

ods of identification of the voter as shall render repeating or other fraudulent methods of voting impossible, or at least difficult and dangerous.

And we, also, recommend that the legislature take action along the same line and provide severe punishment for any one violating the statutes regulating primaries, and give the executive committee of political parties power to investigate and call for papers and examine and swear witnesses and punish for contempt, and thus give the party power to protect itself.

And we, also, recommend that wherever the vote shows violation of the statutes now in effect the members of the executive committee and the respective county chairman to request the solicitor to prosecute the same in their respective counties.

All of which is respectfully submitted:

- W. F. Stevenson,
- T. B. Butler,
- J. B. Park,
- W. B. Wilson, Jr.,
- J. D. Bivens,
- J. M. Greer,
- R. M. Jeffries.

Members of the subcommittee of the State Democratic executive committee.

NEWS FROM DARK CORNER.

Mr. T. H. Osteen Suffers Severe Injury in Getting off Train—Mrs. Osteen also Injured.

Dark Corner, Oct. 1.—Plenty of cotton is open here to pick, but the pickers are not according to the demand.

This morning was pretty cool and everything indicates frost soon. The dog fennel is in bloom and the cockle-burs have grown burs.

Mr. T. H. Osteen of the "Sycamore," suffered a severe accident last Saturday night while returning from the meeting of the Black River Union, (Baptist). He was on the shoo-fly train No. 47, and when the porter came through the coach and called out Broadway Mr. Osteen, who was talking with some friends, arose and saying good night, thinking that the train was passing Broadway and that he would be carried on to Pinewood, stepped off the train in the darkness and fell into the trestle at Weeks' mill swamp, breaking his thigh in two places.

Drs. Furman and Littlejohn treated him that night and he is getting along as well as could be expected.

Mrs. Nattie A. Johnson, formerly of this corner, died at Brogdon at the home of her father, Mr. L. E. Lackey, on the morning of the 23rd of September, and was buried at the Weeks' grave yard (or Pinewood cemetery) on the 24th. Rev. Corbett of Harvins, preached the funeral.

Mrs. T. H. Osteen of the "Sycamores," while cutting some feed for her cows last Saturday, cut her hand very severely with a reap hook.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Owen of Orangeburg are on a visit to their brother-in-law, Mr. T. H. Osteen.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Weeks and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Brewer visited at "Elmhill" last Sunday.

The health of the community is very good.

The next meeting of the Black River Union will be at the Home Branch church, near Paxville, Friday, before the fifth Sunday in December. Here I ring off.

"Hard Times."

EJECTED FROM TRAIN.

A Knight of The Grip Sack The Victim—Fuss Over a Mileage Book.
Horry Herald.

There was some excitement among the passengers on the late train last Wednesday evening just this side of Loris, when the Conductor forced George L. Adams, a well known traveling man, to leave the train and take to the woods. The trouble arose over a South Carolina mileage book which Mr. Adams had purchased and paid for before beginning his journey at Mullins, S. C. He had understood before starting on the trip that the railroad was not compelled to take the mileage in payment of fare on an interstate journey. His trip at first was to extend from Mullins in this State across the line into North Carolina to Chadborn and thence back into South Carolina to Loris. As this would take him out of the State he bought a ticket at Mullins, which was good to Loris, S. C., and at Loris decided to come on to Conway. Mr. Adams did not buy a new ticket at Loris and when the train was a mile from Loris towards Conway, when the conductor called for tickets, he presented the mileage book which the conductor refused to take. The conductor claimed that Mr. Adams was on an interstate journey, while Mr. Adams claimed that this view would not hold for the reason that he had bought a ticket for Loris, a point within this State, and was traveling on his way to another point within this State, to wit, Conway. The conductor forced him off the train and he came in Conway the following day by automobile, and the question will be litigated in the court.

FARMERS' UNION NEWS

Practical Thoughts for Practical Farmers.

(Conducted by E. W. Dabbs, President S. C. Farmers Union.)

Some Random Thoughts.

In addition to the action of the executive committee taken from the daily papers and printed below, the committee will push a campaign of education for a full understanding of the State warehouse bill that will be introduced at the next session of the legislature. It has taken the precaution to submit the proposed bill to eminent constitutional lawyers, and there is now no doubt about its constitutionality.

Some thought that it was very disastrous that the Supreme Court turned down the first warehouse act. With that decision as a guide the new measure is a great improvement on the old. And its strongest features might never have been developed but for the adverse decision.

Aside from the scientific marketing of cotton and other products that will be the outgrowth of the warehouse system, the inspection alone by which cotton will be standardized will add many million dollars to the value of the crop, and save millions in economy of handling it.

The committee's sessions were marked by a determination to seek out the best means of reaching all the farmers, and the outlook for a more compact organization was never better.

MEETING OF FARMERS' UNION.

Farmers of State Urged by Officials to Hold Cotton for Higher Prices.

The executive committee of the State Farmers' Union met yesterday at the office of the secretary. There were present: R. M. Cooper of Lee, H. T. Morrison of Charleston, B. Harris of Anderson, J. Whitner Reid, secretary, and E. W. Dabbs, chairman and State president.

The committee heard reports from the organization work and planned to extend the same.

The president was authorized to enter into an arrangement with The Progressive Farmer of Raleigh, N. C., to conduct a Farmers' Union page. This paper has over 18,000 subscribers in South Carolina, and through its columns the committee expects to get in close touch with the membership.

The president was also authorized to arrange with papers in South Carolina to carry a Farmers' Union department.

The committee most earnestly urges the farmers to make use of the money offered by so many of the banks to hold cotton for the higher prices that must inevitably follow a careful marketing and have taken steps to have the national officials secure concerted action throughout the cotton belt. The committee, regardless of any estimates of the size of the crop, is convinced that present prices are from 3 to 4 cents below its value.

DEPALMA WINS VANDERBILT RACE.

Finishes Less Than a Minute Ahead of Hughes.

Wauwatosa Race Course, Wis., October 2.—Ralph DePalma, driving true to the form and luck which he exhibited in the Elgin races a month ago, today, with a Mercedes car, won the eighth running of the classic Vanderbilt cup automobile race from a field of eight starters over the new Wauwatosa Road course.

His time was 4 hours, 20 minutes 31.54 seconds, for a distance of 299 miles, 2,764 feet. This was at a speed of 69 miles an hour, or five miles per hour slower than last year's Vanderbilt cup race at Savannah.

HARAHAN'S POLICY.

New President of Seaboard to Retain Old Employees.

Norfolk, Va., Oct. 2.—President William J. Harahan of the Seaboard Air Line, in a statement today outlined his policy as to the new head of the Seaboard with the specific assertion that he had "no one to bring to the property" but on the contrary would "retain the services of the good and able men now there."

Joseph M. Chandler is the sole agent in Sumter for Styleplus clothes, the perfected product of one of the largest and oldest clothing manufacturers in the world. This line of clothing is guaranteed to be the best for the money on the market and the local agent stands back of the guarantee.

A NEW KIND OF POLITICS.

That is Not Politics at all But that Will Be the Economic Regeneration of the South.

An inquisitive subscriber asked Agriculture Editor Niven of Atlanta the question: "What are poor politics?" Orange Judd Southern Farming frankly replies in words that should make every farmer in this State sit up and take notice:

Southern Farming's Platform.

1. To make three bales of cotton grow where one grows now.
2. To make forage crops, grasses and pasture five times as good and ten times as profitable as at present.
3. To make tobacco, fruits, vegetables and other crops better in quantity, quality and profit.
4. To enable the South to make more and better corn, oats, wheat and other grain.
5. To promote improved live stock until the South exports to the rest of the United States and to foreign countries a vast surplus of meats, butter, cheese, eggs, and manufactures therefrom.
6. To reform distribution, banking and currency, so as to make universal more economic methods of marketing the products of Southern farms and factories, forest and mines, and in supplying our people's consuming needs.
7. To wisely utilize the South's natural resources so that they yield handsome profits at present and yet be conserved for future generations.
8. To improve the South's highways and railroads, rivers and harbors, until they are adequate to the needs of a mighty people.
9. To improve our schools until every young person in country or town may be trained in efficiency, health and character, and imbued with that wisdom which is knowledge and the capacity to use it.
10. To link more closely school and home, farm and factory, so that the one may more benefit the other.
11. To aid, in these and other ways, the South to have fourfold its present population, each of whom shall enjoy "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness!"
12. Thus to make for a greater nation through a greater South.

Comment on the Above.

This is not needed. Each plank speaks for itself. But you won't find any of our planks in the platform of any political party.

Y' know how much more important is Southern Farming's platform! Just think a bit, and you will see how true is our statement. For all the candidates for office might miraculously disappear, congress and legislatures might not meet for a couple of years, yet the United States and the world would go right along with scarcely a ripple. But let Southern farmers for a single season fail to produce a surplus, or to make a cotton crop, and the economic fabric of the whole occident would be upset!

Soil and seas, mine and forest, support of the world. Better farming means better living and better times for all—and this means also, that people shall "get into gear with nature," or in tune with the infinite, and enjoy the harmony of body, mind and soul that is the real thing in this life.

So we reckon pretty much all our folks down here will say amen to Southern Farming's platform. Now let's all pitch in to work it out, for God helps those who help themselves.

STRAUS INDORSED.

Bull Moose Preferred by Independence League.

New York, Oct. 3.—Oscar E. Straus, candidate for governor on the Progressive ticket, was indorsed for governor by the Independence league in State convention here early this morning. The vote was 89 for Mr. Straus and 79 for William Sulzer, Democratic nominee for governor, whose name was the only other one placed in nomination.

DEMANDS \$20,000,000 DAMAGES.

And Apology by New York Governor for False Imprisonment.

Albany, N. Y., Oct.—Gov. Dix has received a letter signed, "J. P. Winn, Denver Col.," in which the writer demands "an apology from you as Governor of the State of New York and \$20,000,000 damages for false imprisonment and frustration of life."

"Unless my demands are complied with," the communication continues, "I shall enter suit against New York State. I am backed by the army and navy of the United States."

Gov. Dix said he did not take the matter seriously, but would turn it over to his legal adviser.

The county board of commissioners met in their regular monthly session Tuesday. At this meeting the bids for the good roads bonds were opened.

JOWITT COURT-MARTIAL OVER.

Defendant in Augusta Case Tells Story of Tragedy.

Augusta, Ga., Oct. 2.—It was midnight nearly when the Court Martial concluded the case against Capt. Thad Jowitt. Capt. Jowitt said he was called to the home of Mayor Barrett Thursday night and, in conference with Sheriff Clark, was asked to call out his company to protect the power house. He told the mayor the order would have to come from the governor. Sheriff Clark told the military officer he would deputize Jowitt and his whole company, according to the defendant and make them go on duty, whereupon Jowitt told the sheriff he would refuse to serve under such circumstances. Finally the order came from the Governor, and the men were assembled. Friday afternoon the infantry was ordered on duty at the power house, after the order was issued by Major Levy that any man in the service who took a drink would be held to Court-martial. Capt. Henderson, he said, instructed Capt Jowitt to assist in placing the guard.

"I asked him what was the orders to be given to the men and he replied: 'Halt every one and if they don't halt, fire.' Those orders, however, had already been given to the men."

The defendant said he stood in the gate of the power house yard and saw the detail posted, the purpose of posting being that the cotton mills would in a short time turn out.

"I saw Dorne and Baker coming from Broad street, and saw Baker get out his whip and hit his horse. He was coming at a run and I heard a shot fired. I stepped outside and said: 'Halt or I'll fire.' Baker replied: 'Fire, damn you.'"

Jowitt said Baker drew a revolver and fired in his direction, whereupon he whipped out his revolver and fired one shot over the heads of the men in the buggy and almost immediately there was a fusillade from rifles. One shot of some kind struck the ground right in front of the defendant and others struck in the fence near him. He said the only order he gave at all was: "Stop that horse," and after the general firing he ran to where the guard was stationed and asked loudly: "What the hell's all this shooting for," when one of the men replied: "Captain, that man was shooting at you."

Jowitt said when he first saw Wilson he was standing outside his car cursing a sentinel. He said in the Wilscen incident the order had been previously given to fire low, and the men who fired on Wilson did not shoot to kill. Immediately after the firing Jowitt says he telephoned Mayor Levy, who sent Lieut. Young and a squad of cavalry to disperse the crowd. The cavalry came at a gallop with draw sabres.

"We had secret service men out," said Jowitt, "and had gotten information that an attack would be made on the power plant that night." He said he stopped the firing on Wilson, Spofford, Christie and Dr. Battey, and the motorcycle ridden by Caine was the only thing that got through the lines. He thought Baker fired three shots and was sure that the orders were given by Capt. Henderson, officer of the day. Jowitt's duty, he said, was to see to the posting of the men. The witness said Baker did not fire first; that he heard one shot before Baker fired. Jowitt was standing in ten feet of Baker when they fired at each other, but there was firing from the inside of the yard, behind Jowitt."

The court went into executive session upon conclusion of this testimony and the result of its deliberations will be transmitted to the Governor for review when the other cases are tried. Until that time it is sealed.

Will Do Away with Credit System.

It begins to look as if the monied men of Sumter are directing their wealth to the establishment of banks all over the country, recently there have been several little banks started with Sumter capital. We know of no better way to kill out the credit business than by the establishing of these small banks convenient to those who borrow cash to buy their supplies. In a few years the old time method of furnishing supplies with a lien on the crop as security will be done away with, and the banks will furnish the cash for the farmers to do business with, and too, this will mean the price of interest being brought down by competition.—Manning Times.

Wednesday morning work was commenced on W. Liberty street between Main and Sumter, preparatory to laying storm sewer pipes on the southern side of the street from the corner of the Craig Furniture Company building to Sumter street. This is an improvement which has been needed for some time and which will be seen with much pleasure by persons having business along that street.

The Lyric theatre will open its doors at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow and every day thereafter for the benefit of out-of-town patrons.

RISEING TIDE OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

Manufacturers of all Sections Tell of Remarkable Prosperity—Car and Labor Shortage Already in Sight.

Baltimore, Oct. 2.—Ten pages of letters from manufacturers in all parts of the country published in this week's issue of the Manufacturers Record tell of remarkable activity everywhere and in every line of industry. Summing up these letters, the Manufacturers Record says:

A rapid expansion in business interests, increasing activity everywhere, factories overtaxed with orders beyond their capacity to fill, a growing scarcity of labor, especially of skilled mechanics, a car shortage which in many cases is greatly retarding shipments, a shortage so pressing in some cases that one report tells of cement being delivered by the use of passenger cars as well as cattle cars—such is the condition of business throughout the country as voiced by leading manufacturers in every section in letters to the Manufacturer's Record. The story is one of exceeding interest as a whole, while many of these individual letters throw an illumination upon business questions which makes them of more than usual interest.

In some sections there is as yet no car shortage reported; in others, the railroads are reported as wholly unequal to cope with the business, and manufacturers crowded with orders that they cannot fill because of the lack of transportation facilities. This is so strongly presented in many letters that it should command the immediate attention of every railroad man in the country, as well as of every business man and politician, for all must unite to find some way by which the money needed for a vast expansion of railroad facilities can be secured. Though we are apparently only of the beginning of a period of great activity, and the country is not yet in the full swing of its highest tide of prosperity, traffic is running far beyond transportation facilities. How great the difficulties of transportation will be with a continuance of a few months longer of present activities it is difficult to estimate. The problem is one that will tax the best effort of the railroads and

the heartiest co-operation of the people of the whole country. Not a day is to be lost in trying to find a remedy for this situation.

Almost over night there has come upon the country, silently and scarcely foreseen, even by the shrewdest financiers and business men, a marvelous change from inactivity to great activity. The steel works of the country are wholly unable to meet promptly the demand for steel products. Building operations are everywhere delayed by the inability of contractors to secure reinforcing bars for concrete construction and architectural work. Cement manufacturers, who since 1907 have had a hard struggle to find trade, and what they found was generally at a loss, are now overwhelmed with business at advancing prices, and the only difficulty in the cement business is the fact that railroads cannot begin to provide cars enough to handle the product.

Many of these letters emphasize the point that, notwithstanding the fact that this is a Presidential year, business men are ignoring political problems and are attending strictly to business. Apparently, political activities are having no effect whatever, as in former years, in retarding business or in preventing manufacturers from spending money to provide for enlarged facilities. Everywhere, with rare exceptions, the demand for labor is reported as active. In some cases it is said that thousands of additional laborers could find immediate employment, while in others there is no scarcity reported of unskilled labor, but a great scarcity of skilled mechanics.

The facts presented in these letters from so many manufacturers, covering so wide a range of industries, are of more than national interest. The Manufacturers Record commends a study of these letters to every business man in the country.

Marriage License Record.
A marriage license was issued Wednesday to Julius Long and Flora Tindal of Sumter, colored.

Paris, Oct., 2.—The Bank of France and other big financial institutions here stopped payments in gold to-day as a precautionary measure in view of the Balkan situation.

The reason why.

We have secured the exclusive agency of STYLEPLUS CLOTHES in this town. This is just another evidence that we are always looking out for our customers' best interests.

After the fullest investigation and comparison with the best brands of clothing on the market, we found that STYLEPLUS CLOTHES came up to the high standard we require in clothes before we will recommend them to our customers. We found that



Styleplus \$17 Clothes

"The same price the world over"

have unusual quality and value, the best we ever saw at or near the price.

We found them the equal of the \$20.00 to \$25.00 grades of any other make—and that's why we are featuring them.

We know that every STYLEPLUS suit or overcoat that goes out of our store has made another staunch friend for us and STYLEPLUS CLOTHES, for the buyer has saved from \$3.00 to \$8.00 in hard cash and is as stylishly dressed as ever.

Come in some day soon and try on some of the new Fall models of STYLEPLUS Suits and Overcoats—every garment guaranteed by the makers.

Joseph M. Chandler,
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