

CANDIDATES AT ST. GEORGE.

HYATT, RICHARDS AND FEATHERSTONE GET BOUQUETS.

Interesting Meeting of State Campaign, Despite Rainy Weather—Prohibition Voters Important—Mahaon Gets Applause—Bleese Favorite Among Candidates For Governor.

St. George, July 19.—Dorchester prohibitionists were altogether impartial today in their floral tributes to the candidates for Governor on the prohibition platform. Messrs. Featherstone, Richards and Hyatt each receiving beautiful bouquets. Messrs. Bleese and McLeod, local optionists, carried on a little consolation meeting after adjournment, the former presenting the latter a neatly gotten-up bouquet of long pine leaves, artistically tied with pink ribbons. Mr. Bleese says that therefore it is nothing—but fair that Mr. McLeod shall present him with some little token tied, possibly, with "blue ribbon." Whether or not such a presentation takes place the people of Orangeburg will have an opportunity to learn.

Possibly the features of the State campaign meeting here today were the careful attention given all the candidates; the apparent lack of interest in the whiskey discussions, hope of the utterances on this topic elicitting applause; the denunciation of a false report by Major Bleese, and the enthusiastic reception given that candidate for Governor; the applause accorded Mahaon, of Greenville, for railroad commissioner, and the dark gloomy and rainy weather that prevailed throughout the day. However, the meeting was one of the best of the campaign.

Some of the candidates came up from Charleston this morning, where they have been since Friday afternoon, while many came in from the up-country, where they spent Sunday at home. The meeting was called to order at 11 o'clock by County Chairman M. S. Connor and opened with prayer by the Rev. W. A. Wimberly; it adjourned at 4:30 o'clock, after the candidates for congress, Messrs. Legare and Lesesne, had spoken. When the meeting opened the candidates for Adjutant General, who should have come first, had not arrived from Columbia, hence they spoke last. All the office-seekers were present today except Attorney General Lyon. Letters from Messrs. Jennings and Swearingen were read.

At the beginning there were about two hundred in the audience; it increased to four hundred and remained thereabouts throughout the afternoon. There were about fifty ladies present.

ANOTHER CRUM CASE.

Whitfield McKinley Made Collector of Port in Washington.

Washington, July 19.—Whitfield McKinley, a Charleston negro, friend of W. D. Crum, will be appointed collector of the port at Georgetown, D. C., at once, according to reports received here today from Beverly. McKinley has lived in Washington since 1884, and is a well known dealer in real estate. He was born in Charleston in 1857, and during the days of Republican control of the State he was appointed to West Point, but remained in the academy only a few months. He afterward entered the University of South Carolina, but withdrew in 1877, when that institution was closed to negroes. He taught for a time and later entered the University of Iowa, and was graduated. It is said that Crum was largely instrumental in having the appointment go to McKinley. He will serve as a recess appointee until the convening of the senate, when his nomination may be confirmed or rejected by that body.

A CONTRIBUTION TO HISTORY.

Information Wanted Respecting the Signers of the Ordinance of Secession.

The Spartanburg Herald will issue a special Veterans' Edition on the occasion of the State Reunion in Spartanburg on August 17th. One of the most interesting and historically valuable features of the edition will be biographical sketches of the signers of the Ordinance of Secession. The editor of the Herald is now at work on these sketches and is making an effort to have each one not only full but accurate. For him to succeed he must have the co-operation and assistance of the descendants, relatives or friends of the signers of the Ordinance and the request is made that he be furnished with the desired data. The signers of the Ordinance from Sumter county were, H. D. Green, Matthew P. Mayes, Thomas Rees English, Sr., and Albertus C. Spain. Any information that is furnished the Spartanburg Herald by the relatives of the above named men will be appreciated.

The way to get out of self-love is to love God.—Phillips Brooks.

RETURNED AFTER MANY DAYS.

Mahaon Motorman Recieves Half Million From Miner He Befriended.

Macon, Ga., July 19.—Shortly before the Klondike gold boom, W. V. Miller, a motorman, of this city, then living in Atlanta, and known as "Kid" Miller, met J. F. Curley, a broken down miner stranded and without funds. He took him in, fed him and gave him money as far as Birmingham. That was the last he ever heard of the bread cast upon the waters until yesterday, when he received word that Curley had died in Dawson City and left him a fortune estimated at \$500,000.

Shortly after Curley's death, Dawson City authorities communicated with Chief of Police Jennings, of Atlanta, asking for news of "Kid" Miller. Jennings traced him here and located him as W. V. Miller, a married but childless motorman. The news of Curley's will, leaving his all to the man who helped him when he was down and out quickly followed. Miller so far is somewhat dazed by his good fortune, but still is quite cheerful.

Pisgah News Notes.

Pisgah, July 18.—Rainfall here all last week, and retarded farm work. From here north, it was very heavy and did great damage to land and crops. An inspection of the surrounding country confirms the reports that the crops are exceedingly poor. Only in spots are they good, but the bulk of acreage is so poor that nothing will be made. This is indeed heavy on the farmers, for many of them will not be able to pay their debts, through no fault of theirs. At this place they are very good for this year. The people here have long realized the truth of "Poor Richard's Advice." "He that by the plow would thrive, himself must either hold or drive," and they did it on the few work days with a rush.

Miss Alma Bradley, who has been attending the summer school at Spartanburg, returned home Saturday; said she had a fine time and that the school was a great success. The climate was cool, especially at night.

Miss Jessie Brown, who has been visiting relatives and friends since the close of her school, was at Pisgah Sunday. During her absence Miss Tessa Hatfield acted as organist in a very creditable manner.

Your Smithville correspondent who is an active and working member of Pisgah church, is sorely vexed at blind tigers in his midst. A state of affairs that exists in all sections from accounts. If John Doe would use his detective powers in the country he would soon catch the tigers.

A protracted meeting will commence at Pisgah church on next Sunday, 24th inst., and continue during the week. There will be two services daily.

The next Lee County Union will be held at Mizpah church on Saturday, 30th inst.

Children's Day will be observed on next Sunday morning at Mizpah church. The Pisgah Sunday school has been invited to attend, and many will go. While others will attend the same exercises given by the Sunday school at McLeod's church, on next Sunday morning, to which also Pisgah Sunday school was invited.

While we have "Mother's Day," and "Children's Day," I hear nothing of Father's Day. I am sure they deserve one in their honor, for they have the brunt of the world to bear for others.

The heat last week was terrible, and both man and beast flagged under the withering heat.

PROGRAMME.

Children's Day at Pisgah church Saturday, August 6th.

Devotional exercises at 10 a. m. by Rev. F. M. Satterwhite, of Sumter, after which the exercises of the children will be held, followed by a debate of eight speakers in short talks on the subject:

"Was the South justified in withdrawing from the Federal Union?" after which a recess for dinner will be given.

In the afternoon an address—own subject—by Hon. J. B. McLaughlin, of Bishopville.

Music. Address—own subject—by Charles L. Cuttino, of Sumter.

Music. Address—own subject—by Col. J. J. Dargan, of Stateburg. Adjourning after benediction by Rev. R. E. Sharp, of Smithville.

Over 400,000 tickets will be printed for the State Democratic election the contract having been awarded yesterday by State Chairman Wille Jones. The tickets will be printed within the next few days. Since the campaign commenced three candidates have withdrawn from the race, Julius E. Boggs, candidate for congress from the 3rd congressional district; L. P. Boyleston, candidate for congress from the 3rd congressional district, and P. K. McCully, candidate for the office of adjutant general from Anderson county. The campaign assessment has been refunded to the candidates withdrawing.

COTTON PRICES DROP.

GO DOWN RAPIDLY UNDER HEAVY SELLING.

Bears Become Aggressive and July Losses 81 Points and August 59, Though Rally Reduces Loss Somewhat.

New York, July 19.—The cotton market was sensationally active and excited again today and prices declined even more rapidly than they had recently advanced under heavy general liquidation and aggressive selling for short account. At the low point of the day July showed a net loss of 81 points and August of 59 points, but the close was a little up from the lowest although the final tone was barely steady at a net decline of from 14 to 48 points.

The market opened steady at a decline of 6 to 14 points under realizing and local bear pressure inspired by an idea that July short interests had either covered by purchases of contracts or through shipments of cotton from the South of Liverpool and that the bull leaders would not oppose a good reaction following the recent excited advance.

Early sellers found big over-night buying orders around the ring, and shortly after the call prices rallied to within 3 or 4 points of yesterday's closing figures, but weather reports were a little more satisfactory owing to the showers in Texas and the prospects for clearing conditions in the eastern belt, and as soon as the demand from outside sources began to slacken local sellers became even more aggressive. There seemed to be little July for sale and the price worked steadily off to 15.95, and from that level broke to 15.65 without any transactions. August sold off to 15.10, and while there was a renewal of bull support at these figures, moderate rallies encountered renewed realizing while local bears continued to sell new crop months until they showed a net loss of about 25 to 27 points. The close was about 5 to 6 points up from the lowest on the later deliveries on covering but the market was very unsettled in the late trading.

Rumors that the bull deal was over was emphatically denied. Southern spot were 1-8 lower to 1-8 higher.

Receipts at the ports today 13,963 bales against 3,222 last week and 2,479 last year. For the week 40,000 bales against 37,541 last week and 18,571 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans 2,674 bales against 1,342 last year, and at Houston 51 bales against 467 last year.

Spot cotton closed 50 points lower; middling uplands 15.95; do. gulf 16.20; sales 3,100 bales.

GOV. ANSEL PARDONS PRISONERS.

Jones The Edgefield Multi-Murderer Free At Last.

Columbia, July 20.—Governor Ansel today paroled Thomas Gardner, of a prominent Kershaw family, who was serving a sentence for assault and battery with intent to kill, and also commuted the sentence of R. T. Jones three months, allowing him to leave prison today. Jones was serving twenty years sentence for killing Edward Pressley, in Edgefield county about twenty-five years ago. He has been a model prisoner.

PREDICTS 20-CENT COTTON.

Georgia Commissioner of Agriculture Expects Half Crop.

Union City, Ga., July 19.—Twenty cent cotton this fall was predicted today by State Commissioner of Agriculture Thomas G. Hudson, who addressed the Farmers' Union.

He predicted that there would be only half a crop and that this combined with business conditions and a holding movement by farmers throughout the South, would produce the high price.

PROCEEDINGS OF COURT.

Arthur Lowry Gets Verdict of \$100.

The case of Emma Jamison, plaintiff vs. S. R. Chandler, defendant, resulted in a direction of verdict for defendant.

Arthur Lowry, plaintiff vs. C. M. Betts Co. defendant; verdict of \$100 for plaintiff.

S. B. Griffith, plaintiff vs. C. M. Betts Co. defendant; panel being broken by retirement of foreman, a mistrial was ordered.

The Recorder's Court.

Johnnie Gains, up for fighting, cursing and disturbing the peace, was given a sentence of \$10 or twenty days.

The case of Reese James was called, but was postponed until next Monday, James being sick. This case has already been tried once, resulting in a mistrial.

Without tact you can learn nothing.—Disraeli.

CHAINED A WARSHIP.

An Incident of the War Between Greece and Turkey.

A YOUNG OFFICER'S DARING.

The Turk's Pluck and Strategy Resulted in Making a Powerful Greek Vessel a Helpless Prisoner Within the Landlocked Waters of Arta.

It was during the war between Greece and Turkey in 1897 that the inhabitants of Gala Krini—a large village, since destroyed by the Turks, on the shores of the gulf of Arta—awoke one morning to find that a Hellenic battleship had entered the gulf and cast anchor off the shore. The surprise of the inhabitants of Gala Krini was nothing compared with that of a party of five Turkish officers, who, fresh from the crest of a hill towering above the village, watched the vessel through their telescopes.

These Turkish officers were on an urgent and important mission—to block out the Hellenic fleet from the gulf of Arta. Behind them, at the bottom of the deep ravine, were a number of heavy guns which had been dragged all the way from Saloniki, a long and difficult task, and with this artillery they had been ordered to fortify the strait.

To reach the strait, however, the Turkish column had to run the gantlet of the battleship's heavy guns, which meant sheer destruction. Somehow or other they must escape the man-of-war or prevent her interference with their work, but to do this seemed impossible.

In the midst of their discussion a young officer who had been listening said he could hold the vessel a prisoner if they would allow him. His pleading won, and hurriedly changing his clothes for those of a shepherd, he descended in that disguise to Gala Krini.

Late that night a number of figures stole through the dark alleys of the village toward the shore. Close to the water's edge was an old boathouse, used as a shed for repairing boats. This the party silently entered and by the flickering light of a taper searched the black interior. At length there was a gentle rattle and from the gloom emerged Hassan, stripped to the waist, grasping a heavy chain. This, with the help of his comrades, he began to pull, and after an hour's laborious work the end of the great chain—once the cable of a Turkish vessel—was reached.

From the beach the chain was loaded on board a large calque, whose sides and floor had been covered with cloth to deaden the sound. This task accomplished, three men got in with Hassan and rowed with muffled oars toward a large rock in the middle of the bight. Round this rock the chain was laid and securely fastened. One man having been landed on the crag to keep guard over this end, the boat set out cautiously for the battleship, looming like a phantom in the distance. Not a sound did the men make as link by link the massive chain was paid out over the stern into the still water till they reached the vessel.

There was an excited gleam in Hassan's eyes as, with a sign to his comrades, he gradually lowered himself into the dark water, guiding himself by passing his fingers over the battleship's plates. A slight grating of the chain against the hull was all that his anxious companions in the boat heard, though now and then a reassuring pull was felt on the line that Hassan held, directing them how to pay out the chain. Hours rather than minutes seemed to have gone by ere the young officer came to the surface. So exhausted by his long dive was he that he had to be almost lifted into the boat.

"It is round the propeller," he gasped. "I have fixed it so that nothing can move it. Back you go."

Then link by link the tedious work was renewed until the boat returned to its starting point, where the other end of the chain was secured. The risky task was done, and the Hellenic battleship was securely moored to an immovable rock by a double thickness of cable.

The early rays of dawn revealed a sight which astonished the Greek commander. A whole regiment of Turks were on the march toward the strait of Arta, with train after train of artillery, the last of which disappeared beyond the intervening head before the ship's guns could be brought to bear on them. The commander gave orders for the guns to be run out and decks cleared for action, while the anchor was weighed, his intention being to prevent the Turks from fortifying the strait before they had become too strong. "Full speed ahead!" went the order to the engine room, and, propelled by her mighty screw, the battleship advanced, only to lurch backward as if dragged by some unseen force. Work as the engines would, the vessel seemed to be in an enchanted circle, beyond which it was impossible to go.

It was not until the sun's rays had penetrated the deep blue water alongside that the secret was revealed and the massive chain was discovered passing round the ship's propeller and the adjacent rock.

Before it could be removed, however, the strait had been sufficiently fortified by the Turks and a powerful Greek warship lay a helpless prisoner within the landlocked waters of Arta.

The heart of man is made to reconcile contradictions.—Hume.

The devil has his martyrs among men.—Dutch.

GOMPERS CASE ENDED.

BUCKS COMPANY AND FEDERATION SIGN PEACE PACT.

Stove Concern Agrees to Withdraw From Case of Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison, Under Sentence.

Cincinnati, O., July 19.—A peace pact of great importance to organized labor and to the country as well was reached here tonight between officers of the American Federation of Labor and members of the Stove Founders' National Defense Association. The effect of the agreement is to end the bitter warfare between the Federation and the Bucks Stove and Range Company of St. Louis.

The association and the stove company, through representatives here, announce their withdrawals from the prosecutions against President Gompers, Vice President John Mitchell and Secretary Morrison of the American Federation of Labor in the contempt cases now pending against them.

While the prosecutions hanging over Messrs. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison of the Federation have passed out of the hands of the stove company which instituted them and are now pending in the Supreme Court of the United States at Washington, representatives of the stove company and of the National Defense Association by the articles signed tonight agree to withdraw their attorneys from the case.

Whether the appeal of the three men from jail sentences imposed upon them for alleged violation of an injunction suit is brought to a finish in the Supreme Court is said to rest with Attorney General Wickersham.

INTERESTING FARMERS' MEETING.

Able Corps of Speakers Will Give Valuable Information to Farmers.

A Farmers' Institute will be held under the auspices of Clemson College at Gen. Sumter Memorial Academy on the 25th of July. There will be an able corps of speakers present, and much valuable information to the farmers will be presented.

One feature that, in itself, should urge many to attend, is the permission to ask questions freely. Every farmer is urged to do this, for it will not only be a benefit to him, but also to the other farmers who attend.

It is desired and urged that a large crowd be in attendance.

Arial-Ellis.

St. George, July 15.—The marriage of Miss Emma Ariail and O. H. Ellis of Allendale took place at the home of the bride's parents, the Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Ariail, early Thursday morning. The occasion was quiet, having been witnessed by only the immediate family and a few close friends.

The bride, becomingly attired in a handsome gray traveling suit, came in with her brother, Superintendent J. M. Ariail of the Lancaster schools, and was met by the groom and the ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Ariail.

Immediately following the ceremony the bridal couple left for Waynesville and Asheville, where they will spend the remainder of the heated term. Returning they will make their home at Allendale.

Mr. Manning Dorrity, superintendent of Mr. L. D. Jennings' farm had his hand painfully, but not seriously mashed, in the fanner of a corn mill, on Saturday.

In making up the list of contributors to the Y. M. C. A. building fund for publication during the closing days of the campaign the work was necessarily done in a hurry, consequently it was inevitable that there should be some mistakes and omissions. It has been called to the attention of the Item that the name of Mr. Isaac Schwartz, who was one of the liberal contributors, was omitted from the list.

The weather man can't please everybody—lots of folks are delighted with the cool spell, while the farmer who is in the grass wants it as hot as possible.

The dog license law is to be enforced, and those who do not pay the license tax and procure a tax tag to be attached to the dog's collar may have their pets impounded.

J. Ron McKissick, formerly of Greenville, a graduate of the University of South Carolina, has been made assistant editor of the Richmond Times-Dispatch, succeeding Dr. Douglas S. Freeman, who resigned to accept a commission as tax expert for Virginia. Mr. McKissick is the third South Carolina editor now on The Times-Dispatch, the other two being Maj. J. C. Hemphill, formerly of Charleston, editor-in-chief, and Richard W. Simpson, once of Pendleton, who is city editor.

HAS GIVEN AWAY MILLIONS.

Aged Dr. Pearsons Ready Now To Dispose of His Last Dollar In The Cause of Philanthropy.

(Chicago Correspondence New York World.)

Determined to die with the least possible amount of funds on hand, Dr. D. K. Pearsons, who is more than 90 years old and afflicted with rheumatism, has planned to sell his home and enter a sanitarium to spend the rest of his days. He has given \$6,000,000 to 29 small colleges.

On April 14, his next birthday, Dr. Pearsons plans to make his last bequests to his colleges, which will be the last of his fortune. He will then rest content in the sanitarium waiting for the end.

"A man is his own best executor," said Dr. Pearsons this evening, "and I intend to be mine. I will sell my home and use the money to pay my debts."

Dr. Pearsons always speaks of his conditional pledges as his "debts."

"I will make no more presents until my next birthday," he said. "Then I will dispose of everything."

All is in readiness at the Pearsons home for a new tenant. Thomas, the Pearsons butler and general factotum has been packing things for several weeks.

"As soon as the house is sold I shall go to the sanitarium," said he, "and prepare for the final distribution. For 24 years I have lived in the old mansion here. Twenty-one years I have been giving. I have given something like \$6,000,000 to 29 colleges and institutions in 24 States. My debts, yes, that is what I call them. You see, I have promised Berea College \$100,000 if \$400,000 additional is raised.

"That is one debt I must meet April 14. Then there are other conditional debts that I must meet. You know, I investigate every college or institution I aid, and as I am getting pretty well along in years I think I would rather get rid of everything right away.

"When my house is sold and the debts met I shall have been my own executor and shall have closed the estate entirely. There will be no disputes after I am gone. That is what I want to be sure of."

CARTERSVILLE DEPARTMENT STORE.

Big Mercantile Establishment in a Small Town—Other News Notes.

Cartersville, July 19.—The handsome new department store of The G. G. Palmer Co. here is now completed and will be ready for occupancy next week. The building being 57 feet wide and 105 feet in length, is one of the prettiest and most modern buildings of its kind in this part of the State. It is constructed of brick and the entire front is of plate glass with two entrances, the left of which leads into the dry goods, shoes, notions, gents' furnishings and ladies' millinery. To the right is the hardware and furniture department. The rear of the building is given entirely to groceries, with a cement floor and a large cold storage. Mr. Palmer's private office is conveniently arranged and furnished handsomely.

Mr. Walter C. Harlee, of Remberts, S. C., has accepted the position of buyer for the establishment and head salesman. Mrs. T. F. Mims has charge of the millinery department, T. A. Boykin the shoes, B. A. Lockhart has entire charge of the grocery line, H. Mims will sell hardware and furniture, Miss Myrtle Price, of Georgetown, S. C., is bookkeeper and cashier. A commodious warehouse has been erected for buggies, wagons and machinery, also an annex for coffins and caskets. Anything that could possibly appeal to the desires of the trade in this community will be handled. A spacious sewing and dressing room has also been arranged. The G. G. Palmer Ginning Co. is also nearing completion. This together with the Cartersville ginney, which has been leased by the above company will certainly meet the demands of the people. Mr. Harry T. Harlee is the able manager of both.

It has been raining heavily every day since your correspondent has arrived here. Still the crops are looking well and some cotton with most of the corn crop is very good, but the farmers all look blue. The lands here are very fine and can't be bought at any price. It is said they are the finest cotton lands in Florence county, and are worth \$75 to \$100 per acre.

Miss Mary Harlee, of Remberts, and Miss Harriet Dixon, of Florence, are visiting Mrs. M. G. Palmer.

The prize acres of the members of the Sumter County Boys' Corn Club are flourishing and reports indicate that there will be a number of record-breaking crops produced in this county. The average yield per acre of corn for Sumter county will be materially increased this year as a result of the farming operations of the boys.