

The Watchman and Southern. WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 1908.

The report has gone forth that Cole Blease will receive a majority of the votes in Sumter county, but this campaign rumor is probably somewhat exaggerated. The attitude of the average voter in Sumter county is one of indifference toward both Ansel and Blease and if there was a third candidate of character and ability...

How Our National Budget is Prepared.

Review of Reviews. Congress, holding the pursestrings, has determined the national disbursements for the fiscal year of 1909-1909. It adjourned with a world record for voting public money, and the executive and administrative authorities are dutifully certain to score a new world record in spending the unprecedented total. This annual chapter in budgets reads large in every line. It was as ambitious in its beginning as it has been in its ending. The procedure was begun last September, when official by official, bureau by bureau, department by department, contributed to building up the book of estimates, till it comprised 700 broad pages of federal print. When the secretary of the treasury, in December, dispatched wagon loads of these documents to the Capitol, they constituted formal and official notice that almost \$1,100,000,000 would be required of Congress at that session for the maintenance of the national government. Probably a more valid and definite of the Treasury was never made and upon the national strong arm weighted and were supported by congressional majorities. The ten thousand-dollar items grew into hundred-thousand-dollar items. Millions were piled upon millions, heedless of all watchdog warning, until at last the towering total of ten figures, solitary and alone among the high peaks of Government expenditures, was reached. Treasury officials are at a loss for descriptions that will bring the billion-dollar term within the average mental grasp. The sum will require every penny from customs, internal taxes, and postal supplies. It will also drain the quarter-billion reservoir of surplus. It is almost one-third of all the money in the land, more than half the value of all the cargoes and cargoes of annual exports, and only \$200,000,000 less than the value of all our imports. A billion of money in twenty-dollar yellow backs would weigh over seventy tons. Compactly stacked against the Washington monument, they would make twenty-five separate piles, 550 feet high, reaching from the monument's foundation to its very top. To count a billion silver dollars, the best treasury expert, working eight hours every business day, would require a century and three years more. Where will all this money go? It was appropriated through fourteen great supply bills, under more or less arbitrary classifications. The disbursements, however, may be roughly grouped in three grand divisions, as follows: Postal service, \$225,000,000. Military service, \$500,000,000. Other government service, \$225,000,000. —Review of Reviews.

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J. E. McLaughlin, Esq., solicitor of the Third circuit, is in the city on business.

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Mr. Bryan's Prosperity.

There is a material difference between the new Bryan and the old. In 1896 Mr. Bryan went to Chicago unheralded and unsuspected, not even provided with credentials to the convention which afterward nominated him, but merely at the head of a contesting delegation. Many stories have been told after the fact of carefully laid plans for his nomination. There were no such plans. Gov. A'tgeld, who has been credited with arranging the coup which resulted in the nomination, was, in fact, the last of the strong leaders in the convention to yield to the demand for it. But this year the new Bryan goes to the convention with two-thirds of the delegates either instructed for him or personally devoted to his cause. The Bryan of 1896 was ridiculed very unjustly for his poverty; the Bryan of 1908 is attacked very unjustly for his wealth. But I remember well that in '96, when some of the assertions that he had been unable to earn a living for himself in the practice of the law stung him somewhat, he showed me his account book for the first two years of his practice as a stranger in Lincoln. The records showed a rather singular success for a young and almost unknown lawyer. Mr. Bryan has always owned his own home. In '96 it was an attractive and not too small a frame house within the town limits of Lincoln. Some people then sneered at him because he did not live in a style more becoming a presidential possibility. Today they sneer because, with advancing years and as the result of indomitable energy and the utilization of his mental power, he has built himself a beautiful house outside of the city of Lincoln. In brief, while the first Bryan was by no means a pauper, the new Bryan is prosperous, but his prosperity has been coined from his own brain and is in no way dependent upon speculation, investments, or legal retainers from trusts or monopolies. Such prosperity as he has today comes from hard work on the lecture platform and from a weekly newspaper which he founded and to which he gives all the attention which it is possible for a man continually traveling to devote. —Review of Reviews.

Bryan a Much Traveled Man.

The simple but not unsuccessful country lawyer of Lincoln has since 1896 become one of the most widely traveled men living. But this new strength of today—not his intellectual but his political—strength, is derived rather from his travels within his own country than from those expeditions which have taken him to the ends of the earth. Ever since his first campaign Mr. Bryan, with the commendable purpose of providing for his family and advancing the cause which he typifies and represents, has followed the business of a lecturer. In this honorable calling, in which, by the way, he was preceded by such men as William Lloyd Garrison, Henry Ward Beecher, James Russell Lowell, and Ralph Waldo Emerson, and is joined today by such public men as Senator Beveridge, Senator La Follette, Senator Tillman, Representative Champ Clark, and former Senator Dubois, he has not merely achieved a competence, but has been able to visit every nook and corner of these United States of ours. The Bryan of 1896 knew Washington, for he had been an efficient congressman there. He knew the Mississippi valley, for he had early taken an active interest in the development of waterways—to which, by the way, the president is now committed—and had attended all the conventions held to further that cause. But he had not traveled from Portland, Me., to Portland, Ore.; from Fernandina, Fla., to Santa Barbara, Cal. He had not dropped into scores of small towns in every State and made himself known to the millions of people who today flock to cheer him whether he preaches on the "Prince of Peace" or delivers a political speech on the principles of Democracy. The present-day Bryan is known to a million men where the one who came somewhat nervously at first to that historic rostrum in Chicago in 1896 was known to scarce a hundred. Probably no man in the United States, not even the president himself, has so wide a personal acquaintance and so many followers who are not merely loyal, but sometimes to a degree fanatical as he. And his following has been built up without the aid of any patronage, State or national; with no offices to give, no favor to dispense. And that it is a continuing following has been shown by the way in which during the last year, or more properly, during the last four months, the prominent politicians of the Democratic party who are not wholly admirers of Mr. Bryan's attitude have been compelled by their constituents to concede to him delegation after delegation, until his nomination now seems assured. —Review of Reviews.

FOR SALE—One 8 H. P. gasoline engine, Fairbanks make. Price \$150. O'Donnell & Co. 8-5-4t

GOOD MONEY IN GROWING MINT.

Government Expert Offers Some Valuable Suggestions.

Columbia, July 31.—"Do you know I believe money could be made in this section raising mint for the market? The bars and hotels of the North would be glad to contract for it at good prices, for juleps and mint sauce." This somewhat unorthodox remark may startle some good prohibitionists, and as Frank Stanton has declared that the South is going dry, it may seem untimely to advocate the organization of the mint industry in South Carolina, but at any rate the remark was made by a very practical young man, who knows what he is talking about—knows from the agricultural and commercial standpoint, not the Bibulous viewpoint. The speaker was Mr. G. L. Stewart, who is now with the department of agriculture at Washington in the division of horticulture, but who was formerly with the Southern Railway's industrial department and at one time, several years ago, was stationed at Columbia for several months. Mr. Stewart is a specialist on musk melons, and he was talking about what could be done in this State and section with fruit and things of that sort when he made the more or less startling remark quoted above. He did not start off with that remark, however. He had just said that there was money in raising water cress, which is greatly in demand as a table delicacy, and which can be produced on the limestone streams that are not infrequent in this State. Then he mentioned mint as another possibility of profit. A third thing out of which our people could make money is early apples, said Mr. Stewart. There is a great demand for early apples, and he thinks they could be raised without trouble in this section, especially along what is known as the Ridge, a famous fruit section, and even above Columbia, around Ridgeway, which is on the same sand ridge as Ridge Spring, between Columbia and Augusta. Speaking of this section, reminded the talker that the peach industry on the Ridge is struggling for existence on account of the ravages of the San Jose scale, although Mr. Stewart declares that formula for a remedy is easily obtainable from the department of agriculture. He thinks it is certain that the scale was introduced in this peach section by nurse stock. The scale is very prolific, and radical treatment is necessary to stop its spread, but it can be done. Mr. Stewart, as has been stated, is a specialist on musk melons. He has recently given most of his time and attention to the marketing of the crops, bringing the producer and buyer together, and looking after the commercial feature of melon production as well as of the other fruit and melon crops. He has an agricultural education with a commercial training in the railroad business and is, therefore, fitted well for this sort of work. Musk melons, says Mr. Stewart, can be produced to great advantage in this section, and the marketing is a comparatively easy proposition, as the demand is great. The principal melon sections in Colorado and California have soil similar to this region, sandy, while the temperature is much higher and the rainfall so slight as to require irrigation. It is the Rocky Ford section of Colorado and the Imperial Valley of Southern California which are the greatest producers of musk melons. However, during the last year Tennessee showed the greatest increase in production, and Dothan, Ala., and Huntsville, also had large increases. The market suffered this year from overproduction apparently, but as a matter of fact improper packing is responsible for a large amount of the loss on melons. They are shipped in crates, through which the melon partly protrudes, causing it to speck. The California growers first wrap their melons one by one and then pack them in crates, which do not permit any portion of the melon to protrude, and they get the best prices for their product. It is estimated that there were 60,000 acres in musk melons in this county this year. Few persons know the difference between the musk melon and the cantaloupe. Mr. Stewart, when this question was put to him, stated that cantaloupe would probably always be the commercial term used to describe both varieties, but that in reality the proper name is musk melon. The cantaloupe is the small variety, and ribbed or gobular, while the musk melon proper is screened, so to speak. The most important considerations in planting and growing musk melons, says Mr. Stewart, are to secure good seed and to plant not near other melons. If the musk melon is planted near cucumbers or watermelons they will mix, and the product will be the blend of the different melons, as it were. They must be kept separate to be kept pure. Mr. Stewart knows a good deal more about musk melons than it would be profitable for the farmers of South Carolina to know, but he could not impart it all to an amateur. The

farmers should take advantage of their opportunity to hear Mr. Stewart and his colleagues at the farmers' institutes now being held in different sections of the State. Jas. A. Hoyt.

TIGER ATTACKS CIRCUS ATTACHE

Romeo, a Fine Bengal, Lacerates Both Arms of Boy.

Charlotte News. Five bloody tiger claw rents in his arms, reaching from above the elbow to the palms, was the fate of Boyleston Mills, a carnival attache, at Spartanburg late last night. Soon after his ferocious attack the tiger was brought to Charlotte. Romeo did the sanguinary work—Romeo, caged from out of a Bengal jungle in India. The victim is an Abbeville, N. C., boy, who lately went with the Johnny J. Jones Greater Exposition shows, which are now in this city. Disregarding warnings which are always given to new employees, that it is dangerous to expose one's self near the large cage. Mills last night leaned his arm up against a bar of the cage in which stood Romeo and his mate, both beautiful specimens of the royal Bengal breed of tiger, the fiercest animal living. "A lion will kill only when he is hungry," said Keeper Wilson to a News man today, "but a tiger will kill for the pure love of killing." Boyleston Mills was feeding the animals of the menagerie as the shows were packing up preparatory to coming to Charlotte after the exhibition at Spartanburg. Mills carelessly, as stated, leaned an arm against the bar of the tiger cage. Instantly the arm was in the grip of the tiger Romeo. Like a flash of lightning the spotted paw had shot through the space between the bars, and the arm of the unfortunate boy was drawn inside the cage, the tiger rending it with his great paws, the smell of blood making him angrier every moment. The boy thrust the other hand into the cage in order to free the bleeding arm from the grip of the furious monster of the jungle. The tiger at once clutched this arm also, and with his great talons gripping tight into the flesh, pulled the arms far into the cage, alternately tearing long, bloody rents in each. The cries of the boy, and of the other attendants who saw the plight of the young man brought Capt. Curley Wilson to the spot. He tells this story of the affair: "As soon as I heard that there was trouble about the tigers' cage I seized my pistol and ran to the spot. I thought that perhaps some of the animals had got out of the cage. As soon as I saw what was happening I ran to Romeo, pointing my pistol at him and shouted to him. He knows my voice, as I constantly perform with him in the cage, and he released his grip of the boy's arms and retired, growling, into the cage. "But not before he had torn five great trenches in the flesh of each arm of his victim, extending from above the elbow to the fingers. The whole bottom of the cage was flowing with blood and the boy's clothing was saturated with it. We at once sent for a physician, Dr. Maddox, and he took Mills to his house and kept him there last night. We sent a man back there today to see after him and have him taken to a hospital. The accident occurred only a few moments before our train was to pull out for Charlotte. "How big are a tiger's claws? Well, you know how a cat's claw looks? Just imagine a cat's claw magnified until it is as thick as a man's index finger. Crook that finger on your hand and then imagine what such claws could do for human flesh." Romeo and his mate are now in Charlotte, as the carnival in the open lots back of the South graded school opens tonight. Capt. Wilson and Romeo do stunts together in the cage. Mills' people live in Asheville. \*One application of ManZan Pile Remedy, for all forms of piles, soothes, reduces inflammation, soreness and itching. Price 50c. Guaranteed. Sold by Sibert Drug Co. 7-1-2m

THE COTTON CROP'S CONDITION.

Government Reports. Note Improvement Over Last Month and Last Year.

Washington, July 31.—The average condition of cotton was 83 per cent. on July 25, as against 81.2 a month ago, and 75 a year ago, today, according to the report of the department of agriculture given out today. The condition on July 5, of previous years was 82.9 in 1906, 74.9 in 1905, and 81.4 for the past ten years. The condition of cotton on July 25 and the ten year averages respectively by States follows: Indiana 90 and 93, North Carolina 89 and 81, South Carolina 84 and 80, Georgia 85 and 81, Florida 85 and 84, Alabama 85 and 81, Mississippi 86 and 80, Louisiana 83 and 82, Texas 82 and 82, Arkansas 86 and 82, Tennessee 88 and 84, Missouri 88 and 84, Oklahoma 66 and 65. The residence of Mrs. C. B. Rogers at Bingham, S. C., has been destroyed by fire. The building was 102 years old. FOR SALE—Nice second hand parlor organ for \$35; easy terms. See Sumter Book Co. 7-6-1t

AUGUST 14th. EXCURSION RATES FROM Sumter, S. C. TO NORFOLK, VA. (For Seaside Resorts) \$8.00 WILMINGTON, N. C. (Wrightsville Beach) \$5.50 CONWAY, S. C. (Myrtle Beach) \$5.50 THROUGH PULLMAN SLEEPING CARS ON TRAIN No. 82 direct to Norfolk, arriving Norfolk 7:30 A. M., August 15. Tickets limited to return on any train until September 1st, 1908. Make up your party and go.

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CANDIDATES.

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 CONGRESS. I announce myself as a candidate for Congress from the Seventh District of South Carolina, and pledge myself to abide the rules and regulations of the Democratic primary. A. F. Lever.

FOR SOLICITOR I hereby announce myself a candidate for Solicitor of the Third Judicial Circuit in the ensuing Democratic primary. J. B. McLaughlin.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Solicitor for Third circuit, subject to action of the Democratic primary. Philip 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. I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Magistrate for the Fifth Magisterial District of Sumter County, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary. Wm. J. Rees.

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 in the Sixth Magisterial District of Sumter County, subject to the rules and regulations of the Democratic party. J. L. Gillis.

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 myself 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.