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Our Columbia Letter.

Echoes of the Flood and the First Primary--Some Interesting Incidents--Difficulty Experienced in Notifying Doomed Man of His Respite.

Mr. Editor: The week just ending has been one of excitement and sensation in South Carolina. The first Democratic Primary was held last Tuesday. This caused lively interest, as it was this year that one important office had to be filled and there were several very strong men in the race. By this the scribe does not mean to say that there were not other important offices to be filled, but to put in another way, there was one of chief interest—that of Junior United States Senator. The gubernatorial race also caused interest, as there was no doubt who would be elected, but as to what majority he should get. Some had hoped it to be 30,000 but the flood caused many to be kept away from the polls and then some contend that the papers by attacking the unsuccessful candidate caused him to get more votes than he would have otherwise received. There were other surprises, some pleasant, some sad. Now there is considerable speculation as to who will win in the second heat. Will Smith or Evans go to the Senate? Will Mellechamp or Swearingen be State Superintendent of Education. Will "Jimmy" Cansler, or "Cansler of Tirzah," or Caughman get the plum which is called the Railroad Commissioner's plum to be given by the people of South Carolina on September the 8th. Then in the various counties where there will be second heats who will win and who will lose. All that one can do is to wait and see.

The reelection of Sheriff John P. Hunter has caused gratification to the Sheriff's numerous friends in the State. Capt. Hunter is regarded all over the State as one of the best sheriffs in the State, for while he is cool he is as brave as a lion and his record is one of which he should be proud. Your scribe shall watch with interest the outcome of the second primary in Lancaster county.

The flood was also a sensation of the week. It brought sadness to many hearts. It wrought destruction to crops, stock, etc. It crippled railroad service, it caused people to suffer. It delayed mails. Some towns and cities with many train facilities, didn't see a train for several days. Yes, it caused serious trouble in many ways. It is one of the worst floods known to even the oldest inhabitants. The Congaree, which is about a mile from the Capitol, attracted thousands to see her during the flood. And it was a sight worth witnessing, but for the damage she was doing. Many tales originated from this flood. Telephone and telegraph companies suffered greatly too. The daily newspapers which had gone to the expense to give the best reports of the election ever given were put to great disadvantage, and loss, but they did admirably. Many towns and cities were cut off from the outside world just at the time they wanted news.

An interesting incident is told. In Greenwood there was a negro named Lawrence Hampton in jail awaiting for Friday, Aug.

Card from Hon. W. Pressly Robinson.

There is in circulation in various sections of the County a slip relating to the salary of the Sheriff's office in certain Counties. The following is a copy of the slip referred to:

Cherokee Co. with a population of 21,359, Sheriff's salary \$1500.
Georgetown " " " " 23,846, " " " 2100.
Kershaw " " " " 23,120, " " " 1500.
Lee " " " " 18,418, " " " 1750.
Lancaster " " " " 24,311, " " " 1200.

It is generally known that the last legislature fixed the salary of the Sheriff's Office in Lancaster next year at \$1200. I suppose the circulation of the above slip is in the interest of some candidate and is designed to show that the sheriff's office in Lancaster County will pay far less than the other counties of the State.

I think it fairer to compare the salary of the Sheriff's office in Lancaster county with that of the counties of this Judicial Circuit, together with the Area, Population and taxable property. The following is such comparison:

County	Area in Sq. Mi.	Pop.	Taxable property	Sheriff's Salary.
Chester	592	28,616	\$5919166	\$900
Fairfield	776	29,425	\$4620386	\$1200
Lancaster	501	24,311	\$3371385	\$1200
York	669	41,684	\$8291076	\$1350

It will be seen from these figures taken from the Comptroller General's report for 1907 and from the Statutes of 1908 (as to the salary) that Lancaster far smaller in area, population and taxable property pays relatively a much higher salary than is paid to the Sheriffs of the other Counties of the Circuit. It would take, for example more than twice the levy on the property in Lancaster to pay the Sheriff's salary than it would take in York.

If we compare the Counties of the Congressional District, in addition to the foregoing counties we have

County	Area	Pop.	Taxable property	Sheriff's Salary
Chesterfield	823	20401	\$3387005	\$900
Cherokee	361	21,359	\$4724724	\$1500
Kershaw	660	23,120	\$4374765	\$1500.

A glance at these figures will show that it would take a much higher levy in Lancaster County to raise the Sheriff's salary than in either Cherokee or Kershaw, two of the counties mentioned on the slip in circulation.

Sept. 1, 1908. W. PRESSLY ROBINSON.

28th, to come, on which day he was to hang unless the Governor should respite the sentence. "The State" tells it in a most interesting manner in details but space and time forbid such here. However, Hampton though a negro doomed to die loved his life and was always on the lookout for any news which would lengthen his life. He knew that a petition had been signed by a number of Greenwood's prominent citizens, asking the Governor to act. For several days Hampton could get no news from Columbia, but the Governor had acted. Finally on Thursday Mr. A. J. Bethea, Gov. Ansel's Private Secretary, got as far as Clinton and managed to get a message through to the Sheriff of Greenwood county notifying him that Hampton had been respited until October 16th. On his return Mr. Bethea made the journey partly by rail and partly in an old wagon.

Hon. W. F. Stevenson had an experience in bringing the Chesterfield returns to Columbia for tabulation by the State Executive Committee. He started on the Chesterfield and Lancaster road but when he reached Thompson's Creek the train could go no further. However, Mr. Stevenson found a man who knew the way and they decided to come on. The trestle was covered with water but Mr. Stevenson and his guide got across by feeling their way with a stick. After they got across Mr. Stevenson went by Monroe and Charlotte and came to Columbia with the returns o. k. He had a job for the pressing clubs of cleaning and pressing his clothes.

There are many other incidents but the scribe has told enough on this subject.

Well, "Former Lancastrian" the scribe begs to thank you for your criticism of his nom de plume. Really we didn't like it ourselves but we took it temporarily. Possibly our honorable critic didn't understand. We thought a nom de plume would be more "catching" so we took "10-13-2". Now "J" is the 10th letter of the alphabet, "13" stands for "M" and the second letter "B" so "10-13-2" is the same as "J-M-B." See? But we believe changing nom de plumes is more interesting. We will take "Lancaster Boy" for awhile now

and if any of our fellow correspondents would like to suggest, let 'em come. "Lancaster Boy" won't care but will be glad. How about this plan? Use "Lancaster Boy" for September and change every month? "The News" reached Columbia Thursday (it was not published till Wednesday afternoon) We were "hungry" for political news from Lancaster. And The News was very welcomed as it always is. Here's congratulations.

The floods didn't destroy Lancaster and Columbia, so let's boom both. Lancaster Boy. (Formerly "10-13-2" Hyatt Park, Columbia, S. C., Aug. 29, 1908.

Thousands Made Homeless in and Around North Carolina Town.

Fayetteville, Aug. 28.—The Cape Fear river at this point has reached a height of 79 feet, breaking all records of former floods. The river valleys on the east side are covered for miles with a rushing torrent of muddy waters. Houses and bridges are swept away for miles around and the estimated damage to the cotton and corn crop will go beyond 35 per cent.

The greater portion of Fayetteville is covered with water backed up to the city from the river, which is a mile and a half distant.

Three thousand people are homeless and a proclamation was issued by the mayor at noon today. The city will be in total darkness tonight, the power plant being submerged.

In the county there are thousands of people homeless and an appeal was issued today for relief by the chairman of the county commissioners.

The food supply is short, eggs are selling at a dollar a dozen and vegetables are held at four times their value.

When you have a cold you may be sure that it has been caused indirectly by constipation and consequently you must first of all take something to move the bowels. This is what has made Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup so successful and so generally demanded. It does not constipate like most of the old fashioned cough cures, but on the other hand it gently moves the bowels and at the same time heals irritation and allays inflammation of the throat. Sold by J. F. Mackey & Co.

The L. & C's. Damage.

Loss of Lancaster's Local Road Much Greater than at First Supposed--Extent of Damage.

Since the waters have receded the damage sustained by the Lancaster & Chester railroad is found to be far more serious than was at first supposed. The entire Cane Creek trestle, which was 2000 feet in length, was completely destroyed, as was also 550 feet of the trestle and embankment on this side of the Catawba river and 200 feet on the Chester side. Fully three-fourths of these trestles had been recently filled in at heavy expense on the part of the company, in order to make the road safe.

The railroad company's loss is conservatively estimated to be between twenty thousand and twenty-five thousand dollars. The blow is an extremely hard one on the railroad, coming as it does during the present hard times, when all enterprises and industries are feeling the effects of the widespread financial depression. The L & C's business has been practically cut in two. One of its serious losses is the cutting off of the large business of the Southern Power company, which it has had for the past three years.

It is estimated that it will take the entire earnings of the railroad for the next three years to pay for replacing the lost trestles and bridges. But the work of rebuilding has already begun and will be pushed forward with all possible dispatch. The company now has a force of fifty trestle men at work, and this number will be considerably increased in a day or two. It is thought that it will take about three weeks to get the road in shape for trains to pass over. In the meantime, the schedule as published in the last issue of The News will continue to be operated, trains from Lancaster to Chester and returning over the Southern's track by way of Rock Hill. As heretofore published, the road is giving daily service over its own track between Chester and Fort Lawn.

Entire Family Lost at Pelzer.

Spartanburg, S. C., Aug. 29.—All danger to 20 or more big cotton mills along the river is passed. Several of the mills have been forced to shut down on account of dams and races being washed away. There has been no loss of life in this section.

At Pelzer, S. C., an entire family, wagon and team of mules perished in the Saluda river. Two negroes, while at work on a railroad trestle in Laurens county, were carried down stream. It is supposed that 30 or more people have been drowned throughout the State during the past week. The farmers have lost thousands of dollars by their stock perishing in the swollen streams. The damage to county will exceed \$100,000.

Many people suffer a great deal from Kidney and Bladder troubles. During the past few years much of this complaint has been made unnecessary by the use of DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills. They are antiseptic and are highly recommended for weak backache, rheumatic pains, inflammation of the bladder and all other annoyances due to weak kidneys. They are sold by J. F. Mackey & Co.

THE OFFICIAL COUNT.

Ansel's Majority Over 20,000 --Who Will Run in Second Primary.

Columbia State of Sunday. Following are the official returns as tabulated and finally approved by the State Democratic executive committee last night:

FOR GOVERNOR.	
Martin F. Ansel	62,867
C. L. Blease	42,100
Total	104,967
FOR UNITED STATES SENATE.	
Evans	27,584
Grace	1,499
Johnstone	13,656
Lumpkin	4,261
Martin	6,802
Rhett	25,422
Smith	30,012

ADJUTANT GENERAL.	
Boyd	59,663
H. T. Thompson	43,548

FOR STATE SUPT. OF ED.—	
E. C. Elmore	30,692
Stiles R. Mellechamp	32,488
J. E. Swearingen	40,982

FOR COMPTROLLER GEN.—	
N. W. Brooker	24,484
A. W. Jones	79,042

FOR R. R. COMMISSIONER—	
Jas. Cansler of Tirzah	25,695
Banks L. Caughman	30,987
Frank C. Fishburne	9,938
J. A. Summersett	23,947
H. W. Richardson	11,077

For uncontested State offices there were two counties missing, but the total vote as otherwise tabulated was: For lieutenant governor, McLeod, 98,761; for state treasurer, Jennings, 100,153; for attorney general, Lyon, 98,651; for secretary of state, McCown, 98,361.

The two counties which did not report on uncontested offices were Lancaster and Chesterfield. Attorney general Lyon was scratched in several counties, notably at Fort Mill in York county and at Beaufort.

There was a close vote for governor in Pickens, but the official vote shows that Ansel carried this by 12 votes. The Blease counties, therefore, are reduced to Charleston, Newberry, Laurens, Saluda. In Saluda his majority was large, as it was in Charleston.

FOR CONGRESS.	
Fifth district: Butler 4,357; Finley 6,851; Pollock 4,211.	

The feature of this race is the closeness of Butler and Pollock for second place against Finley.

The candidates who will run over in the primary to be held Tuesday, September 8, are:

For United States senator: E. D. Smith and J. G. Evans.

Superintendent of education: Stiles R. Mellechamp and Jno. E. Swearingen.

Railroad commissioner: B. L. Caughman and James Cansler.

For congress: Butler and Finley; Ellerbe and Ragsdale.

For solicitor: McLaughlin and Stoll; Cobb and Rembert; Bonham and McSwain; Wells and Quattlebaum.

Candidates' Campaign Expenses

The following are the campaign expense accounts as filed according to law with the Clerk of Court by county candidates, totals only being given:

FOR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.	
GEO. W. JONES	\$23.00
W. PRESSLY ROBINSON	18.75
HARRY HINES	19.90
J. W. HAMEL	17.35
J. HARRY POSTER	26.90

FOR SHERIFF.	
JOHN P. HUNTER	23.70
HENRY N. SOWELL	18.50
J. S. WILSON	65.00

FOR CLERK OF COURT.	
JOSEPH P. GREGORY	30.00

FOR COUNTY SUPERVISOR.	
L. J. PERRY	17.30
SIMEON J. FUNDERBURK	18.20
G. LEWIS MOBLEY	25.65

FOR TREASURER.	
W. H. MILLEN	29.50
THOMAS L. HILTON	41.55

FOR AUDITOR.	
H. H. HORTON	21.00
J. WYLLIE PORTER	24.60
EDWARD A. THOMPSON	26.55
E. L. CRESSHAW	16.50
PORTER M. JACKSON	30.05

FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION.	
A. C. ROWELL	20.00
J. E. BLACKMON	26.25
W. ALONZO HUGHES	22.75
CLAUDE N. SAFF	25.30
JOSEPH K. CONNORS	24.95

FOR CORONER.	
J. MONTGOMERY CASKEY	7.50
JOHN KING	25.15
W. F. GARVIN	7.50

Prof. Bruce Craven, the newly elected superintendent of the Lancaster graded schools, arrived here yesterday from Trinity, N. C.