

The Campaign Meeting.

The campaign meeting at St. Charles on Saturday was well attended, the crowd numbering about one hundred and fifty.

Mr. Purdy Withdraws.

Mr. R. O. Purdy has withdrawn from the race for the House of Representatives. He sent a letter to County Chairman Knight Saturday morning announcing his withdrawal.

Carolina Teacher's Journal.

We have received a copy of the "Summer School Number" of the Carolina Teachers' Journal. It is very neatly printed, and is filled with much interesting matter.

Story of a Slave.

To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery George D. Williams, of Manchester, Mich., tells how such a slave was made free.

PISGAH NEWS.

Pisgah, Aug. 20.—The drought now prevailing in this section is a fearful one. The fine late corn and cotton are ruined.

Here's Where the Money's Gone.

Editor Daily Item: In answer to the question propounded by the Item of yesterday, "What has become of the bicycle tax money?"

Under resolution of City Council that fund was devoted to widening and improvement of sidewalks. Four hundred and forty badges have been sold for as many dollars.

C. M. Hurst, Jr., Clerk and Treasurer. Sumter, S. C., Aug. 17, 1900.

Tetter, Salt-Rheum and Eczema.

The intense itching and smarting incident to these diseases, is instantly allayed by applying Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment.

Small Cotton Crop.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 19.—Commissioner G. B. Stevens of the Georgia department of agriculture has compiled statistics indicating that the cotton crop of Georgia for 1900 will be from 50,000 to 200,000 bales.

The reports from the counties of Georgia are that 74 per cent of an average crop will be realized. Twenty six per cent of the average crop gives 358,892 bales for the year.

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It is further estimated from the reports in the hands of the commissioner that the cotton acreage is 3 per cent less than in 1899.

THE PRICE OF COTTON.

When Hon C. H. Jordan, the agricultural editor of the Journal, several months ago predicted that cotton would bring ten cents a pound this fall, there was skepticism in the minds of many who had not given the subject study.

Now it transpires that there is more faith in the staple, and the talk of ten cents has become common among newspapers and people who have just waked up to the situation.

No one can predict with absolute certainty what the market will be, but the general opinion as to the fall price of cotton is far above that of two or three months ago.

There is an impression abroad that the demand for cotton will be seriously curtailed by the war in China. This a popular impression calculated to effect the price of the staple.

It is estimated that the cotton crop of India this year will be about one fourth of the average for the past five years.

Whereas, the maintenance of an organ for the teaching profession of South Carolina is indispensable to the progress and promotion of educational interests in our State.

And whereas, the "Summer School Number" of the Carolina Teachers' Journal manifests the progressive character of that paper.

Therefore, be it resolved by the teachers assembled in the State Summer School, that their thanks are due Mr. J. Frank Foose (of Wintboro) for securing to Carolina teachers this progressive journal.

And be it further resolved, that our teachers, collectively and individually, ought to encourage and support the Journal, and thus make it still more worthy of the great body of workers in whose interest it is maintained.

It is not likely that the Chinese demand will be entirely cut off. While war is progressing in the province of Pe Chi Li, containing the cities of Peking and Tien Tsin, other provinces with the ports of Hong Kong, Canton and Shanghai are open to trade.

The bulk of the imports goes through Hong Kong, and there we have heard of no check upon trade. It is likely, therefore, that most of the consumption of cotton goods in China will be reported the coming year.

If the allied powers speedily reduce the insurrection, which has been called "an imperial riot," confined mostly to the province which includes the capital and Tien Tsin, and the progressive young emperor is placed on the throne, the entire country will be opened up and the foreign trade will be immensely increased.

The tendency in that direction is shown by the fact that it increased 25 per cent in the last year reported, ending with 1899.

The chances are that after the curtailment of demand, if any, due to the war in China, is deducted, the crop failure in India will have a shortage of over a million bales, so far as the continent of Asia is concerned.

With cotton consumption increasing throughout the civilized world, and in many parts which is hardly civilized, there will be a large relative shortage.

In this country the condition of the growing crop was reported by the government bureau at 76, which is lower than the condition of the crop on August for several years.

The crop promise of two or three weeks ago has not continued and untimely drought following a wet season has done much damage to the cotton in some sections.

Well informed opinion now looks for a crop of about 10,250,000 in this country and a crop in the rest of the world far below that of recent years.

Under these circumstances, with prosperous times and a high level of purchasing power among the world's workers, the price ought to be good.—Atlanta Journal.

Concerning a Circular.

A circular in our possession, bearing the printed signature of one Norton W. Brooker, candidate for Comptroller General, is the most impudent manifestation of campaign stupidity that we have seen in this the great day of small men in public affairs.

The circular has printed upon the upper left hand corner the insignia of one of the most respectable and conservative of all charitable and benevolent secret orders and the very presence of this insignia in such a piece carries even to the uninitiated conviction that its use is spurious and unauthorized.

This debasement of the dignity and reputation of the Masonic order can of course only react upon its author, but the incident is one that demands effective repudiation, not only by the order in question, but by all other secret orders of kindred nature.

Plainly, any disposition to activity in politics by any secret fraternal order would be to impregnate upon them all violent and just popular opposition.

While no intelligently informed person could entertain for an instant the thought that the Masonic order, even in one of its minor branches, could connive in the production of this most improper circular, yet the many secret beneficial orders owe to their own protection to resent the circular's appearance in a manner quiet but sufficiently pronounced to furnish a warning against a similar occurrence in future.

It may be added that the printed matter of Mr. Brooker's circular is not of a character to heighten the fragrance of Mr. Brooker's repute.—Charleston Post.

CORN SHORT IN KANSAS

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 19.—Two thirds of Kansas west of the eastern most tiers of counties is experiencing one of the most severe droughts in the history of the State, and the general opinion is that the Kansas corn crop will be the smallest, in proportion to its requirements for feeding that has been raised in many years.

In 1899 in was 225,000,000 bushels Secretary Coburn's report of conditions on Aug 4 indicated a yield this year of about 145,000,000. Since then there have been two weeks of hot, dry weather which has materially reduced conditions, and the most liberal estimates of well informed men on 'Change do not exceed 100,000,000 bushels, while many place the crop at not over 75,000,000 bushels.

Boston, Aug. 18.—Franklin J. Moses, at one time governor of South Carolina and also a former speaker of the house of representatives of that State, was arrested here today charged with the larceny of \$3 from John Hardy, a Boston business man.

Mr. Moses has been living in Winthrop and for a time conducted a weekly newspaper at Revere. It is alleged that after disposing of his interest in the paper, he continued to solicit advertisements for it, and Mr Hardy's complaint was entered as a result of an alleged payment made to Mr Moses of \$5 for an advertisement which did not appear.

Moses was brought to the attention of the Boston police in 1885 when he was arrested on the charge of obtaining money by false pretenses from the late Frederick Ames. Col Thomas Westworth Higginson and others. He was found guilty and was sent to the State prison for three years.

Colored Pastor Rebukes The New York Rioters.

New York, Aug. 19.—The Rev P. L. Cuyler, pastor of Zion M. E. church, in his sermon today, spoke about last week's race riots in this city. He said in part:

"The trouble our people have just gone through presents disgusting and brutal spectacles. In the troubles that we have in the south, even, there is nothing to equal it. There at least those who are in authority and whose duty it is to protect the citizens of the State, do not participate in the riots, but rather try to shield from the fury of the mob the innocent victims.

Instead of suppressing the rioting, the guardians of the peace appear to have participated in the cruelty. The police clubbed the colored men, and the greatest damage done upon the persons of our people was the work of their clubs.

"Of course we know that the element that made so much trouble is not representative of New York. The mobs were composed of hoodlums, ruffians and toughs of every kind."

Cuyler closed by saying he did not wish to stir his congregation up over the matter, as there had been trouble enough, saying:

"We cannot fight. We are not strong enough. If we attempted it there would only be a period of murthering that would accomplish nothing. But we are citizens, even though we are black, and there should be some redress in the courts for all we have suffered. The city should be responsible for the brutality that has been practiced upon innocent people. I advise that some of our most responsible people get together and find out if something cannot be accomplished in this direction."

What Say You, Senator?

We have been requested to print the following open letter to Senator Tillman. The time is opportune, as he will speak in Columbia today and can readily give the written assurance sought:

Hon B. R. Tillman, Dear Sir: In your speech at Batesburg on the 20th inst. you advised voters who could not endorse your course to stretch your name off the ticket, and said you would not accept the nomination if you did not get a majority of the votes cast in the primary election.

As it would be untrue in you not to stand by your advice and not to carry out your avowed purpose, I, as a voter, would ask you to state over your own signature, at once and without evasion or equivocation, whether you will stand for the validity of the votes that may be scratched, and should a majority of them be scratched would you forbid your name being used by the next legislature as a candidate for United States senator; and should the legislature in such an event elect you, would you decline to accept?

Very respectfully yours, Joab Edwards. Leesville, S. C., Aug. 21, 1900.

Now, senator, it is clearly "up to" you. Put your pledge in writing and send it to The State.

"He either fears his fate too much, Or his deserts are small, That dares not put it to the touch To gain or lose it all."

Atlantic Coast Line.

WILMINGTON, COLUMBIA AND AUSTIN RAILROAD. Condensed Schedule. Dated May 27, 1900.

TRAIN GOING SOUTH

No. 55 No. 35. Leave Wilmington 7:45 p. m. Leave Marion 8:29 a. m. Arrive Florence 7:45 a. m.

Leave Florence 7:45 p. m. Arrive Sumter 8:57 a. m. Leave Sumter 10:20 a. m. Arrive Columbia 10:20 a. m.

TRAIN GOING NORTH

No. 54 No. 34. Leave Columbia 6:40 a. m. Arrive Sumter 8:05 a. m. Leave Sumter 8:05 p. m. Arrive Florence 9:20 a. m.

Leave Florence 10:00 a. m. Leave Marion 10:29 p. m. Arrive Wilmington 1:20 p. m.

*Daily. †Daily except Sunday. No. 53 runs through to Charleston, S. C. via Central R. R., arriving Manning 5:04 p. m. Leaves 6:42 p. m. Charleston 8:30 p. m.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Chadborn 5:25 p. m., arrive Conway 7:40 p. m., returning leave Conway 8:15 a. m., arrive Chadborn 10:30 a. m., leave Chadborn 11:50 a. m., arrive Boardman 12:25 p. m., returning leave Boardman 3:00 p. m., arrive Chadborn 3:25 p. m., Daily except Sunday.

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Market Quotations.

Sumter, Aug. 21.—Cotton futures opened this morning at 1 to 2 points advance, and then declined from 2 to 3 points on the weakness shown by Liverpool, and advancing immediately from 5 to 9 points on account of the weekly bureau report being bullish, and the light movement, together with the poor advices from the crop.

The market closed steady at a net gain of 3 to 5 points from yesterday's closing.

Receipts today 916 bales. Same day last year 3,335. N. Y. spots 10c.

Table with columns: Open, Close. Rows: August (9 12, 9 05-06), September (8 79, 8 79 80), October (8 64, 8 66 67), November (8 52, 8 54 55), December (8 48, 8 51 52), January (8 48, 8 52-53), March (8 49, 8 55-57).

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CANDIDATES.

FOR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. I hereby announce myself a candidate for the House of Representatives, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

Believing that Mr. D. M. YOUNG has served the people of Sumter County efficiently, during the past term, we suggest him as a candidate for re-election to the House of Representatives at the coming primary.

I am a candidate before the Democratic primary for member to the House of Representatives.

D. E. DRANT is announced by his friends as a suitable person to represent Sumter County in the House of Representatives. His candidacy is subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

Thanking the Democratic voters of Sumter County for the liberal support given me in the past, and pledging myself to abide the action of the primary, I respectfully announce myself a candidate for re-election to the House of Representatives.

I am a candidate in the coming primary, for the House of Representatives.

THOMAS B. FRASER, Jr., is hereby announced as a candidate for the House of Representatives subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

FOR CORONER. MR. Editor: You will please announce SAMUEL F. FLOWERS a candidate for Coroner for Sumter County and oblige HIS FRIENDS.

Mr. A. D. MOSES, who has so efficiently filled the position of Coroner during the past four years is hereby nominated for re-election, subject to the Democratic primary. He will receive the hearty support of MANY VOTERS.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Coroner of Sumter County subject to the result of the Democratic primary. I am acquainted with the duties of the office and if elected will faithfully and efficiently perform them. The support and influence of the Democrats of the county is solicited and will be appreciated.

FOR CONGRESS. Hon. J. Wm. STOKES is hereby announced as a candidate for re-election to Congress in the Seventh district, subject to the Democratic primary.

FOR AUDITOR. Believing T. W. LEE to be fully qualified to discharge the duties of the office of Auditor, we place him in nomination for said office, before the Democratic voters, at the ensuing primary election.

I announce myself a candidate for re-election as Auditor of Sumter County, subject to the result of the Democratic primary.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER. H. L. SCARBOROUGH is announced for re-election as County Treasurer subject to the Democratic primary.

FOR SOLICITOR. I am a candidate for re-election to the office of Solicitor, and again solicit the support of the voters of the Third Circuit, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

W. D. Mayfield, Columbia, S. C., candidate for Railroad Commissioner.

The Commissioners should be paid by the State instead of by the railroads, and the term of office should be reduced from six to two years.

STOP DISCRIMINATIONS. Freight rates should be regulated as to: Encourage fruit growers, truck farmers and canners, and enable them to offer their products on the market on equal terms with any State.

Induce manufacturers of all kinds to locate in this State and enable them to offer their products on the market on equal terms with any State.

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FOR COUNTY SUPERVISOR.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for election to the office of County Supervisor of Sumter County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, and pledge myself to support the nominees of the Democratic party.

Mr. FREAN MELLETT is nominated for County Supervisor, subject to the result of the Democratic primary. He is a competent man for the position, a Democrat who deserves the support of the party, and if he is elected will render faithful and valuable services.

To my friends who so nobly supported me before and the public generally: I wish to announce myself a candidate for the office of County Supervisor, promising to stand by the action of the Democratic primary.

FOR MAGISTRATE. I announce myself as a candidate for the office of Magistrate at Sumter, (Magisterial District, No. 1.) and solicit the votes of the said district.

FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION. The friends of Prof. W. P. BA KIN, having knowledge of his thorough competency to fill the position, hereby announce him as a candidate for County Superintendent of Education, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

Believing that the acquaintance of the present incumbent, J. EDWIN REMBERT, with the duties of the office, the various teachers, trustees and needs of the several communities of the county qualify him for the office of County Superintendent of Education, and that he is heartily interested in the duties thereof, we nominate him for re-election, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

FOR SHERIFF. The friends of Deputy Sheriff JAMES E. GAILLARD take pleasure in nominating him for Sheriff of Sumter County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

The voters of Sumter county are asked to support for sheriff William H. Epperson, a true and tried Democrat, a man who was a gallant Confederate soldier and served four years in the ranks. He is competent and will faithfully discharge the duties of the office if elected.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Clerk of Court, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

Gentlemen: I want to be elected to the office of Clerk of the Court for Sumter County. No one has asked me to be a candidate. (I guess they just didn't think of it.) I trust, however, you will not forget me at the Democratic primary election, which will settle the question, who shall be clerk? as far as I am concerned. Hoping to be yours at the primary, I am

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