

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

LETTERS FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

Sumter and Adjutant Parsons.

TO CORRESPONDENTS. Send your letters so that they will reach this office not later than Tuesday morning.

BARNS CORNER.

Barncorner, Feb. 25.—We have had a pretty good week for work, and we have not failed to get in some good crops.

Old man Jim McIntosh is very sick. The man's wife on his ankle which has swollen and caused an abscess to form on his knee.

Mrs. Joe M. Ardis is still about the same.

I hear of no other sickness.

W. J. Ardis and Dad Weeks went to Mr. Willie Collins's at Old Man.

Old man and Dad Weeks attended a session of Mr. Joe Bartlett's, near Waycross, Cherokee county, last Thursday night.

W. J. Ardis visited Joe M. Ardis last Wednesday night.

James S. Kirk and wife, of Ramsey, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ardis last Sunday.

Miss Emma Oakes called on Mrs. W. J. Ardis two evenings this week.

Miss Emma Oakes and son, Walter, of Waycross, visited the former's father, Mrs. Joe M. Ardis, last Sunday.

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GARY AND WALKER LEAD.

IN THE RACE FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR.

The Result of the Election Will Probably be Known Tomorrow—The Nominations.

Columbia, March 4.—The race for the United States senate for successor to the late Ashbury C. Latimer appears to be between Hon. Frank B. Gary of Abbeville and Hon. LeGrand G. Walker of Georgetown, though it is not certain that either man will be elected.

Several "favorite sons" were last night placed in nomination and one of these may be successful in case of a deadlock or as a result of a release of pledges made on the initial ballot.

The senate and the house last night in accordance with the provisions of the United States constitution, took separate ballots, resulting as follows, the figures representing both house and senate:

Frank B. Gary, 65; LeGrand G. Walker, 42; Jas. L. Coker, 20; W. L. Mauldin, 18; Willie Jones, 7; Joshua H. Hudson, 5; Jas. H. Carlisle, 1.

Under the constitution it was necessary for a candidate on the day of the first ballot to have a majority of each house and this was not shown last night. Mr. Gary lacked one vote of a majority of the house, while Senator Walker lacked two votes of a majority in the senate. This result was expected.

Gary Still Leads.

Special to the Daily Item. Columbia, March 4.—The first joint ballot for senator resulted as follows:

Gary, house 57, senate 5; total 62; Walker, house 24, senate 17, total 41; Mauldin, house 12, senate 7, total 19; Coker, house 20, senate 4, total 24; Lee, house 3, senate 2, total 5; Jones, house 5, senate 3, total 8.

Majority of those voting necessary to choice. Total vote was 159; necessary to choice, 80.

WEEVILS' BIRD FOES.

Scientists Find Relief From Cotton Boll Evil—Favorite Food of Many Birds.

Washington, March 2.—That the cotton boll weevil is to be destroyed by birds is the belief of many of the Agricultural department scientists. Agents of the department who have just returned from Louisiana, Texas and Mississippi cotton fields say they are now 54 varieties of birds which feed upon the weevil.

"The discovery that so many birds are now eating the weevils is of great importance indeed," said Dr. Hart Merriam, chief biologist of the agricultural department, "for it means that the pest may be kept in check, if not exterminated in time. The entomologists are working to eradicate the weevil by means of insect enemies and the spread of certain diseases or parasites among them.

Although these experiments have not perhaps been crowned with entire success, some headway has been gained. Every little helps in the battle, and now that we have the birds on our side the outlook is brighter for the planter."

According to men who have made a study of the subject not more than 5 per cent. of the weevils survive the winters. The birds attack this surviving 5 per cent. even more industriously in the winter than in the summer time, for their food is scarcer then. The weevils hibernate in the stalks of the plant, in cracks of the earth, in crevices of tree trunks, anywhere, in fact, where they can slip out of sight.

Many varieties of birds are now becoming expert at hunting the weevils. As soon as the plowing is begun on the cotton fields flocks of birds follow the furrows as they are turned and eat the weevils brought to light. In this manner great numbers are consumed, and as each weevil is a potential army, millions upon millions of beetles are thus put out of business or prevented from ever going into business."

Meeting of County Board.

The county board of commissioners was in session yesterday, all the members being present. At the morning session a number of applications were acted upon in the matter of extending aid to ex-Confederates, accounts for payment listed, and several matters relating to highways considered. Also the application for a site on the Court House grounds for a monument to the late W. S. Graham, which application was presented by Dr. C. C. Brown, was disposed of. After reading a letter from the county attorney in regard thereto, giving the opinion that while the board has the right to grant the site, another board might hold a different opinion and order the removal of the monument, the board adopted a resolution that, while regretting its inability to comply with the request it does not see its way clear to do so.

The entire native population of Siberia does not exceed 700,000.

BASEBALL NOTES.

At a meeting of the Sumter Baseball association held Monday the following officers were elected:

President—Willie Bultman. Vice President—A. D. Harby. Secretary and Treasurer—L. L. Hunter.

Directors—W. Bultman, A. D. Harby, Philip Booth, J. H. Levy, T. A. Scarborough, Dr. S. C. Baker, P. G. Bowman, Dr. Archie China, Claude Hurst, A. L. Jackson, W. B. Boyle, G. L. Ricker, R. L. Edmunds, J. D. Blanding, H. C. Haynsworth.

Guy Gunter, "the Fox," has quietly signed eight new swift youngsters for the 1908 season, and their spurs will be sharpened up for the fray. Sumter expects to keep the "rag" in the Game Cock City. The local association is in trim for good ball.

The deal with Danville for the sale of Shortstop Lindsay is off for the present. Lindsay is at Guilford College and says he cannot play ball until June 1st. Danville wants him to report at the opening of the season and as he cannot do so Danville's manager will make other arrangements for an infielder. Lindsay still belongs to Sumter.

The sale of Price to Danville has been consummated.

The management of the Norfolk club are indignant, and, according to the evidence, with good reason, over the sale of Lindsay and Price of Sumter, S. C., to the Danville club.

President Otto Wells and Secretary Billy Hannan think that Manager C. G. Gunter handed them a lemon in letting Danville get the crack infielder and pitcher, in view of the fact that the Norfolk management helped the Sumter people out of a bad hole when he needed players, and that Mr. Wells had a gilt edge bid in for the players.

Lindsay was wanted in Norfolk to preside at shortstop, and though the management have several other likely men in view, they were especially anxious to get the South Carolina man.—Richmond News-Leader.

Norfolk has no good reason for being indignant over their own neglect to buy Lindsay and Price. The Norfolk management has known since last season that these players could be bought for cash only, that Sumter was not trading players.

The players for the Orangeburg team for the coming year have all been sent their contracts, that is so far as the last year players are concerned, says the Orangeburg Evening News. The contracts were all sent to the old players some days back in order that they would reach them before the first of March, and these contracts were sent by registered mail. The receipts of these registered letters have all been returned. Thus the contracts have been received by the old players and they will be held for the 1908 season.

Winston-Salem baseball fans are jubilant over the announcement made by the Winston-Salem Athletic association to the effect that six star players have been secured from the Sumter, S. C. team, which won the pennant in the South Carolina league last season. These players have been signed for Winston-Salem's team in the North and South Carolina Baseball league. They include two pitchers, one catcher, one infielder and two outfielders and are considered the best players on the famous Game Cock pennant winning team.

Negotiations are now on with other players, but it is not likely that any other men will be signed until a manager for the team is selected.

Carlton Buesse, who managed the Orangeburg team in the State league, has been selected to guide the destiny of the Spartans this year. Buesse is now in Atlanta, Ga., his home, where he is engaged in securing a string of fast players. He writes most encouragingly of the outlook and says that he will go to Spartanburg with a bunch of 25 athletes for a tryout on the team. Among the players signed are some of last year's material, among them being O'Mara, pitcher; Armstrong, pitcher; Watson, third base; McKenzie, second base; Benbow, first base; Martin, shortstop. Benbow is from Greensboro, N. C., and is a veteran player, having played in many leagues. He is known as the "Proacher" because of his quiet, easy manners. He carries his Bible with him when he goes on the road and reads it diligently.

The following players have been signed by the Anderson team, contract with whom have been recognized by Secretary Farrell of the national association: Pitchers—Reuther and Retzch, Cincinnati; Watkins, Columbia; Harry Chapman, Nashville, Tenn., and Rube Waddell, Cairo, Ill. Catchers—George Foley, Buffalo, N. Y.; Daniel Farrell, Cincinnati; Ted G. Swink, Woodruff, S. C.; George Wood, Atlanta, and G. Schraffenberger, Cincinnati.

The colonel goes on to New York tonight, where he has some business to attend to for the enlargement of his school. He would not talk on the subject of the United States senate; that is, not for publication. What he has to say on that subject is for private ears alone, for the present. But it is the duty of the managers, directors and manipulators of the State bureau to say unto the people of South Carolina that along about the second Tuesday in August and a little before—well, I will not say what, but you better look out, for a little bird tells me that there'll be something doing.—Zach McGhee in the State.

APPEAL TO SUPREME COURT.

ATTORNEY GENERAL LYON MAKES NEW MOVE.

The Commission Declines to Pay Money to Him in Obedience to Legislature's Command

Columbia, March 3.—After a conference between the attorneys interested on behalf of the State in the litigation over the State dispensary fund, it has been decided to request a hearing before an extra term of the South Carolina supreme court in order to obtain a decision on the availability of the \$15,000 given for the prosecution of the "graft cases." Chief Justice Pope, after hearing the arguments made by Attorney General Lyon, issued an order for hearing tomorrow on the question of ordering the payment of this money to the attorney general under the act of the legislature.

This action by the State authorities will add interest to the proceedings now in the United States court and, unless adverse action should be taken by the State courts, will possibly bring the commission into contempt proceedings, unless a stay is granted in the United States circuit court, pending appeal to the supreme court.

It will be recalled that the order issued by Judge Pritchard of the United States circuit court last Friday, decreed that the fund is subject to jurisdiction by the courts, and the commission is therefore liable for suits and such action might be brought by corporations or individuals. This, it is argued by the commission, ties up the disbursement of the \$15,000 appropriated for the prosecution of the cases, and after a conference yesterday Attorney General Lyon presented a petition to the supreme court.

The order of Chief Justice Pope is as follows: "Whereas, an act of the legislature was approved on the 24th day of February, 1908, authorizing and requiring you, as State dispensary commission, to pay into the State treasury the sum of \$15,000 out of any funds in your hands arising from the business and property of the State dispensary, and nevertheless you have unjustly refused to turn the same into the State treasury, as required by said act, to the injury of the State of South Carolina, as appears to us by the complaint in the above-stated case:

"Now, therefore, we be willing that speedy justice be done in this behalf, do command and enjoin you and each of you that immediately after the receipt of this order you show cause before the supreme court, at Columbia, on the fourth day of March, 1908, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon why a mandamus should not be granted as prayed for in said petition.

"It is further ordered that copies of this order and the petition herein be served on the respondents.

"Y. J. Pope, C. J." Letter to J. F. W. DeLorme, Sumter, S. C.

Dear Sir: A certain paint-manufacturer advertised "Waldorf-Astoria painted throughout with my paint." A part of the basement was so painted; not satisfactory; painted Devoe next time.

There's a certain paint, a big concern, very proud and ambitious, that hated to see so big a job of another paint; so it went for that business.

That former paint was about two-thirds not paint, but this proud and ambitious paint was only about one-third not paint. It succeeded in getting a trial: 25 gallons, 5 kits of 5 gallons each.

When the painter had used one kit, he called the manager; not satisfactory; 4 of the kits returned. A paint, one-third not paint, is not good-enough to displace Devoe.

This was several years ago. That proud and ambitious paint is better now; it is nearer honest; it isn't short-measured at all and only 15 per cent. adulterated. It is a pretty-good paint now; 13 or 14 gallons of it goes as far as 10 of Devoe.

Judge I. D. Fairchild owns two houses alike in Lufkin, Texas. J. M. Torrence painted both houses, one Devoe, and the other with that proud and ambitious adulterated-15-per cent paint. It took 15 1-2 gallons Devoe and 25 gallons of the proud and ambitious paint.

It takes pretty-good paint to disturb Devoe.

Yours truly F. W. DEVOE & CO P. S.—Durant Hardware Co. sells our paint.

How She Won Him—It's the pretty winsome face that's leading most men to the altar. Girls, get wise, take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea and get that clear, sweet look, happy smile that wins them. Begin now. 35c., tea or tablets. Sibert's Drug Store.

Some members of the legislature are going to find the lien law staring them in the face if they offer for reelection.—Anderson Mail.