

The Watchman and Southron.
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 1908.

Taft has been nominated and the country can look forward to four years more of Roosevelt policies without Roosevelt in the White House, if Taft is elected. President Roosevelt has succeeded in forcing the Republicans to nominate his man and it is now up to the people of this United States to accept or reject the Roosevelt nominee.

Rhett is evidently the strong man in the senatorial race and the one that all the other candidates fear most, judging from the way several of them centered their fire upon him and his currency plan at the meeting in Manning Thursday. In our opinion Mr. Rhett is not now the strongest man, politically, in the race, but if the other candidates unite in a fight upon him he will gain strength daily. He is watched in this campaign. John Gary Evans is probably in the lead now and may receive a larger vote in the state, but there is but a bare possibility of his winning out in the second. The wisest politician balks at making a prediction as to the strength Smith may develop—several well posted men say that Smith may head the ticket or may fall it—he is the unknown quantity in the problem. Rhett on the other hand, will, it is predicted, make a good impression wherever he goes and will gain strength steadily. The question is, will he gain sufficient strength to get into the second primary? Aside from Rhett and Smith the race for second place is between Johnstone and Martin, with the chances about equal. In connection with Col. Johnstone's race Geo. Johnstone.....13,556 the following facts are of interest at this time:

In 1902, when Messrs. Evans and Johnstone were also candidates for the senate, the vote in the first primary stood:
William Elliott.....13,658
John Gary Evans.....17,893
J. J. Hemphill.....13,261
E. S. Henderson.....13,771
A. C. Latimer.....22,971

Total.....95,110
The second primary was between Smith and Rhett are the men who are Evans and Latimer, and in the second election Mr. Evans received 36,371 votes and Mr. Latimer 53,890. Mr. Latimer being elected by a majority of 17,519 over Mr. Evans. Mr. Evans had been defeated for the senate in 1897 and again by Joseph H. Harris in 1896. By John L. McLaurin in 1897.

Small Politics.

What is the object of the candidacy of John P. Grace, of Charleston, for the senate? Mr. Grace is a very nice young man, but he must know as well as everybody else knows that he is not senatorial timber, and nobody knows better than he does that he has no chance whatever of being elected.

Why then does he make a race for the senate at a cost of \$400 or \$500 and the sacrifice of two months or more of his time? Is he running to help some other candidate or is he running to injure some other candidate? In either case his candidacy is not bona fide and he and those who are using him are not treating the people of the State fairly.

It is stated in the dispatches from Columbia that Mr. Grace's candidacy is understood to be in the interest of John Gary Evans and for the purpose of weakening Mr. Rhett in Charleston and the low country. We do not know if this is true. But if this be the purpose of his candidacy, it is a stupid blunder, for it will neither benefit Mr. Evans nor injure Mr. Rhett. It will likewise not benefit Mr. Grace for it will be seen by the people of the State to be a piece of small politics that will not commend itself to anybody of clear and disinterested judgment.—Spartanburg Journal.

ST. JOSEPH'S COMMENCEMENT.

A Large Audience Attended the Exercises Marking the End of the Forty-fifth Year of the Institution. The Forty-fifth annual commencement of St. Joseph's Academy was held in the Opera House Thursday night. The exercises, which began at 7 o'clock were attended by a large and appreciative audience, composed of the patrons, alumnae and friends of this venerable and honored institution of learning.

The programme was as interesting as it was varied and the large audience was charmed and delighted with it. The young ladies who participated evidenced the careful training they have enjoyed under the painstaking tutelage of the Sisters.

Diplomas were presented the following young ladies:
Graduates in the Full Course—Helen Catherine Conlon, Lizzie Duncan Britton, Augusta Pamela Harley.

Graduates in the Elective Course—Edna Beryl Grier, Ethel Cecelia Allen, Minnie Lee Hutto.

The Passing of Our Forests.

The heavy inroads made in the exploitation of the timber resources of the large lumber States on the Great lakes have been too much for the great forests, and the amount available for cutting is getting smaller every year. The decadence of the lumbering industry in this region is forcefully illustrated in the drop in the white-pine cut during the past ten years. Michigan's forests of this valuable tree were the richest in the world and were often said to be inexhaustible. The folly of such a statement is shown by the report that the cut of white pine in Michigan last year was only one-fourth of what it was in 1899, only eight years before.

In lumbering the forests no thought was given to anything but immediate money returns, and consequently the countless fires running over the land, after the timber was stripped, have killed young growth over wide areas and greatly impoverished the soil. Now 6,000,000 acres, or nearly one-sixth of the State of Michigan, known as the "pine barrens," have been thrown on the delinquent tax list and are a burden to the people. Under proper forest management this land would have been producing timber today. Between 1899 and last year the white-pine production fell off nearly as much in Wisconsin as in Michigan. In Minnesota, the State which now contains the largest amount of virgin white pine, the decrease in the same period was nearly one-third.

Taking the three States together, pine constituted nearly 46 per cent. of the total lumber production in 1907, hemlock a little more than 27 per cent. and maple 10 per cent., the balance being made up mostly of basswood, birch, tamarack, elm, beech, oak, spruce, ash and cedar, in the order given. The pine is mostly white and Norway, which are grouped together under the general trade term of "northern pines." Pine made up over nine-tenths of the lumber produced in Wisconsin, and less than two-fifths of the total cut of Michigan.

Along with this great decrease in pine there have been relatively as heavy decreases in the most valuable of the hardwoods, oak, elm and ash. Little more than one-fifth as much oak was cut in the lake States last year, for instance, as in 1899, while the cut of elm and ash was but half of that of eight years earlier. As is always the case, the decreasing supplies of the more valuable woods have caused those once considered of little or no value to be drawn upon heavily. This has been particularly true with hemlock, so that now more hemlock than pine lumber is manufactured in Wisconsin, and twice as much hemlock as pine is cut in Michigan. There has been heavy increases in the use of maple, birch and beech within the past few years, but the maximum cut of these species is probably near at hand; and taking all of the hardwoods together, there has been a slight falling off since 1899.

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A. F. Lever.

FOR UNITED STATES SENATE.

I beg to announce my candidacy for the United States Senate in the approaching Democratic primary, and I respectfully solicit the support of the Democratic voters of this State.
R. G. Rhett.

FOR SOLICITOR

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Solicitor for Third circuit, subject to action of the Democratic primary.
Phillip H. Stoll.

FOR THE HOUSE.

Friends of E. W. Dabbs hereby place him in nomination for the House of Representatives, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary. We feel that the farmers for whom he has labored, in and out of season, are entitled to one capable of representing them. His interest in all that pertains to the welfare of the county, eminently qualifies him for the position.

His Neighbors and Friends.

FOR CLERK OF COURT.

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for re-election to the office of Clerk of Court of Sumter county, subject to the rules of the Democratic party.
L. I. Parrott.

FOR TREASURER.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Treasurer of Sumter County, subject to the rules of the Democratic party, and solicit your support.
B. C. Wallace.

FOR MAGISTRATE.

The many friends of Mr. Horace Harby hereby place him in nomination for the office of Magistrate for the Third Magisterial District, located at Sumter, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary. Voters.

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for Magistrate from the Sixth Judicial District of Sumter County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.
W. R. DuBose.

I hereby announce myself a candidate, subject to the result of the primary, for the office of Magistrate of the Sixth Judicial District of Sumter County (Rafting Creek and Providence townships).
J. L. Jackson.

FOR CO. SUPT. OF EDUCATION.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for County Superintendent of Education for Sumter County, subject to the rules of the Democratic party, and solicit the support of my fellow-citizens.
H. W. Cuttino.

FOR SHERIFF.

The friends of Maj. Wm. H. Seale hereby announce him a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Sumter county, subject to the result of the Democratic primary. Major Seale has served Sumter county for years as Supervisor to the great satisfaction of the entire county, and in bringing him forward as a candidate for Sheriff we feel assured that his conduct of that office will be equally satisfactory.
Many Voters.

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for re-election to the office of Sheriff of Sumter County, subject to the rules of the Democratic party.
W. H. Epperson.

FOR SUPERVISOR.

I hereby declare my self a candidate for the office of County Supervisor, subject to the rules of the Democratic party. If elected, I will honestly and impartially discharge the duties of that office.
P. M. Pitts.

NOTICE.

Summer School For Sumter County

A summer school of four weeks duration will be held for the teachers of this county, beginning June 29. Courses in the primary and elementary branches will be offered to the teachers and, if desired, additional courses will be given in French and Latin. In arranging the course of study for the school this summer, special regard will be had for those who may wish to stand examinations for certificates to teach or who may wish to have their certificates renewed. Miss E. W. McLean and Mr. S. H. Edmunds will be the instructors.
S. D. Cain,
County Superintendent of Education.

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