistake, and feeling remorseful, said to the baron: "If you want ten francs, sir, I don't mind lending them to you on my own account."

Greenville will have a candidate for United States Senator in the person of Hon. M. L. Donaldson, who received the Alliance vote in the contest of 1890 for this position. He is receiving assurances of support from every section of the State and will file his pledge on or before the 22nd inst., when the time will expire. Mr. Donaldson is confident of his election, and will make a strong vigorous campaign. He is an original Reformer, and has always sustained the views of the Alliance upon financial issues.—Greenville Mountaineer.

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WHIPPING HIS WEIGHT.

The Champion Logger Overestimated His Fistic Ability.

In the logging camps of Michigan might makes right and the man who has whipped all comers in fair fights is king of his camp.

One of these, said a logger to a reporter, was very boastful of his exploits. He had been the victor in a dozen fights and no one cared to enter the lists with him, but every man in the camp hated the champion. Going into a saloon one day he announced: "I'm tired of these babies in camp. I ain't had a good fight in Michigan. I can whip my weight in dogs, wildcats or anything that breathes for \$100."

A meek looking man took the bet and arrangements for the fight were made. It was to take place in a closed room one week from the time the bet was made.

The day came and the champion called, "Bring on your animal." The man who had bet against the king of the camp brought his antagonist in a large sack, which had been deposited behind the stove in the saloon where the match had been entered into, the weather just beginning to get cold. The gladiator entered the room, the sack was emptied and the people crowded at the window to see the contest. Out of the sack came three large hornet nests, the occupants of which had been revived by the heat.

They issued from the nests in swarms and lit all over the man. He fought them for a minute or two, then with a yell jumped through the window, carrying sash and glass with him, never stopping until he reached the river, into which he jumped.

"Said he could whip his weight in anything that breathed," remarked the meek little man as he pocketed the stakes, "but about five pounds of hornets knocked him out in the first round."—Washington Star.

A BEETLE THAT GNAW'S SHELLS.

And It Does Other Things Calculated to Make Its Prey Tremble.

Of all the insects the beetles are the most interesting. There is one that carries a cannon, which a naval man would call a stern chaser, and is loaded with a fluid. When pursued, the beetle fires it, and the other insect, usually a carnivorous beetle, is blinded by the discharge of fine acid spray. Hence its name of bombardier. The latest thing that has been learned about beetles is that Dytiscus marginalis cuts its way through the shells of snails and mollusks and eats the inhabitants.

W. B. Tegetmeier writes to the London Field and tells about the curiosity of naturalists at finding shells manifestly gnawed by some insect or other and the final discovery of Dytiscus marginalis at work on the shell. Then he tells some things about the Dytiscus family. Says he:

"I know of no more interesting animal in an aquarium than a Dytiscus, who soon acquires the habit of following the fingers for food and amuses himself at night, if the aquarium is open, by flying round and round the room, and occasionally misses the way, and, being unable to return, is found on the floor in the morning. There is one drawback to the habits of this creature. He is a bloodthirsty tyrant of the aquarium, requiring the whole place to himself, for if kept with tadpoles, frogs, fish or any other animals, he quickly destroys them, even if many score times his own size."

What hawks are to the other birds, cats are to other mammals, sharks are to other fish, the Dytiscus is to other insects.

THE HORSELESS CARRIAGE.

The Perfect Vehicle Will Come Into Use Slowly but Surely.

A little reflection will convince any one that the use of motorcycles, or, in other words, horseless carriages, will improve the roads. General Morin of France is authority for the statement that the deterioration of common roads, except that which is caused by the weather, is two-thirds due to the wear of horses' feet and one-third due to the wheels of vehicles. This being the case, if the same amount as usual continue to be laid out upon the roads, and the continual damage decrease two-thirds, then the amount spent will go to increased and permanent improvement, and the roads will be "as smooth as a barn floor."

There are many questions to be solved, many difficulties to be surmounted, before the unexceptionable vehicle appears. It was a long time before the difficulties of making sewing machines, revolvers, repeating rifles, typewriters and typesetters were overcome. Yet, examine them! It is all plain and simple, and not at all marvelous now, and we can hardly imagine how any mechanic could spend years of time studying over such easy problems. So it will be with the motorcycles. The mountains of difficulty will sink into molehills, and the ingenuity displayed will be found to take the form of judicious application of ordinary mechanical appliances, approved by the final umpire, the common sense of mankind.

Those who build automobiles must not permit themselves to think that they were born with all the carriage makers' lore inherent in them. A man may be a first class theoretical and practical mechanic and not be able to make a good vehicle to run on wheels. The perfect carriage, as we know it today, is the aggregate of the years of exhaustive trial and experiment and the improvements on that experience made by 1,000 men of genius.

If the carriage builders bestow upon the new carriage all the art acquired in building the old, and the motorcycle men learn the reasons of the conventionalities of the trade and adapt their improvements to them with reference to the opinions of those who are not prejudiced against innovation, they will both work together in harmony and with one purpose, and, so united, they will make rapid progress in the development of the inevitable vehicle of the future.—Cassier's Magazine.

CHARLESTON June 17.—A receiver was to-day appointed in the United States court for the German-American Trust and Savings Bank company. The bank is insolvent, and its affairs will be wound up as soon as possible. It is said that depositors will be paid in full, but that the stockholders will get nothing. The capital stock of the company was \$50,000.

KINGSTON, Ja., June 17.—According to advices received here, that territory in dispute between Great Britain and Venezuela has been entered by a force of troops of the latter country. The Venezuelan soldiers compelled a party of British surveyors who were at work in the district to suspend operations. The surveying party retreated and appealed to the authorities for support.

OCALA, Fla., June 17.—The eight delegates from Florida will go to Chicago uninstructed. In the State convention to-night the committee on platform made two reports. The majority recommended relegating the financial question to the Chicago convention. The minority report, signed by 22 of the 47 members of the resolutions committee, declared for free silver. The minority report was voted down, 176 1-2 to 170 1-2, and the majority report adopted by the same vote. The delegates to Chicago were then chosen, four being avowed silver men and four supposed to be for gold.

CHARLESTON, June 17.—The steamer Commodore left this port for parts unknown tonight at 8 o'clock. She was released by the United States authorities on bond two weeks ago, she having been seized last winter on charges of being a filibuster. It is believed here that she has taken on a large cargo of arms and ammunition for Cuba while she has been lying in the harbor.

LONDON, June 17.—The British steamer Drummond Castle, which sailed from Table Bay, May 28th, for this port with 350 persons on board, has been sunk near Ushant, the most western of the islands off the coast of Brittany, France. A telegram to Lloyd's from Ushant says: "The Drummond Castle is supposed to have struck the rocks. One man only (Marquard) was saved here. The vessel completely disappeared. The ship's boat was launched."

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