

SOME INSIDE HISTORY.

NEWS OF INTEREST THAT COLUMBIA NEWSPAPERS DO NOT PRINT.

A Document That Confused the Board of Canvassers—A Novelty in Beaufort—Gov. Ansel Gives the War Department a Conundrum.

Columbia, Aug. 31.—It has just been discovered why the State Board of Canvassers in session here last week was in some confusion about the Beaufort dispensary election. The members of the board were unable to figure out whether they had a protest or not. What was before them was an affidavit of involved language. Finally this was set aside and the election declared as in favor of retaining the Beaufort dispensaries.

This affidavit came from a school teacher, Mr. Clarence S. Johnson, who has a refreshing sense of humor if he has an involved style of expressing himself. After giving over two typewritten pages to sarcastic references to Mr. F. C. Colcock of the dispensary, Mr. Johnson, who says he has had 24 years experience as an election commissioner, thus philosophizes on the political situation in general and the prohibition wave in particular:

"A mordicum of common sense should have taught him (Mr. Colcock) that a commissioner has no power to compel managers to serve. True the law requires them to serve, but makes no provision to that effect, so that they are as helpless as the clergy trying to coax the weary sinner into the pearly gates without the active co-operation of his Satanic majesty at the rear on the firing line.

"There seems to have been a determination not to serve in this town, grievance on account of want of scrupulous comfort, etc.

"Also the contemptible tip allowed commissioners and managers of \$1 a day and limited to three days by those in authority voting themselves \$5 a day for alleged services. The aforesaid tip would be spurned by the average hotel waiter for services of the same length. Managers are safe enough, but in case of a contest I have served ten days and then contributed \$5 to a fund for the benefit of one of our commissioners who was not a capitalist and whose means did not warrant his paying a fine for his gratuitous services to his country, and this is respectfully referred to the general assembly as a bone for it to pick.

"Also the abuse of the primary system, which becoming manifest some years ago led to an act to protect the said primary in the same manner as the general elections, and which has been done by lowering the standard of one to the level of the other, reducing both to as roaring a farce as trials by jury. Another bone for the general assembly to pick.

"And finally for myself I have been strictly neutral. I feel that we have been getting good too fast. The Saviour drank wine. So did Lot, the only righteous man to be found in the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, and many others of that day, while Paul prescribes it. But it seems we are entirely too good to associate with that crowd, but just go on killing each other and committing any crime that comes handy and forget that poor little South Carolina has more murders to her credit per acre than any State in the Union. I am getting good myself, so much so that sometimes when I am called upon to administer an oath I feel that the usual form is sacrilegious and conclude with, so help you General Grant or old Ben Tillman or any old fiddle I happen to think of, whose memory I would keep green.

"Verily the days are evil.

"Since Ben Tillman was discovered the tendency of all legislation has been to stir up strife. The next great calamity that befell the State was the death of the Republican party. The dispensary, which was to reduce our taxes one-half, has developed the highest type of rascality and the highest tax levy since the 'days of good stealing,' exceeds any Republican levy, to say nothing of the low type of morals created thereby. Within a short time after the establishment of this great moral institution it could point with pride to nineteen newly made graves in two counties alone in the upper part of the State as the early crop all credited to itself. When we reflect that human nature revolves upon the same axis as it did thousands of years ago, at which time 'it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth and it grieved Him at His heart,' that the only man he ever created was a miserable poltroon, destitute alike of courage, truth or the first principles of chivalry, that the first man born upon the earth was a murderer—is it not the redulo ad absurdum of all human intelligence to expect great results of a 'one-gallus, wool-hat damnsy' insisting upon holding down the poor little State as a political experiment station for revenue?

"Alas my country! the impending

crisis is approaching. We are getting too religious, and religion (so-called) has caused more bloodshed than all other causes. Robbed of our rights as part of a so-called Democratic government, but being offered a choice between two evils and realizing that man is incapable of self-government because created below the necessary standard, and feeling that I would help to perpetuate a great wrong, I did not vote. But I helped to umpire the game at my peril, as Mr. F. C. Colcock of the dispensary may testify. I feel like the boy with the cat in the well that climbed up two feet and fell back three, it is only a question of time when the combined efforts of the rival factions will land us all safely in —."

Beaufort has a white chief of police for the first time since the war between the sections, and the negroes in this heart of the black belt, which up to a few years ago when the districts were rearranged was accustomed to sending a negro congressman to Washington, are puzzled and put out to understand the strange change. It seems that the change in the situation has been brought about gradually by a class of working whites moving into Beaufort and becoming voters, while formerly the old aristocratic class was almost the only white element in the city proper. For some years the city has been going forward under a white mayor, but a white chief of police is as strange and revolutionary a fact as a negro chief or mayor would be in a thriving city in the Piedmont section.

Military men and others here and elsewhere over the State are discussing in quiet but interested sort of way Governor Ansel's act of a few weeks ago in ordering eight government tents used by the militia, but which the federal government says is always to be regarded as government property, to be sent to Greenwood to Mr. J. M. Gaines to be used in connection with the Red Shirt celebration at Anderson.

Now it is a violation of both the State and federal statutes for any national guard officer, and the governor is a national guard officer to the extent of being commander-in-chief and principal reviewing officer of the State, to loan any government property except in cases of extreme emergency.

Section 64 of the South Carolina military code, which has been given the force and effect of statute law, reads thus:

"Each regularly organized company of the militia shall be furnished by the State with such arms, uniforms and equipments as are required, upon the written requisition of the commanding officers of such companies respectively, approved by the regimental commander. The arms and equipments so furnished to any organization of militia shall continue to be the property of the State, or of the United States, to be used for military purposes only, and shall be returned whenever called for by the proper authority.

"It shall be unlawful, and it is hereby forbidden, for any officer of the national guard, or other person responsible for arms, equipments or other military property, to loan the same under any circumstances whatsoever. Provided, That upon the written order of the governor such property may be, in cases of extreme emergency, temporarily loaned or issued."

Whether the war department would regard a Red Shirt convention a case of "extreme emergency" is debatable. At any rate the tents were shipped out in the absence of Adjutant General Boyd and his assistant, Col. Brock on the direction of the governor, who hesitated some time before directing them to be sent. He would not give his written consent. The only record of the transaction is a letter on file in the adjutant general's office to Mr. Gaines saying the tents had been shipped by direction of the governor. McCaw.

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Yancey M. May, who shot and killed C. B. Tidwell at Edgefield has been released on bond in the sum of \$1,500.

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One hundred and eighteen gallons of whiskey were captured by State constables at Ten Mill Hill, near Charleston.

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PANAMA CANAL GRAFT.

Congressman Bennett Writes Secretary of War Alleging That Government is Being Robbed.

New York, Aug. 28.—Representative William F. Bennett, in a letter to the secretary of war, made public here, charges the purchasing department of the Isthmian Canal Commission with gross extravagance and favoritism in connection with the purchase of paint used for the barges, dredges and other vessels engaged in canal work. His letter, he says, is only the opening gun in a campaign which he hopes may result in the establishment of a central purchasing bureau for the government.

"It is reasonable to assume," the letter concludes, "that a purchasing department which has bought nearly fourteen times as much of an article as was necessary and under conditions apparently where it could not be used, is engaged in other similar and possibly larger transactions.

In a supplementary statement Mr. Bennett says:

"The contract system in all governmental departments is subject to criticism. There should be a central purchasing bureau for the United States government and then the possibilities of graft would be reduced to a minimum. I have information of peculiarities not alone about paint in connection with the purchasing department of the canal commission, but about cement and other materials. There is one instance I know of where a contract for cement was closed with a concern whose price was between \$600,000 and \$800,000 above that of the lowest bidder.

A Wild River Harnessed.

"The old attitude of reverence for nature as the reflection in itself of whatever was best for man, whether it be flies or mosquitoes or the vermiform appendix, receives a severe shock in the pamphlet just issued describing the completion of the Gunnison Tunnel," says the Boston Transcript. "On September 23 President Taft will personally be present to open its gates. Through them will flow a part of the waters of the Gunnison, going into a channel where, for all time to come, they will spread fertility and prosperity. Ever since the locomotive opened Colorado's scenic wonders to the tourist world, the 'black canon of the Gunnison,' has been one of the impressive sights. Between masses of rock flowed this river, fed by the melting snows of the Rocky Mountains." But it went on to the sea performing no service, either for navigation, or for power, or for irrigation. An opulent government coming along, discovered a valley on the other side of the mountains considerably below the level of the stream. Accordingly a tunnel, much longer than the Hoosac, and about the size of a freight car, has been pierced through the riparian elevation. On its other side, where the water pours out, a miniature Panama Canal has been constructed for the retail distribution of the stream. A man-made river like this main ditch, seems immeasurably superior to those which nature constructs. Its grade is only just enough to keep the water moving. This saves the wreckage of floods. Wherever the stream must fall faster than that, an artificial catract has been constructed in cement. At each of these a plant for the development of electric power will eventually be operated. Land which has yielded no crops from the foundation of the earth usually possesses extraordinary fertility, so that once its resources are quickened by water its yield is phenomenal. The fruits of the irrigated land of Colorado have long attracted the admiration of all beholders. Irrigation has the advantage of bringing water at the time and place that it is wanted, in marked contrast with the rainfall as man's dependence. For the month preceding our recent downpour, New England was about as dry as the irrigated country, and yet without the resources controlling the situation with certainty that these Coloradans possess."

Robert Brown shot and killed Ernest Heyward in Charleston. Both parties are colored.

Bernt Riise, a Norwegian, serving on the United States revenue cutter Yamacraw, was drowned in Charleston harbor by falling overboard.

*Your complexion as well as your temper is rendered miserable by a disordered liver. By taking Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets you can improve both. Sold by W. W. Sibert.

A \$20,000 school building will be erected at Union. Bids have been called for.

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COTTON CONDITION VERY LOW.

Ginners' Report Estimates Yield at 10,500,000 Bales.

Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 30.—The reports of the National Ginners' association, made public this afternoon, give the condition of cotton up to and including August 24 as 64.1 per cent. "This is the lowest condition in a number of years," the report says, "and indicates a crop of about 10,500,000 bales. An early frost would reduce these figures somewhat and a late frost would probably increase the total yield to 11,000,000 bales."

The report of averages by States follows:

Alabama 64; Arkansas 59; Florida 76; Georgia 74; Louisiana 54; Mississippi 62; Missouri 80; North Carolina 75; Oklahoma 58; South Carolina 76; Tennessee 75; Texas 57. General average, 64.1.

This indicates a crop of about 2,000,000 bales for Texas. Ginners report that they ginned 1,565,185 bales last year in Texas and they estimate they will gin 1,776,119 bales this year with average weather.

PELLAGRA THEORY DENIED.

Atlanta Woman Has the Disease Who Never Ate Any Corn Products.

Atlanta, Ga., August 30.—A case of pellagra, the victim of which claims never to have eaten corn bread or any corn products, has been uncovered in Atlanta. Mrs. Kate Barto is the patient, and she is in the last stages of the disease.

Dr. Frank Eskridge, who claims to have treated many cases of the disease, says he doubted his own diagnosis and thought she might be a victim of "sprue," a disease known to the tropics, with symptoms resembling those of pellagra. He called in a physician who has had years of experience in the tropics and found that his original diagnosis was correct. "I am convinced now," he said, "that the disease does not come from musty corn products."

S. A. L. TO BRANCH OUT.

May Build a Short Line Into Charleston.

According to an interview given out by an official of the Seaboard Air Line at Hamlet, N. C., there is a great probability that the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio railroad will go on further in South Carolina than Spartanburg, and that the Seaboard Air Line will construct a line from Shelby, N. C., to Charleston over which the coal carrying trains of the Clinchfield system and the trains of the Seaboard road will be handled. From Bostic to Shelby the distance is but 21 miles, and since the Clinchfield road going to Spartanburg crosses the Seaboard at Bostic it will be necessary for the Clinchfield trains to be detoured only 21 miles to Shelby there to take the line now proposed by the Seaboard. The proposed line of the Seaboard will run from Shelby to Catawba, where it will cross the Monroe to Atlanta line of the Seaboard. From Catawba it will go to Fort Lawn, there touching several large power plants of the Southern Power Company on the Wateree river. It will cross the main line of the Seaboard, New York to Tampa, at Lugoff, a station across the river from Camden. It will cross the Florence to Columbia line of the Atlantic Coast Line at Eastover. The distance from Eastover to Charleston is 110 miles. The Seaboard and Clinchfield systems have each secured terminal sites in Charleston, and these will be combined and will be used by both roads. Spartanburg will be used as a distributing point for the Piedmont country and for points on the main line of the Southern railway between Charlotte and Atlanta. It has become known that the Seaboard and Clinchfield systems are practically one and the same. The officers of the Clinchfield are Seaboard men, and these roads have been working hand in hand to get to the port of Charleston. The Seaboard official stated emphatically that Charleston and not Savannah will be the port used by these roads, and that the arrangements now being made to detour the Clinchfield trains to Charleston are only temporary. The Clinchfield road will continue to use the line of the Seaboard between Bostic and Wilmington in order to furnish the 110 manufacturing plants which have contracted for Clinchfield coal.

It is reported that the Seaboard Air Line road will build to Charleston if the C. C. & O., does not.

The Southern Power Company has surveyed its route from Great Falls to Newberry, and the work of erecting the towers for the transmission wires will begin at an early date.

Dr. W. H. Brown, treasurer of the Edisto Club at Orangeburg, has been arrested on the charge of storing whiskey.

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Harriman vs. Oil Trust.

New York, Sept. 1.—By the letting of a contract for crude oil, effective today, to the Associated Oil Company, it is asserted by financial prophets that the Harriman railroads have broken with the Standard Oil Company. The contract is worth a half million a year. The oil will be used by the Harriman lines of the Northwest.

Dr. J. W. Crawford of Donalds, S. C., has been arrested on the charge of practicing medicine without a license.

What Southern Soils Need Most.

If any one need of Southern soils could be singled out as the greatest, then unquestionably that greatest need would be organic nitrogen—nitrogen supplied through the agency of decaying vegetation. That nitrogen is needed on almost all our soils, thousands of experiments and almost universal observation prove beyond doubt. That farmers recognize this fact, is also proved by the millions of dollars annually spent in the purchase of commercial nitrogen.

When the nitrogen needed by our soils is obtained through decomposing legumes there is supplied something more than nitrogen—humus. This humus is no less necessary and will as surely increase the production of our soils by improving their physical conditions. The growing of nitrogen, or rather the growing of nitrogen-gathering crops, therefore, supplies the two needs of our soils, which, taken together, unquestionably stand first in importance in any scheme of substantial or permanent soil improvement.—Progressive Farmer.

Marriage at Salvation Army Hall.

There was a marriage at the Salvation Army hall yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The bride was Miss Claudie Breckinridge of Madison, Ga., and the groom Mr. Frank H. China of Sumter, S. C. The marriage was performed in the presence of a company of Salvation Army members and friends. Mr. China is an operator for the Western Union Telegraph Company and is stationed in this city. Both he and his bride are members of the Salvation Army.—Charlotte Observer.

Newberry Is Against Bonds.

Newberry, Aug. 31.—Little interest was shown in the election in this county today on the question of issuing \$300,000 worth of bonds for road improvement. With all but two small boxes heard from the county gives for bonds, 110; against bonds, 1,239. About half of the vote of the county was polled.

Mrs. Anna T. Swearingen, mother of State superintendent of education, died at her home at Trenton, S. C.

PRESERVING OUR HISTORY.

Maj. Coker Employs Mr. W. D. Woods to Collect History.

President J. L. Coker, of the Pee Dee Historical Society has employed Walter D. Woods, the well known veteran editor to collect the historical matter of this section. To carry out this work some money is absolutely necessary. The members of the Pee Dee Historical Association have shown themselves very indifferent in the matter, but they must come to the rescue now and help out the cause. The Times will do as we did before, publish all the matter that we can get hold of which Mr. Woods collects. We will send out the bulletins to the members of the association and all that we ask is money enough to cover the postage account. This matter must be attended to before it is too late. Major Coker, one of the most public spirited men in the State is willing to advance or pay, if necessary, the expense of Mr. Woods for the first month, but that is neither fair nor right. We must have \$100 and have it now. Who will contribute to this cause? Send much or little, we will return value received in the publications of the society, and that will be our contribution to the cause. Will you do your share?

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