

A LIVELY CAMPAIGN

South Carolina Senatorial Aspirants Get Scrappy.

Latimer Resented a "Cussing" From Hemphill and Landed a Blow on His Head.

Columbia, S. C., Special.—One candidate for Senator McLaurin's seat Thursday resented being "cussed at" by another candidate for the same place, and so precipitated a fight. The campaign party was at Gaffney, which has developed into a sensational campaign meeting place. Former Congressman John J. Hemphill objected to a statement by Congressman Latimer and in turn made a declaration about an inconsequential matter. Latimer contradicted Hemphill, who immediately showed anger and repeated his statement. Latimer denied it. Hemphill stepped before him angrily and said:

Both are large, strongly built men. Latimer made a tremendous lunge, landing hard on Hemphill's head. The latter struck heavily, but the force of his blow was broken by strong men pulling them apart. Hemphill swung his closed umbrella for Latimer's head, but the force of the blow was broken by men rushing between them. They were finally overpowered. Hemphill being brought to earth by several men. The fighters were required to go before the mayor and put up

Another Account.

Charleston, S. C., Special.—The N. and Courier's campaign reporter graphs from Gaffney, S. C., as follows: There is something either in the or the atmosphere that calls for difficulty of some sort every time didates or officials speak here. It will be remembered that it was at this place that Senators Tillman and McLaurin found that arguments availed nothing and both tendered their resignations to Governor McSweeney; and the incident of the "Jim" Tillman-DeCamp episode, a few weeks ago, is still fresh in the minds of the people. But today two would-be Senators came to actual blows, and all about a small matter. It happened in this way: At the senatorial and congressional candidates meeting held here in the court house Thursday, Congressman Latimer was the last speaker. When his turn came the dinner hour had arrived and a majority of the 500 in the audience left. Latimer did not want to speak to the depleted crowd and asked permission of the chairman to be allowed to postpone his speech until after dinner, the time allotted to the Congressmen. The matter was left to a vote and it was ordered that his speech should not be postponed. Latimer jumped up and said: "I want you all to come back and hear me, for these five law-abiding people have been jumping on one poor fellow and I am going to answer them." As they were leaving the bar of the court room, Humphill said: "Latimer you ought not to say that, for none of us have been jumping on you today, and you know it. It has always been our rule to end a meeting before we stop and we will not be right to infringe upon the time of the Congressmen."

Latimer: "You want to make me speak to empty benches; you care nothing for the Congressmen."

Hemphill: "I do care for the Congressmen, and you know it."

By this time they were facing each other, and both very angry.

Latimer: "I know that you don't care for them."
Hemphill: "G-d d-n you, you know that is not true."

Latimer then drew back and hit Hemphill a stunning blow on the cheek. Several men jumped in between them and the driving blow sent by Hemphill at his antagonist fell short of its mark, and tried to hit Latimer over the heads of the intervening men, but he could not reach him. Several men grabbed hold of both antagonists who were

both of both antagonists, who were making desperate efforts to get at each other and in the scuffle Hemphill was pushed back between two chairs in the jury box, but was instantly helped to his feet again. This ended the noise as far as this correspondent saw or heard. It is reported that Hemphill followed Latimer out of the courtroom and asked him why he struck him. Latimer replied: "Because I told me," to which Hemphill replied: "I did not curse you." Latimer then said: "Well, if you did not curse me, I will apologize." This latter statement is hearsay, but the Latimer-Hemphill fight was heard by a large number of persons.

The whole case was expected, for there was no surprise in it. The only surprise was that the fight should have occurred at all.

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named Judge James K. Hines,
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positively declined to run.
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to make a nomination
for the other offices on
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griculture, W. L.
ty; School Com-
Kellner, Forsyth