

THE SECOND PRIMARY.

W. H. Epperson Elected Sheriff and Mobley Carries County for Railroad Commissioner.

Complete returns from the primary election held in this county yesterday have not yet been received, but a sufficient number of boxes have been reported to indicate how the county will go for their were not a sufficient number of votes cast in the unreported clubs at the first primary to alter the result.

Fifteen out of the twenty two clubs have been heard from and they give the following result:

- FOR SHERIFF. W. H. Epperson, 770. C. W. Stansill, 436. FOR RAILROAD COMMISSIONER. John H. Earle, 490. John G. Mobley, 682.

PROGRESS OF THE FALL FESTIVAL.

What the Central Committee Has Done and Planned to Do.

The central committee was in session for nearly three hours Monday night, working on the plans for the fall festival, and everything is now in excellent shape to begin active work. The next thing in order, and the most important, is to raise the money to finance the festival. The committee began the canvass for subscriptions yesterday afternoon, and upon the success they meet with will depend the future of the fall festival proposition. The committee is unalterably opposed to rushing into the undertaking until the necessary funds are in sight, and, if the business men and property owners, the financial, mercantile and manufacturing corporations that will be benefited both directly and indirectly by the advertisement of the city, do not subscribe willingly and liberally the festival idea will be abandoned without further ado. But the favor with which the festival has been received already has encouraged the committee to believe that there will be no great difficulty in raising all the money needed and that the festival can and will be held and that it will be a complete success in every particular.

AN ATTEMPTED BURGLARY.

Negroes Attempt to Break into Mrs. Tisdale's House.

In the neighborhood of midnight the residents on Hayworth street were alarmed by the screams of a woman in peril. The outcries proceeded from the home of Mrs. Tisdale and the neighbors rushed to her assistance. Mr. C. W. Stausill, who was the first to arrive, found Mrs. Tisdale hysterical from fright. She stated that she was awakened by some one trying to open her window and that when she asked who was at the window the person went to the door and tried to force it open. Failing there he returned to the window and began to pry it open. Then she cried out for help, and the would-be burglar ran off and made his escape in the darkness before assistance arrived. Mrs. Tisdale did not see the burglar, but the tracks indicate that he was a negro.

RECEPTION AND MUSICAL.

Vocal and Instrumental Music at Mrs. Teicher's.

Last evening at the residence of Mrs. Teicher on Hampton Avenue, a very enjoyable reception was given in honor of Miss Cecile O'Connell, of Charleston. The guests were most pleasantly entertained by a series of musical selections, which were rendered during the course of the evening.

The audience was a very appreciative one, which fact was attested by the hearty applause that greeted the efforts of the various performers.

About eleven o'clock, the assembled guests were invited into the dining room, where all partook of delightful refreshments.

THE PROGRAM:

- Four piece orchestra—Piano, Miss Annie Teicher; Cornets, Miss Franziska Teicher; and Mr. Hugh Hart; Violin, Miss Isidore Teicher. Vocal selections—Miss Isabelle Mays, Miss Franziska Teicher, Miss Annie Teicher. Piano Solo—Miss Katie Moses, Miss Cecile O'Connell. Guests: Mrs. J. O. Sanders, of Charleston. Misses Isabelle Mays, Palmer, Louise Moses, Katie Moses; Messrs. Hugh Hart, Dr. Kennedy, Richard Sanders, Richard Parker, James and Alfred Bryan, Julian, Waverly and George Levy.

A movement is on foot in Sumter to hold a carnival. The time is not set yet, but will probably be the last of November or early in December. It will be a mighty good idea for Bishopville to have a day set aside as Bishopville day and to move on our neighbor on mass that day.—Bishopville New Era.

Mr. W. A. Sparks was exhibiting on the streets last Thursday three stalks of cotton that attracted general attention. They were loaded from top to bottom with matured bolls, and an acre of such cotton would easily make one and a half to two bales.

An application has already been filed with the fall festival committee by the manager of a college football team for the privilege of arranging a football game here on Thanksgiving day. And the letters from the merry go round, Ferris wheel and other similar concerns are beginning to come in.

TRAIN ROBBERY IN IOWA.

Safe in Express Car Dynamited and Contents Taken. Robbers Escape on Engine.

Special to The Daily Item. Letts, Iowa, Sept.—Rock Island train No. 1 which usually carried a large amount of money was held up near here early today. The baggage and express cars were dynamited and the safe blown up and all the contents taken. Officers from here are in pursuit of the bandits who escaped on the engine which they stole from the train.

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THE SCHOOL OPENING.

Largely Increased Enrollment Over First Day of Previous Years. Supt. Edmunds Salary Increased.

The Graded Schools opened Monday with the largest first day enrollment in the history of the schools, and there will be a gradual increase in the attendance for the next few weeks but the maximum attendance will not be attained until about the middle of the school year. Supt. Edmunds states that since the close of the last session there has been a marked increase in the school population and that one of the most striking facts connected with this increase is the sections from which our new citizens come. On one day last week when he was examining children for admittance to the school there were applicants from six different states, the children having last attended school in Massachusetts, Missouri, Georgia, North Carolina, Virginia or Alabama. In addition to these there were quite a number from other counties in this State.

The reputation of the Sumter schools are of the highest and those who have children to educate are influenced by school in making their selection of a place of residence, hence it is that so many families have come to Sumter and are still coming in increasing numbers each year. The reputation of the schools has been established by good work, thoroughness and real merit, and the maintenance of the standard from year to year.

Since the close of the last session the Board of Education has raised the salary of Supt. Edmunds to \$2,400 a year, which is probably the highest salary paid to any graded school superintendent in the State, Charleston, perhaps, being an exception. This action was taken by the board at a meeting held in July, when Mr. Edmunds seriously contemplated resigning to engage in another line of work. For some reason the good news that Mr. Edmunds' services had been retained by this substantial increase in his salary—almost double the amount he has heretofore received—was not given to the press by the Board of Education and it was ascertained only yesterday by the writer, and in a casual way then, from a gentleman from another part of the State who had heard the good luck of Supt. Edmunds discussed at the State summer school. To verify the rumor application was made to the secretary of the board for the privilege of inspecting the minutes, and the minutes confirmed the statement. Supt. Edmunds is to be congratulated and will be by his many friends, although the congratulations will be somewhat belated now after the elapse of two months. It will be news, however, to a majority of Sumter people, which shows that you sometimes have to go away from home to hear news about your own affairs.

Why Facts Were Withheld.

Secretary of the Board of Education Hurst states that the City Board of Education directed that their action in increasing Supt. S. H. Edmunds salary to \$2,400 per annum be withheld from publication for the reason that, at the time the action was taken in July, it was not known to the board whether or not Mr. Edmunds would accept the offer to retain the superintendency, and they did not care to have the public acquainted with the offer made him in the event that it became necessary to elect another man to succeed him, inasmuch as it would have been out of the question to pay a new and untried man a salary anything like as large as that offered Mr. Edmunds.

CATCHALL NEWS ITEMS.

Catchall, Sept. 10.—Catchall is not catching many visitors these days, therefore news of interest is very scarce. The order of the day is picking cotton; though the farmers have been somewhat retarded this week by the rain.

Mr. E. C. Lee has returned from Charleston with a beautiful line of fall goods.

Misses Jennie and Mattie Jackson of Dalzell have been visiting here.

Mr. Colclough Sanders and Mr. Robert Moore spent last Saturday and Sunday at the former's home.

Misses Leila Thompson, of Lovellen and Edna Phillips of Sumter visited friends here last week.

Miss Lizzie Lenoir of Hagood is spending a while with Mrs. Mamie Davis.

Mrs. Arthur Jackson left last Friday for Florence to visit her mother, Mrs. Gilbert.

Miss Edna Davis who has been visiting friends near Pizgan has returned home.

Miss Emily Lenoir is visiting friends and relatives at this place.

Mrs. McLeod and daughter Lenoea, of Swift Creek, spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sanders.

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Grand Automobile Prize Contest! \$14,500 In Prizes \$14,500

Guess how many people will attend the World's Fair at St. Louis, and get an Automobile—The Machines have all been bought.

Table listing prizes: First Prize—One Peerless Touring Car value \$4,000; Second Prize—One Royal Touring Car value 3,000; Third Prize—One Franklin Touring Car value 1,300; Fourth Prize—One Woods Runabout value 950; Fifth Prize—One Ford Touring Car value 900; Sixth Prize—One Ford Runabout value 800; Seventh Prize—One Ford Runabout value 800; Eighth Prize—One Oldsmobile value 650; Ninth Prize—One Oldsmobile value 650; Tenth Prize—One Oldsmobile value 650; Eight Cash Prizes of \$100 each \$13,700; Total \$14,500.

The World's Fair is now in progress at St. Louis. It opened the first of May and closes the first of December. How many paid admissions will there be during the entire period? Every customer of The Royal Tailors—every man, woman and child placing an order with us through any of our authorized dealers, at any time from now until Nov. 15 next—is entitled to make one guess for every dollar (or fraction part of a dollar) he or she pays for Royal tailoring. The man who pays \$15 for a suit may make 15 guesses; the woman who pays \$10 for a skirt may make 10 guesses; the boy who pays \$7.50 for a suit may make 8 guesses, and so on. And every time you order you have the right to make additional guesses. With an opportunity to secure one of our valuable prizes, you should look ahead and see to it that the entire family is provided with wearing apparel, not only for fall and winter, but for next spring as well.

Our Automobiles have all been bought and the person who guesses nearest to the total number of paid admissions to the World's Fair will receive that grand machine—the \$4,000 Peerless Touring Car; the person who makes the second nearest guess will receive the superb \$3,000 Touring Car; and so on until the 10 automobiles listed above have been distributed. In addition to these 10 automobile prizes, we also offer eight cash prizes of \$100 each for the nearest guesses made each month, from Feb. 15 to Nov. 15, 1904, except that at the close of the time from Oct. 1 to Nov. 15 will be considered as the final "month." In explanation of these cash prizes for guesses during a given month, please bear in mind that every guess has reference to the total number of paid admissions during the entire period of the World's Fair; and that we are not asking you to guess what the attendance will be during any single month or week or day. For instance, it is apparent that during the month of August, some one will make a closer guess on the total number of admissions than anybody else does (in August), and while it is possible that this guess may not win an automobile prize, still the person making it will receive our check for \$100.

Don't Walk! Wear Royal Tailoring and Ride in an Automobile. For further particulars call on the undersigned exclusive resident dealer in Royal Tailoring.

No. 1 West Liberty Street.

SIGNER OF ORDINANCE OF SECESSION DEAD.

Mr. R. C. Logan, of Kingstree, Passes Away at an Advanced Age in Life. One of the Four Survivors.

Kingstree, Sept. 12.—In the 72d year of his life Mr. R. C. Logan died here today about noon after a short illness of one week.

The youngest member of the convention was R. C. Logan, a native of Sumter county. Mr. Logan was born about the year 1832. At an early age he lost his parents and was brought up under the care of his grandfather, who gave him private instruction and a common school and academic education, after which he learned the printing business and has been engaged in journalism the greater part of his life.

In 1856 he moved to Williamsburg county and became interested in the establishment of the first newspaper ever published in that county. He soon after bought the paper and conducted it with signal success until 1861, when it was temporarily suspended in consequence of the war.

In 1859 he was elected by the legislature commissioner in equity, an office of much importance and responsibility. In 1860 he was elected a delegate to the Secession convention, and was the youngest member of that distinguished and memorable body. In recognition of his youth he was appointed, by its president, cashier of the convention. The death of Mr. Logan leaves but three survivors of the Secession convention: Mr. R. H. Thompson of Walhalla, Dr. J. H. Carlisle of Spartanburg and Col. Jos. Daniel Pope of Columbia.

While the convention was in session hostilities began and he repaired with a volunteer company, to which he was a lieutenant, to where the troops were being massed, and did service on the island about Charleston, and subsequently at Georgetown as private and officer.

In 1864 he was reelected to the office of commissioner in equity, which position he held until he was removed by the Radical government. After the war he reestablished his paper and used it with all the ability and determination he possessed in opposing and exposing the oppression and rascality of the capetbag dynasty, and was active and aggressive in his efforts to wrest the government from the hands of those who were disgracing its name and civilization. Ultimately he had the proudest satisfaction of being present when the usurpers were made to leave the State capitol and the rightful owners allowed to take possession of it.

He has been prominent and active in the affairs of his country, but has never compromised or temporized with any party or movement that did not have the sanction and conviction of his judgment. He has never been an office-seeker, but has invariably declined the use of his name for offices of honor or trust, believing that the position of an editor was incompatible with that of a professional politician. He has been industrious and energetic in the activities of life, doing much for others who were dependent upon him. Among other worthy deeds that might be mentioned was the education and equipment of a younger brother for the bar, who was a district judge of this State in 1867, and who became a distinguished lawyer and politician of the State of Tennessee.

In 1885 he established the Williamsburg county Record, which he sold in 1895, since which time he has divorced himself from journalistic work. His long connection with the press of the State, and especially with The News and Courier, whose business caused him to visit every town and hamlet in the State, gave him a very large and pleasant personal acquaintance. He was married in 1859 to Miss S. T. Scott of Williamsburg county, and has four living children, two daughters and two sons.

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WEEKLY GOVERNMENT CROP REPORT.

Cotton Shows No Improvement Since Last Week.

Special to The Daily Item.

Washington, Sept. 13.—While rust and shedding continue over a large part of the cotton belt, reports of injury from these causes are less numerous than in previous week. In central districts, the weather has been unfavorable for picking. In portions of Georgia and Florida, where this work is hindered by heavy rains picking is now beginning and also in the northern district. In Texas the crop has improved slightly in a few northern counties, but on the whole very little new fruit is forming and the boll weevils are puncturing nearly all new squares in the southwestern, coast, central and eastern counties, as well as in a number of northern counties.

Weekly Crop Bulletin.

The following is a report of the condition of crops in the state for the past week, as compiled by Section Director Bauer: The week ending 8 a. m., September 12, had a mean temperature of 71 degrees, which is 3 below normal, due to unusually cool nights. The temperature deficiency was greatest in the interior. The extremes were a minimum of 57 at Florence on the 9th, and a maximum of 90 at Yemassee on the 6th.

The precipitation was excessive over most of the southern and eastern portions, and it was deficient in the northern and western ones. The rainfall was confined to the early part of the week, the latter part having been generally clear and dry. In the parts that had excessive rains the amount ranged from an inch to four inches; the other parts from less than an inch to no rain, the latter in Greenville county.

Farm work was delayed early in the week by cloudy and rainy weather over a large part of the state, but it progressed rapidly during the latter portion throughout the entire state. As the season advances, it is seen that the condition of early corn is better than heretofore reported, while late corn was slightly damaged by excessive rains in the extreme northeast; the crop as a whole is the best in many years. Fodder pulling is practically finished except from very late corn.

There are numerous reports of deterioration of cotton due to continued rust and shedding, and, in the eastern counties, from the ravages of caterpillars, which have recently increased in numbers to a damaging extent. On clay lands, cotton has attained a too rank growth, causing some rotting of the lower bolls. Cotton is opening fast in the eastern and central counties, where picking has made good progress, while in the extreme northwest there are but few bolls open and picking has only begun. Sea-island cotton is in excellent condition and is heavily fruited.

The weather was favorable for haying during the latter part of the week and much grass was cut and cured in fine condition. The forage crops are uniformly good. Sweet potatoes are poor in places, but generally very promising. Rice harvest was interrupted by rain, but latterly made rapid progress; the late rice crop is well headed. Minor crops are, as a rule, very promising.

Figures That Falsify.

The war between Russia and Japan is just getting well started on land. Japan is getting the best of Russia now as she did on sea. The number of forces engaged and the losses in battle give occasion for comparisons with other wars and particularly with the War between the States. It is a strange circumstance that in these comparisons Southern newspapers take their figures from some Northern source and in that way disparage the Southern soldiers. The Atlanta News gives the following figures as to the battle of Shrapburg: Confederate 45,000 and the enemy 75,000. Col. Walter A. Taylor, of Gen. Lee's staff says in his book entitled "Four years with General Lee," that Gen. Lee's entire strength was 35,255 and Gen. McClellan, in his official report, states that he had in action in the same engagement, 87,164. So the News takes 10,000 from the enemy and

adds 10,000 to our forces.

At Gettysburg the News gives the enemy 94,000 and the Confederate 78,000. Col. Taylor puts the Army of the Potomac at 105,000 and the Army of Northern Virginia at 62,000. So the difference between the opposing armies was 43,000 and not 16,000.

Such mistakes appear in other daily newspapers and it is singular that the mistakes are always against the Confederates.

Every daily newspaper should have an old soldier on the editorial staff to keep such figures straight.—Abbeville Medium.

Cotton Pests Active.

The many destructive enemies of the cotton plant seem to be more active this year than ever before, the damage that the crop has sustained has been quite serious already and it is feared that the loss from this cause will be still greater before the crop can be harvested.

Blight, or wilt, caused considerable damage in July and August, rust has damaged the crop in some sections and now come reports from various sections that the cotton worm has appeared in great numbers and is devouring the cotton at such a rapid rate that their is no hope of a top crop. As yet the worms have appeared in circumscribed areas, only, in sufficient numbers to cause alarm, but they are multiplying rapidly.

In other sections some disease or parasite, as yet unidentified, has attacked the bolls, causing them to rot when almost full grown.

On Monday Essex Taylor, the well known colored farmer of Stateburg, brought several stalks of cotton to this office to show how this disease has injured his crop. The stalks were large, well developed and heavily fruited, but nine-tenths of the bolls were diseased. Taylor feared that the Texas boll weevil had attacked his crop, but as he has seen no weevils and the appearance of the bolls is not similar to the condition resulting from the ravages of the boll weevil, the weight of evidence is against the boll weevil theory to account for the destruction of his cotton.

Stateburg Sayings.

Statesburg, Sept. 13.—The farmers are "getting a move on themselves" these times. They are trying hard to get in the cotton while we have such good weather.

Mrs. M. L. Burgess and family returned to Sumter last week after a pleasant visit to relatives.

Miss Emma E. Barnwell leaves tomorrow for Raleigh, N. C., where she will attend college.

Miss Julia A. Holmes of Macon, Georgia is spending her vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Holmes. Her many friends are glad to know she will be in our midst until October 1st.

Miss Anne M. Barnwell spent Sunday at home.

Miss Janet McLure of Chester who is to teach the Claremont school came on Friday. She is with Mrs. R. M. Cantey.

Miss Lily Holcombe is the guest of her cousins, the Misses Nelson this week.

Mr. A. M. Lee's family returned to Charleston last week, after spending several months at their "country home," Farmhill.

Mrs. Thomas Sumter spent a few days with her mother last week.

Mr. George Saunders, of Claremont, spent Sunday with his brother, Mr. W. L. Saunders.

Miss Lou Leavell is spending some time in Sumter.

Mr. Harry Ball spent Sunday at home.

Now, that the "summer swallows" have taken their flight, our neighborhood begins to grow quiet once more. The college girls and boys begin to think of a year of hard work.

Coroner Flowers was summoned to the Rocky Bluff Lumber mill Sunday to hold an inquest over the body of Sally Williams, colored, who died suddenly Friday night. An investigation satisfied the Coroner that death was due to heart disease, the woman having been under treatment for more than a year for that disease, and he did not hold a regular inquest.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, OF SUMTER, S. C.,

At Sumter, in the State of South Carolina, at the close of business, Sept. 6, 1904.

RESOURCES.

Table of resources: Loans and discounts, \$367,689 75; Overdrafts, secured and unsecured, 19,100 01; U. S. Bonds to secure circulation, 25,000 00; Premiums on U. S. Bonds, 406 25; Bonds, securities, etc., 32,000 00; Banking house, furniture and fixtures, 3,000 00; Due from National Banks (not reserve agents), 20,632 69; Due from State Banks and Bankers, 4,390 48; Due from approved reserve agents, 7,551 80; Checks and other cash items, 498 43; Notes of other National Banks, 1,000 00; Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents, 3,771 11; Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz: Specie, 25,250 00; Legal-tender notes, 6,000 00; Redemption Fund with U. S. Treasurer, (5 per ct. of circulation,) 1,250 00; Total, \$517,540 52.

LIABILITIES.

Table of liabilities: Capital stock paid in, \$100,000 00; Surplus fund, 20,000 00; Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid, 13,067 43; National Bank notes outstanding, 25,000 00; Due to State Banks and Bankers, 2,500 86; Due to Trust Companies and Savings Banks, 173 82; Individual deposits subject to check, 190,898 82; Notes and bills rediscounted, 90,899 80; Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed, 75,000 00; Total, \$517,540 52.

State of South Carolina, } SS. County of Sumter, } I, R. L. EDMUNDS, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. L. EDMUNDS, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of Sept. 1904. GEO. L. RICKER, Notary Public