

THE BRAND-PHINIZY FIGHT.

Friends of Both Parties Come to Show.

A personal encounter took place yesterday afternoon between Mr. Bowdye Phinixy, editor of the Evening Herald and Mr. W. S. Brand, superintendent of the Georgia railroad...

Neither man was seriously injured. Mr. Brand had one of his fingers painfully bitten by Mr. Phinixy and suffered a scratch on the face where he bumped his own head upon the ground.

The fight was sought by Mr. Phinixy because Superintendent Brand had called him a liar in a card printed in the Chronicle Thursday morning...

Mr. J. H. Chapman, trainmaster of the Georgia railroad, makes the following statement, in substance, of what he saw.

"Between 4 and 5 o'clock this afternoon I was at Mr. Brand's desk when Mr. Guy Hamilton entered the office alone, and asked to see Mr. Brand privately. I immediately left the office."

"As I passed through the hall some of the boys told me that Mr. Phinixy was standing outside. I went back to my own office, but had not been there a minute when somebody called that Mr. Brand and Mr. Phinixy were fighting."

"I hurried outside, and just then I noticed that Mr. W. H. Wingard and Mr. Guy Hamilton were exchanging blows. Mr. Brand had Mr. Phinixy down on the ground and seemed to be giving it to him pretty hard, so I started to try to draw Mr. Brand off and stop the fight."

"Mr. Phinixy was asked if he had had enough, and he replied: 'Yes, I am satisfied. It had to come, and I did the best I could.' The matter was ended as Mr. Brand went back into his office."

"Mr. Phinixy was attended the morning of T. K. Scott's office and Sunday when he washed up and then went away."

"When I saw Mr. Brand and Mr. Phinixy fighting I started to try to separate them, but Mr. Brand told me not to interfere. Then Mr. Brand threw Mr. Phinixy to the ground. Mr. Hamilton called out to let them have fair play. I said 'all right, let them alone.' Then Mr. Hamilton started to pull Mr. Brand off. I pulled Hamilton away and he hit me, and then we exchanged several blows."

"Mr. J. S. Butler, who is not an employee of the Georgia railroad, also exchanged several blows with Mr. Hamilton. Butler says he saw Mr. Brand come out of the door, while Mr. Phinixy was standing waiting for him. He says the two men met and began to fight without having anything to say. He says after Mr. Brand had thrown Mr. Phinixy to the ground Mr. Hamilton tried to stop the fight by pulling Mr. Brand off. Mr. Butler says he remonstrated with Mr. Hamilton, and that Hamilton then struck him."

"Mr. Guy Hamilton, on the request of the Chronicle reporter, made the following statement, in substance: 'I went to the Georgia railroad office with Mr. Phinixy and while Mr. Phinixy waited outside I went in to see Mr. Brand. I told him Mr. Phinixy thought the card in the Chronicle was untrue and unwarranted and was not willing to let it go by unnoticed, and wanted to see Mr. Brand outside. I told him that Mr. Phinixy and I were both unarmed, and that all Mr. Phinixy wanted was fair play.'"

Mr. Hamilton was told what Messrs. Wingard and Butler had said, and was asked about his own encounters. He said that he had not tried to pull Mr. Brand off Mr. Phinixy and that the two men with whom he exchanged blows had hit him first. He added that Mr. Phinixy had not been thrown down but had stumbled and fallen during the fight."

Neither Mr. Brand nor Mr. Phinixy cared to make any statement. Both men were summoned to appear before the recorder Saturday morning.

The condition of Senator Tillman, who is making a trip through Europe, is said to be very much improved.

Mrs. S. Joyce, Claremont, N. H., writes: "About a year ago I bought two bottles of Foley's Kidney Remedy. It cured me of a severe case of kidney trouble of several years' standing. It certainly is a grand, good medicine, and I heartily recommend it." Sibert's Drug Store.

REPUBLICAN CONTESTS COMPLETED.

Taft Will Have 603 Votes on Temporary Roll—'Allies' Issue a Statement Declaring that they are in the Fight to a Finish and that Taft will not be Nominated on the First Ballot.

Chicago, June 12.—Late today the Republican national committee completed the sittings of all contests submitted. The committee has been in session for seven days of actual work and has decided contests involving two hundred and nineteen seats on the temporary roll-call. These contests have been decided as follows:

For Taft—Alabama 22, Arkansas 2, Florida 8, Georgia 18, Kentucky 3, Louisiana 18, Mississippi 16, Missouri 6, North Carolina 18, Ohio 7, Oklahoma 10, Pennsylvania, 1 South Carolina 8, Tennessee 18, Texas 36, Virginia 18, Alaska 2, Arizona 2. Total 216.

For Foraker—Virginia 2, Ohio 1. Total, 3.

As Taft had 337 instructed delegates before the national committee began the hearing of contests he will now have a total of 603 delegates instructed for him on the temporary roll-call, without taking into consideration any that have endorsed or declared for him in any other manner.

The only complete defeat sustained by the Taft delegates was in the contests in the 5th Virginia district, which includes Danville, where a Foraker delegation was seated by a vote of 19 to 16, because a man was allowed to act as secretary of the district convention who had issued a call for a convention in his county ed by the members of the committee that if they allowed delegates to be seated as secretary to be seated in the national convention that it would prevent the party in the light of approving a call issued to a portion of the votes. For this reason it was decided to seat the Wilis-Russell delegates.

The race question was the underlying cause in all of the Virginia contests except in the case of Lawrence Groner, of Norfolk, who made the opening argument for the Taft people, saying that the representation of the negro on the Taft delegation is fully proportionate to the number of negro voters in the State. He asserted that only about 9,000 were entitled to vote under the laws of Virginia, and that of these only between 3,000 and 4,000 have properly qualified.

Major F. C. Ryan, of Ohio, announced that he would withdraw the contest against the Taft delegates at large in Virginia, there being no evidence, and none of the protesting delegates having put in an appearance. The Taft delegates of the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 6th and 7th district were seated.

DR. SNYDER ELECTED.

Selected to Manage the Affairs of the University of South Carolina.

Columbia, June 10.—The trustees of the South Carolina university yesterday named Dr. Henry N. Snyder of Wofford college for president of the university. The election was unsought by Dr. Snyder and it is not known whether or not he will accept. A telegram to the State from Spartanburg is to the effect that the people of that city decline to give up Dr. Snyder. The president-elect has wired the trustees that he cannot accept until he has laid the whole matter before his board of trustees Saturday.

It may be of interest to note that among those who were voted for and who were not candidates, but were voted for by members of the board as their preferences, were: Dr. J. W. Babcock of Columbia, Dr. J. A. B. Scherer of Newberry, Dr. W. Spencer Currell of Washington and Lee, Prof. Wm. Hand of the university, John J. McMahon of Columbia, Dr. C. Alphonso Smith of North Carolina, Prof. Charles H. Barnwell of Alabama, Prof. Duncan Houston of Texas, Dr. J. L. Anderson of Florida.

DENTISTS OF STATE MEET.

State Association Holding Its Convention at Columbia.

Columbia, June 9.—The State Dental Association meet this morning in annual convention, being called to order by the president, Dr. T. T. Moore, Jr., of Columbia. Mayor Reamer extended the welcome of the city, and Dr. T. T. Moore, Sr., made an address of welcome on behalf of the local dentists.

There are a large number of dentists in attendance and sessions were held this afternoon and tonight in the Lutheran publication building, at which papers were read on professional subjects and clinics were given.

The case which certain trustees of the Rock Hill school have brought to retain possession of the school building, which was recently sold to the trustees of Winthrop College, will be argued in court at Rock Hill next week.

A Beautiful Home Wedding.

Eichopville, S. C., June 11.—"Five Pines," the county home of Mr. and Mrs. Lucius L. Baker, on Wednesday afternoon, June 10th, was the scene of a beautiful home wedding, when Mr. Charles Leslie Wilson, of Charleston, S. C., and Miss Daisy William Scarborough were united in marriage by the Rev. Hugh R. Murchison.

An elegant luncheon was served the bride party at high noon, after which the guests began to gather.

The spacious parlor was handsomely decorated with festoons of smilax, banks of ferns and potted plants. The ceremony was performed at an improvised altar, over which was suspended a large four leaf clover of daisies.

Promptly at 2.30, Mrs. M. B. McCutcheon sang "Whisper and I Shall Hear," accompanied on the piano by Miss Alberta Woodward, who then played Mendelssohn's Wedding March, to the strains of which the bride party entered. Rev. Hugh R. Murchison took his position at the altar, and then entered little Estelle Scarborough, a niece of the bride, who carried an American Beauty rose, in the petals of which was concealed the wedding ring. Miss Emily Riley, of Orangeburg, the maid of honor, followed. Miss Riley looked very lovely in a gown of cream satin striped chiffon over taffeta silk in empire effect, and carried a bouquet of carnations and ferns. The groom then entered, attended by his best man, Mr. Clifford Thompson, of Charleston.

The bride entered on the arm of her brother-in-law, Mr. Lucius L. Baker, who gave her away. She was exceedingly beautiful in a three piece traveling gown of Copenhagen blue, and carried a bridal bouquet of carnations and ferns. During the ceremony "Traumeri" was rendered softly and "La Reine des Fees" was played while congratulations were being showered upon the happy couple.

The guests on entering the reception hall, which was beautifully decorated in a color motif of lavender and green, were presented with dainty souvenirs. A delightful ice course was served by Misses Katherine and Marguerite Richardson. Mrs. Jean C. Lee and Miss Erline White presided over the punch bowl.

The color scheme was artistically carried out in the refreshments. Mrs. Baker was assisted in receiving by Mesdames J. L. Scarborough, Abbie Shaw, W. S. James, with Miss Cora Shaw at the entrance of the parlor.

The many and handsome presents received attest the popularity of the bride and groom.

Mr and Mrs. Wilson left on the afternoon train for Jacksonville, Fla., and other Southern cities and will be at home, in Charleston after July 15.

Mr. Wilson is a popular man of Charleston and has chosen as his bride one of the most charming girls among the fair ladies of Lee.

There is No Death.

Count Tolstoi, the famous Russian author, replying to a friend who congratulated him recently on the approach of his eightieth birthday, and the celebration planned for it, said: "It is another happiness that I await—death." The Matin published a letter from the veteran writer, in which he amplifies that saying and adds that all earthly life is a dream and death the true awakening.

"All our life from birth to death," he writes, "is it not, with all its dreams, itself a dream? Does not our belief in its reality spring solely and entirely from our ignorance of any other life more real? Our earthly life is one of the dreams of another and more real life, and that other life is a dream of yet another life, and so on ad infinitum, even to the last life, the life of God."

"Death in youth is as when a man is awakened before he has slept full measure. Death in old age is as when a man wakes of his own accord after a good sleep.

"Suicide is a nightmare which a man banishes by remembering that he is asleep; he makes an effort, and he awakes. "Deep sleep, without dreams, is comparable to semi-bestiality. It is the sleeper conscious of what goes on around him, and ready to wake at any moment, who has knowledge, though but vague, of the life whence he came and whither he shall return. "Even in this present dream-life we feel that which the new life will perhaps make real to us. The earthly form in which the awakening of our knowledge to the true life finds us appears as a limitation to the development of our spirit. The true life begins when that limitation is removed. This idea embodies all the knowledge of the truth which gives to the man the consciousness of eternal life."

"I believe with all my soul in what I say. I feel, I know with certainty, that in dying I shall be happy, that I shall enter a life more real."

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THE COURT HOUSE GROUNDS.

A Criticism of the Condition of the Surroundings of Sumter's Handsome Edifice.

Editor Item: Please allow the writer space to call attention to the condition of the grounds surrounding Sumter's fine Court House, and also to insist that something should be done to put them in order and to keep them so.

It is not proposed in this article to blame any special individual for the present condition of the grounds, but it is a severe reflection upon the citizens generally, and one for which there is no valid excuse. It is simply absurd to suppose that Sumter county could afford to spend over \$100,000 to build the finest court house in the State and then be unable to appropriate a few hundred dollars to keep the grounds in decent condition.

Strangers are being constantly taken to see the Court House, which is, of course, a good thing to do, but they get an unpleasant surprise when they see the grounds covered with weeds and exhibiting a condition of general neglect. There ought to be a regular appropriation for keeping up the grounds and the money expended by some one who has the requisite taste and knowledge to conduct the work in a satisfactory manner.

If the writer's information is correct the county commissioners offered to turn over the grounds to the Civic League, but would not assume any of the cost of improving them, virtually placing the whole burden on the league. This offer was very properly declined and this is just the condition at present, but in the meantime the weeds are growing and can be safely counted on to produce a full crop of seed, and these seed will be very strongly in evidence next spring, just as soon as the weather begins to turn warm.

The individual who would build a very fine residence and then pretend that he could not afford to keep his yard free of weeds, would make himself the laughing stock of the community, yet this is just what the people of Sumter County, in their collective capacity have done, built a very stately Court House and can't afford to keep the grounds in decent order.

In 1900 the Court House in Marion were covered with horse racks, mud holes and weeds and were just about as unsightly as they could well be. The ladies organized a Civic League and one of their first points of attack was to improve the condition of these grounds. The first step was to secure the services of one of the most expert landscape architects in the country to lay off the grounds. His plans have been strictly carried out with the result that the grounds become more beautiful every year, this being done to the general harmony of the design and to the increased growth of the plants. The cost up to the present time has been \$1,500, of which the county furnished \$200 and the town \$300. This is far from being all the work accomplished by the league, but the writer only desires to make special mention of the work of the ladies in transforming an extremely ugly piece of ground into a place of exquisite beauty.

Marion has a plain, old-fashioned court house standing in the midst of beautifully kept and attractive grounds, while the grounds around Sumter's beautiful and costly court house are allowed to grow up in weeds.

As has already been stated, the writer does not undertake to blame any one individual for the present condition of the court house grounds, but merely to direct attention to the

fact that they are growing up in weeds, with the hope that something may be done to put them in proper order.

W. D. Woods.

Tick Eradication Resumed.

The Bureau of Animal Industry of the United States Department of Agriculture is resuming active operations for the eradication of the cattle ticks which prevail in the southern part of the country and transmit the contagion of Texas fever to cattle. Its men are being sent into the field and preparations are being made to push the work of extermination vigorously during the warm weather, when the ticks are most active.

Since this work was begun, two years ago, an area of about 56,000 square miles, or almost the size of the State of Georgia, has been freed from the ticks. As a result the quarantine on southern cattle has been either modified or entirely removed from this area. Last year work was done to a greater or less extent in the States of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Texas and California and it is proposed this year to continue in the same States with the addition of a small portion of Mississippi. Most of the work has been and will continue to be done in sections contiguous to the quarantine line, the object being to push the line farther south from year to year; but encouragement is given to local work in any part of the quarantined district in the assurance that when any considerable area is rendered tick free it will be released from quarantine.

The work is being done by cooperation between the federal government and the State and local authorities. Congress has appropriated \$250,000 for the year beginning July 1, and it is expected that the States and counties where the work is carried on will duplicate this sum. The committee on appropriations of the house of representatives expressed itself very strongly to the effect that the States should bear a reasonable share of the cost and that the federal work should be mainly confined to States where cooperation is received.

Various methods of exterminating the ticks are used, including transferring the cattle from pasture to pasture at suitable intervals, and dipping, spraying and hand dressing the cattle with oil and oil emulsion. In sections where there are large herds and large ranches dipping on a large scale is practiced, either alone or in connection with pasture rotation, while in other sections where the cattle on some farms frequently consist only of a cow or an ox team, hand dressing with oil is found to be the only practicable method.

The damage caused by the ticks and the benefits to follow from their eradication are not generally appreciated. It is estimated that the Texas-fever tick is responsible for about \$40,000,000 of loss annually to the people of the infected country, and that it also lowers the assets of the South by an additional \$23,250,000 making the enormous aggregate of \$63,250,000. To wipe out this heavy loss is the object of the work now under way, and the results already accomplished leave no doubt that success is possible, though a number of years will be required for the completion of the undertaking. Much depends upon the cattle owners, who can either hasten or retard progress according as they cooperate or refuse to assist in the work.

Literature giving full information as to the ticks, the disease which they transmit, and methods for their eradication has been issued by the Department of Agriculture and will be supplied free of charge on application to the Chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry, Washington, D. C.

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF The Bank of Sumter Located at Sumter, S. C., At the Close of Business June 4th, 1908. REOURCES. Loans and Discounts, \$391,665.29 Overdrafts, 4,510.01 Bonds and Stocks owned by the bank, 15,500.00 Furniture and Fixtures, 1,000.00 Other Real Estate, 17,550.00 Due from Banks and Bankers, 39,908.68 Currency, 7,085.00 Gold, 2,117.53 Silver, Nickels and Pennies, 3,740.73 Checks and Cash Items, 4,472.32 Total, \$487,449.58 LIABILITIES. Capital Stock Paid in, \$75,000.00 Undivided Profits, less Current Expenses and Taxes paid, 51,369.78 Due to Banks and Bankers, 1,694.31 Individual Deposits subject to Check, 167,609.20 Savings Deposits, 44,276.24 Reserve for Dividends & Taxes, 5,070.00 Notes and Bills discounted, 57,000.00 Bills Payable, 2,500.00 Total, \$487,449.58 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF SUMTER. Before me came W. F. Rhame, Cashier of the above named Bank, who being duly sworn, says that the above and foregoing statement is a true condition of said Bank, as shown by the books of said Bank. W. F. RHAME, Cashier. Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 9th day of June, A. D., 1908. R. L. WRIGHT, [L. S.], Notary Public for S. C. Correct Attest: RICHARD I. MANNING, President, MARION MOISE, R. F. HAYNSWORTH, Directors. June 9, 1909.

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