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## THE CITADEL COMMENCEMENT

### CLOSING EXERCISES HELD IN THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

Major Bond Superintendent Chosen to Command Col. Asbury Command Who Was Recently Resigned—Other Matters.

Charleston, June 29.—The annual commencement exercises of the South Carolina Military Academy took place tonight at the Academy of Music when 15 young men received their diplomas.

The following are the graduates, in order of merit: Cadets R. E. Willis of Spartanburg, J. P. Nohrden of Charleston, D. M. Myers of Orangeburg, G. A. Townes of Edgefield, L. Bryan of Sumter, H. R. Wilkins of Charleston, A. F. McGee of Charleston, J. C. Pace of Lee county, W. T. Estess of Edgefield, J. W. Campbell of Colleton county, J. D. Charles of Greenville, P. T. Palmer of Richland, E. S. Baker of Murray, H. R. Padgett of Colleton county and W. B. Forcher of Charleston.

Cadet Willis, the first honor man, won the appointment as second lieutenant in the United States army.

Dr. W. E. Hixson of the Presbyterian church delivered the invocation. Then came the annual address by Dr. W. E. Hixson of the law department of the University of Pennsylvania, who is a graduate of the South Carolina Military Academy of the class of 1890.

Addressed by Cadets L. C. Bryan of "Spitton" and R. E. Padgett on "John C. Calhoun;" Deliver of diplomas by Col. C. S. Gadsden, chairman of the board of visitors; benediction by Rev. G. A. Atkinson of the class of '91, with selections by Metz's orchestra, made up the programme.

Preliminary to the commencement exercises, the board of visitors made its final inspection of the cadets and barracks this afternoon and after the dress parade, Maj. Blythe of the board presented to Cadet E. D. Smith of Columbia the Star of the West medal, which he won at the competitive drill last Friday afternoon at the same time that Company B carried off the company honors.

Maj. Oliver J. Bond, B. S., Ph. D., was elected superintendent of the South Carolina Military Academy this afternoon at a meeting of the board of visitors, succeeding Col. Asbury Coward, who recently tendered his resignation.

At the meeting of the board to be held next August, the chair of mathematics and drawing, which has been so satisfactorily filled by Maj. Bond, will be filled.

The barracks were closely inspected as usual at this annual meeting and the board spent several hours in session, concerning itself with a lot of routine matters which are of little public interest.

Maj. Bond has been connected with the faculty for years. He was graduated from the Citadel with honors in the class of 1886, entering from Chester county. He served as post adjutant in addition to his duties as a member of the faculty.

## CLEVELAND WAS POOR.

Left Family Little But Honored Name—Home in Princeton and Buzards' Bay All He Had Saved During Long Career.

Grover Cleveland, contrary to general belief, died a poor man. The opinion was generally held that he was possessed of a considerable estate, and that his family would be well provided for.

When Mr. Cleveland left the White House after his second term, it is said he and his wife had an income between them of \$10,000 a year. When he saw his children growing up and realized he was getting to be an old man, his income often worried him, because of the future of the young wife and children.

It is said now he did not live in New York for the sole reason that it was cheaper to live in Princeton and in Princeton he could maintain the style he felt would be demanded of him.

His income was added to by \$5,000 a year when he became one of the trustees for the Equitable Life Assurance Society. Then when he was made head of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents at a salary of \$35,000 his friends who knew of his financial limitations rejoiced.

Mr. Cleveland had some money on deposit in the Knickerbocker Trust Company, a fact, which came out at the time the company closed its doors. An intimate friend, who is familiar with Mr. Cleveland's financial affairs said to-day that he may have had some money in addition to this deposit, but it was a trifling amount.

## GUARDING TEXAS BORDER.

Troops Will Be Sent to Aid in Recovering Fence—Action Requested by Mexico.

Washington, June 29.—By direction of President Roosevelt Secretary Taft has issued orders to the commanding general of the department of Texas, at San Antonio, to send a sufficient number of troops to Del Rio, El Paso and other points in Texas to aid the civil authorities in preserving order. This action was decided upon as a result of the request from the Mexican government that the United States do its utmost to prevent any violation of the neutrality laws.

The request of the Mexican government was referred to the attorney general by the department and the governor of Texas, in the meantime, was asked to aid in compelling obedience to the law. The order of the president sending troops to the border is understood to have been made upon the recommendation of the attorney general.

Brig. Gen. A. L. Myer, in command of the department of Texas, is authorized to ascertain the number of troops necessary at Del Rio and also to send troops to any other points along the Mexico-Texas border if found advisable. The federal troops will act under the directions of the United States marshal and the United States district attorney. The troops' presence will also do much to prevent any outbreaks within the United States territory and will be of material assistance in the event that revolutionists should cross the border. Del Rio is directly opposite Las Vacas, Mexico, where the principal disturbances have occurred.

## FOUL WORK AT FAIR PLAY.

John Morehead Called From His Bed and Fired Upon as He Opens the Door of His Home.

Westminster, June 29.—William Hutchins is in jail, charged with shooting John Morehead at Fair Play Sunday night. Morehead was called from his bed and shot when he opened the door of his house. Both men are white.

Morehead is still alive. Don't judge a man by his family, for Cain belonged to a good family.

## RAILROADS IN BETTER SHAPE.

WORST OF DIFFICULTIES ARE OVER, IT IS BELIEVED.

Commissioner Lane, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, Takes a Very Optimistic View of the Situation—Thinks Improvement Will be Rapid From Now On.

Washington, June 28.—Returns from the railroads generally show that those roads not dependent upon coal, steel and lumber industries have been doing very well recently," said Commissioner Lane, on the Interstate commerce commission, today. "Of course, they have not done as well as last year. Generally they have decided not to make any reductions either in wages or in rates of freight affecting the next three months, which is an indication that they believe business will keep up."

"There are some curious things about prevailing conditions," continued Mr. Lane, "for instance, the Lehigh Valley the other day gave us a report on net earnings for the first five months of the present calendar year together with similar reports covering the preceding five years, and the showing this year was larger than that of any other year during the period indicated. With the opening of the steel mills at Pittsburg and of the car shops more men will be employed and there will be a larger demand for material as well as labor that has prevailed for some time. The opinion of railroad men is that we have passed through the worst of the railroad difficulties and from now on we will gradually recover from the effects of the panic. The prospect for large crops in the West is extremely good. Railroad men do not expect normal conditions to be recovered suddenly, but look for steady improvement. In my opinion this improvement will be much more rapid than some of the lugubrious prophets have been telling us, because fundamentally there is nothing in the United States either to create or confirm a panic."

The railroads must spend money in maintaining the railroad and equipment of their lines in order to meet the demands of commerce, because they are most seriously embarrassed when they are not able to handle business offered to them, and there is no doubt that there is an abundance of money in the United States which can be secured for legitimate railroad investment. This was shown in the floating of the Pennsylvania bond issue.

"In this connection I think people ought to understand that the Interstate commerce commission has been of valuable service to the railroads of the United States during the past six months, because it has prevented a rate war between the roads and the maintained rates. I predict that the railroads themselves will come to bless the railway rate law by means of which the roads have been able to protect themselves at a time when their nerves were wobbling. If we had six or seven years ago such a financial disturbance as took place last October, the railroads upon finding that their earnings were falling off would have gone into the business of rate-cutting and possibly a large number of receiverships would have resulted. The railway rate act is admitted by candid railroad men themselves to have been of inestimable value. The enforcement of the law against rebating and our tenacious purpose to stop discrimination has held them up to a conformity to the law that is without precedent."

## BIDS FOR SUMTER POSTOFFICE.

All Proposals Rejected—New Plans to be Drawn for the Building.

Washington, June 29.—Bids for the construction of the postoffice building at Sumter were opened today in the office of the supervising architect, but inasmuch as the bids were all made on a basis of \$50,000 appropriation and Sumter this year got an addition of \$10,000, they will all be rejected. New plans will be drawn for the building and the architect will advertise for new bids.

Had the award been made today the contract would have gone to the King Lumber company of Charlottesville, Va., which bid \$25,879.

The next lowest bidder was the Simons-Maynard company of Charleston, which bid \$28,873.

The other bidders were Frederick Marshal, Abbeville; Johnson & Matthews, Florence; George W. Waring, Columbia; Blue Ridge Constructing company, Asheville. The highest bid was that of Marshall, \$35,000.

## PROHIBITION TO BE URGED.

FOR PLATFORM THAT WILL BE ADOPTED AT DENVER.

Radical Anti-Injunction Plank Not Expected—Vice Presidential Situation About the Same, Governor Chamberlain, of Oregon, Being a New Entry—Convention Hall's Seating Capacity Enlarged.

Denver, June 29.—The fight over the anti-injunction plank in the Democratic platform is not the only struggle in which the committee of resolutions, and possibly the convention itself, may be involved.

It developed today that the prohibition question is to be brought to the front and that a desperate effort will be made to have a plank declared in its favor placed in the platform. The prohibition movement will be headed by Gen. James W. Weaver, of Iowa, who demanded of the recent Democratic Convention in that State that it declared in favor of prohibition. Gen. Weaver and his fellows were not successful in their efforts in their own State, but not daunted by failure, have made arrangements to bring the matter up before the Democratic National Convention. They claim, moreover, to have a strong backing from Southern States which have recently passed prohibition laws.

The anti-injunction plank continues to provoke a large amount of discussion among such party leaders as have already arrived for the convention. While opinions differ as to the exact nature of the plank which should be adopted, all are of one mind in saying that it shall be a definite, and specific statement. Such members of the national committee as have discussed the matter are a unit in saying that the wording of the anti-injunction plank shall leave no possible doubt in the mind of any reader as to where the party stands on this question.

It is now generally believed, however, that the anti-injunction resolutions will not provide for trials by jury in cases of contempt of court, or favor in any way measures which might be construed as interfering with the prerogatives of the federal courts.

The friends of Mr. Bryan say that such of his critics as are already expressing themselves in fear of a radical anti-injunction plank are fighting the air. The plank has not yet been written; it has not been drafted, and its form is still a matter which is under deep and careful consideration. It is said to be the desire of Mr. Bryan to consult as many of the prominent members of the party as is possible before the decisive action in formulating this resolution is taken.

The vice presidential situation remains, to all appearances, just where it was yesterday, although the boom of Lieut. Gov. Chanler, of New York, seems to have weakened somewhat, and his name is not mentioned as prominently as it was two days ago. This is largely due to the announcement made by Norman E. Mack, national committeeman from New York, that he has no authority to speak for Mr. Chanler, and that his interest in the movement was dictated by a sincere belief that the New York official is well qualified for the office. The sponsors for the vice presidential booms located outside of New York State claim to be generally encouraged by the fact that New York's support is likely to be divided among five men, who have been mentioned as aspirants to the vice presidential nomination.

Only one new name was mentioned today as a vice presidential possibility. This was Gov. George E. Chamberlain, of Oregon. He is much in favor with some of the party leaders, and it is said that he will be possibly acceptable to Mr. Bryan if the latter is nominated.

July 3 has been set as the date for the holding of examinations for scholarships to the following colleges in South Carolina: Charleston College, South Carolina Military Academy, Winthrop, Clemson Agricultural College and the University of South Carolina. It is understood that there are quite a number of vacancies this year and a larger number than usual have made application to stand the examination.

Consul Edwin S. Cunningham, of Durham, advises that a company with head offices at Sandefjord, Norway, has recently been formed with the object of exploiting the whaling grounds adjacent to the South African coast, particularly that of Natal.

Don't judge a man by his clothes. God made one and the tailor the other.

## GOOD NEWS FOR SOUTHERN MEN.

Announcement as to Wages Betokens Better Times.

Washington, June 26.—The Southern Railway today announced that the resumption of negotiations looking to a reduction in wages of employees of the railway outside of Washington has been postponed from July 1 until October 1 next. The reduction in salaries of officials and employees of the road in the office in Washington will not be applied after July 1 next. The reduction will continue as to the salaries of the president and vice president of the road. The negotiations were heretofore suspended from April 1 to July 1, and the negotiations involve the Southern and affiliated lines. President Finley of the Southern Railway Company, today made the following statement:

"In view of the demonstrated efficiency of organized labor and its benefits to the company, and in the hope and with some expectation that present business conditions may show an improvement, an understanding has been reached through Martin A. Knapp and Charles P. Neill, the mediators under the Erdman act, with all classes of employees that were parties to the settlement of April 1, 1908, to the effect that negotiations temporarily suspended as of April 1, 1908, shall be further postponed until October 1st next, at which time such negotiations may be resumed at the option of the companies through the mediators under the Erdman act."

## North Carolina Democratic Convention Still Deadlocked.

Charlotte, N. C. June 27.—At 2 o'clock this morning the State Democratic convention, which has been in session almost continuously since noon Wednesday, had not progressed much farther in the effort to nominate a candidate for governor than when the first ballot was taken. The balloting is a slow and tedious process and practically an hour is required for each ballot, even when the delegates are not noisy and unruly.

On the 38th ballot Congressman W. W. Kitchener's vote stood at 386. It requires 429 to nominate. The mountain delegation, which is making the welkin ring in the convention hall and on the streets for Craig, was reinforced last night by a fresh delegation which arrived on a special train. Other western counties will send reinforcements today if no nomination is reached and the outlook for an early termination is not rosy.

## CARMACK WAS BADLY BEATEN.

Latest Returns from Tennessee Election Give Patterson Big Lead.

Memphis, Tenn. June 28.—Further returns received from yesterday's Democratic primary election in this State indicate the certain nomination of Gov. R. M. Patterson for governor, over former United States Senator Edward W. Carmack. Latest returns give Patterson 734 delegated votes and Carmack 584. Carmack followers, it is stated, will probably contest the election in two small interior counties, charging fraud. The loss of the delegates involved would not affect the result. Gov. Patterson's popular majority is about 9,000 votes.

The election was held on the county unit plan, Senator Carmack favoring State-wide prohibition and Gov. Patterson announcing for local option. The governor said, however, on the stump that if the Democratic platform called for State-wide prohibition he would sign such a bill if passed by the legislature.

## PENSION FOR MRS. CLEVELAND.

Following Precedent, Congress May Vote Her \$5,000 a Year.

Washington, June 29.—It is thought likely that congress will provide a pension of \$5,000 a year for Mrs. Grover Cleveland, following precedent. Mrs. Garfield has received a pension of \$5,000 each year since 1882. Mrs. Harrison, the only other president's widow now living, was not pensioned, but she was Mr. Harrison's second wife and married him several years after his term as president expired.

In cases heretofore where president's widows have been pensioned it happened that the president had also been a soldier, but the pension was not granted on account of his military service. While Mr. Cleveland had never done military duty he was none the less commander-in-chief of the army and navy. The rate of pension which congress has habitually granted to presidents' widows is \$5,000 a year. It was in 1882 that the precedent of granting this sum was established.

## COTTON IN BETTER CONDITION.

JOURNAL OF COMMERCE PLACES AVERAGE AT 81.4.

Replies From 1,700 Correspondents Basis for Conclusion That There Was an Increase of 2.4 Points in June—Good Yield Expected if Conditions Continue Favorable.

New York, June 29.—The regular monthly cotton report of the Journal of Commerce, which will be published tomorrow, will show that the condition during the month of June rose 2.4 points, according to replies from over 1,700 correspondents, bearing an average date of June 24. The condition is 81.4, comparing with 79 a month ago and 74.2 for July, 1907.

The severest decline took place in Oklahoma, where the weather conditions were particularly unfavorable, excessive rains, accompanied by floods, causing much damage, the result of which could not be accurately gauged at the date of these reports. Parts of Arkansas, Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi and Texas likewise suffered from the same cause.

The general conditions were so favorable as to enable the plant to make satisfactory progress. North Carolina showed an increase of 1.8, to 89.4; South Carolina of 3.1 to 83.3; Georgia of 4.5 to 82.5; Florida of 0.1, to 80.4; Alabama of 2.6 to 80.6; Mississippi of 6.5 to 81.6; Louisiana of 3.1, to 77.4; Texas of 2.2, to 78.8; Arkansas of 2.0, to 81.6, and Tennessee of 1.4 to 84.0. Missouri and Oklahoma both showed decreases, the former of 0.5, to 81.0, and the latter of 7.8, to 77.9.

The plant as a rule is small, but strong and healthy. The elds are well cultivated, and excepting in localities affected by excessive moisture free from droughts.

Labor is plentiful and has enabled the farmers to take advantage of the past few weeks of fine weather to clean fields and replant the new sections where there is yet a good chance to secure a crop before frosts.

The whole cotton belt is practically free from insects, blight, shedding, etc., and with normal conditions from now on there is every assurance of a good yield.

## TEN INSTITUTES FOR FARMERS.

Committee in Charge Announces Dates and Places.

Columbia, June 23.—It has been decided by the committee in charge to hold ten farmer's institutes in South Carolina this summer. Ten dates and places have been decided upon and letters sent to the respective towns by the committee, as follows: Anderson, July 27; Greenville, July 28; Laurens, July 29; Newberry, July 30; Orangeburg, July 31; Sumter, August 1; Florence, August 3; Hartsville, August 4; Winnsboro, August 6, and Union, August 7.

There will be no special Clemson College train this year, and therefore the institutes will simply be farmer's meetings.

The following men will attend the institutes and make addresses to the farmers: Mr. J. N. Harper, in charge of the experimental station at Clemson, will have charge of the institutes; Dr. S. A. Knapp, in charge of the farm demonstration work being carried on by the United States department of agriculture; Mr. Stewart, horticulturist of the department of agriculture; Mr. Goodrich, in charge of the department of farm management, department of agriculture, and Col. S. J. Stewart will make addresses on different agricultural subjects. Dr. Neighbor, of the department of agriculture, will give lectures on the eradication of the Texas fever tick; Prof. D. W. Daniel, of Clemson College, will lecture on industrial education.

Representative A. F. Lever, who is a member of the house committee on agriculture, will be present at some of the institutes and will make addresses on "Agriculture in the South."

## KILLING IN HAMPTON COUNTY.

Jim Cope Ambushed and Shot to Death by Jean Horton.

Pineland, June 29.—News reached here this morning that Jim Cope was killed by Jean Horton last night on R. F. D. route No. 2 from this place in the lower part of Hampton county.

Cope, it seems, was walking along the track of the Cummings railway when he was ambushed and shot to death by Horton.

Both parties are young white men. Horton has not yet been captured. When you bury a lie you may be sure it will have an early resurrection.