



WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN.

"You shall not press down upon the brow of labor this crown of thorns. You shall not crucify mankind upon a cross of gold."

DEMOCRIC TICKET.

FOR PRESIDENT.
WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN,
OF NEBRASKA.
FOR VICE PRESIDENT,
ARTHUR SEWALL,
OF MAINE.

J. William Thurmond, Esq.

This honored member of our bar will be elected the next Solicitor of this circuit, and it is scarcely necessary to call attention to the coigns of vantage he occupies. But as it is his first race for office in the circuit, it may be well to acquaint our readers, especially those out of the county, with his record and character.

J. William Thurmond is about thirty years of age. He was named first in the class, in his examination before the Supreme court for admission to the bar; this was in January 1888.

He was elected a member of the House of Representatives in 1893 and his record in that body, without making invidious comparisons is second to none.

He championed the new fire insurance laws that require companies to fix the value of property insured before, and not after, it is destroyed.

He fought the bill increasing the number of circuit courts and the establishment of county courts. He favored the \$100,000 approp-

posed large subsidies for colleges and high schools, and favored liberal appropriations for common schools.

His persistent efforts induced the legislature to extend the time for paying taxes in 1894 to March 1895; in this matter he had strong and able opposition.

He whipped out the Lord bond bill, after a struggle extending over two sessions, in which he met and vanquished some of the ablest debaters in the legislature, and defeated the bill by a vote of 71 to 26, and this in the face of a majority report favoring its passage, thus saving to the State and its tax payers more than \$60,000.

He supported B. R. Tillman for the U. S. Senate and made the nominating speech.

And last, though by no means least, he is an honest man, pays his debts, speaks the truth and treats all classes and conditions courteously and kindly; if he should meet his satanic majesty in the public road, he would bid him a pleasant "good morning, Mr. Devil," and pass quickly on his way.

And this is the man the fifth circuit expects to crown as its chief prosecuting officer on the 25th day of August.

Don't Douse the Glim.

The best plan for John Gary Evans to pursue in the Bond deal business is to state freely and frankly what his agreement with Rhind was—how the \$135,000 was distributed and divided, to whom paid and in what amounts. Otherwise, the reformers will imagine that things are worse than they are, and when a reformer gets to imagining vain things he can beat the record, besides, silence is confession.

Last week we published in the Advertiser a clipping from the New York Times, that purported to be an interview with a "prominent Augusta business man"—a statement that an Augusta syndicate, of which the Georgia R. R. and Banking Company was the agent, had offered to take the South Carolina bonds \$6,000,000 at par and that Gov. Tillman had refused the proposition, saying he could entertain no proposition that did not come through Colin Rhind. Mr. Goodrich, cashier of the aforesaid bank, stated in the Augusta Chronicle of a few days ago, that he knew of no such syndicate and of no such proposition to Gov. Tillman. It is now in order for that "prominent business man, of

Augusta" to speak out or stand convicted.

The Advertiser expects to do the clean and fair thing in regard to the Bond deal business. Let the truth come.

A WARM DAY FOR JOHN EVANS.

EARLE PLIES HIM WITH CONFUSING QUESTIONS AND KEEPS COOL.

DUNCAN STILL AGGRESSIVE.

TO-DAY'S MEETING INDICATES THAT NOBODY HAS A WALKOVER IN THE SENATORIAL RACE—THE UNPOPULAR WHISKEY LAW—ELLERBE ABSENT.

Charleston Post.

Lancaster, July 15.—To-day we had the first fireworks. Governor Evans made his appearance for the first time since the Hampton meeting.

His rest had certainly not given him confidence, for the governor, whether nervous at the appearance of Earle on the stump, or uncertain what kind of a knife Duncan had been sharpening, showed to poor advantage. Three or four hundred farmers here.

EARLE LEADS OFF. Gen. Earle led off with a speech on much the same lines as yesterday. He seemed to impress the people, being cheered at the close.

Duncan, on taking the stand immediately began on Evans. Evans would not deny, he said, that he had recently talked with a friend telling him he was mistaken in what he had understood him to say about the Bond matter. Evans: Who was he? Duncan: Larry Gantt. Evans: That's a lie, I never did. Duncan said that was always a cowardly advantage Evans took of a man on the platform. He was protected by paid men, taken around the state to protect Evans' cowardly bones. Evans denied that Tillman had not known his connection with Rhind. Duncan: "Do you mean Tillman tried to cover up your guilt?"

Evans said "Don't say I am guilty, do you?" Duncan demanded that Evans answer the question, whether or not he had an understanding with Rhind to set a part of the commissions before recommending him to Tillman for appointment as state agent.

Evans said that he could not give Duncan the brains to understand him. He had answered that matter, and his answer must be taken as he delivered it.

Duncan said Evans had said that he made a violent attack on three railroads in his last message, one of them the Southern. Just then his brother, George, went to Washington to get employment from a road and came back in the general counsel's car. There was no more heard of the governor's recommendations to the legislature. He charged that all the insurance was taken from Seibles and given to Barney Evans by the governor.

EVANS OPENS. Evans began by complimenting the dignity of General Earle. He was glad he was here. He was tired of shooting at cannon rows and he would not dwell on those charges. Nevertheless he devoted his speech to Duncan. Gen. Earle interrupted Evans and asked him to reply to a number of questions. "How many times did he call together the board of control in 1895?" Evans did not know; he may not have held a meeting; it was no use to meet if nothing was to do. (It is charged that Evans monopolized the whole power of the board not giving them a chance.) When asked if he had not given his brother the insurance of the dispensaries at an advanced rate, Evans said no. If it was done it was done by Mixson. When asked if he had not taken insurance in Anderson from the former agent and given it to Barney Evans, the governor said he knew nothing of it. All this time there was cheering for Earle.

Evans said Earle was attacking him when he knew he had not done these things. Why had those questions been asked? Earle: "Because if it were true, you are unfit to be governor of South Carolina."

Evans: "That is correct, but you know that they are not true." Earle: "I do not know that they are not true. I know nothing about you. The man who gave me those questions assures me he will prove their truth. He will give the answer."

Evans: "I hold you responsible for questions and answers." Earle: "I am always responsible everywhere." (Cheers for Earle, and Evans was manifestly confused.)

At the close of Evans' speech he was cheered. Senator Harrison made a good impression by his speech on the dispensary. It is unpopular here. Ellerbe was not present.

Mr. Bryan, the democratic nominee has issued the following short but sweet address to the American people:

"To the American People: In order that I may have no ambition but to discharge faithfully the duties of the office, I desire to announce that if elected president I shall under no circumstances be a candidate for re-election."

(Signed) W. J. BRYAN.

Will Penn keeps all kind of turnip seed.

CORRESPONDENCE

IN HIGH REPUTE.

AN EDGEFIELD TEACHER IN GREAT DEMAND AND HIGHLY PRAISED BY ONE WHO IS CAPABLE OF JUDGING.

Mr. Editor: The annual educational Institute for the county of Lincoln was held at Lincolnton, Georgia on the 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th days of July; while there is nothing very special in that, there is in the fact that our teachers had the benefit of the services of one of the best educators in the South as expert for the occasion. Mr. J. H. Lewis who is a native of Edgefield county, So. Ca., is the man our County Board of Education had the good fortune to select for this position, influenced principally by the recommendation of Mr. Bean of your county who has been a teacher here.

Mr. Lewis, though quite a young man, showed himself to be quite an adept in every new method in the art of Pedagogy. He is not only a scholar himself, but is gifted with the art of teaching others how to learn. He is both a scholar and a teacher. It requires no great gift of prophecy to predict for him a brilliant future as an educator. I think you people in Edgefield will have cause to feel proud of him some day in the future.

Now Mr. Editor these compliments have not been solicited of me by Mr. Lewis or any of his friends. It merely struck me that I could do an act of justice and kindness to a deserving young man to let his home folks know what people thought of him abroad besides it's my business to praise scholars.

N. A. CRAWFORD,
C. S. C., of Lincolnton, Ga.
Lincolnton, July 13th, '95.

A Candidate Loses His Cake, and Other News.

Mr. Editor: We have been blessed with nice rains for a few days past, and the crops are looking fine at present. The crop of candidates is certainly a full one and there is some lively electioneering and eating going on this summer. Candidates are all fond of cake, especially Mr. Bob Parks. He ate dinner with one of his friends not long since and after eating a great plate of cake slipped one piece in his pocket and on his return home he came to a little stream which was very full and he like all other men, was anxious to go home to see his wife and baby, so he tried to cross, but when he reached the middle of the stream the water was so swift that

when they may think it will do good.

Very respectfully,
H. M. TELLER.

SAME OLD PLANK THERE.—A Richmond gold democrat was asked yesterday if he intended supporting the Chicago ticket.

"Certainly I shall," replied he, "I don't like the platform as a whole, but the plank upon which I have stood since the war is there still."

"What plank is that?" he was asked.

"It is—the republican party," the gentleman answered.—Richmond State.

OBITUARY.

WILLIAM WALLACE McMANUS, the little 8 year old son of Henry and Sarah McManus, died June 4th 1896. He suffered long and intensely ere the spirit took its flight. The bereaved parents and children can only cherish the pleasant memory of sweet little WILLIE and hope to meet him in a better world beyond. He sustains them in this hour of trial.

G. W. B.

OLD LADY. Pleasant Lane, S. C.

Sunday-School Convention at Parksville.

NEWS AT ANTIOCH, &c.

Mr. Editor: It has been many weeks since any communication from Antioch has appeared in your columns, and in order that we may carry out our contract I offer a few items for this weeks issue.

We have just returned from the Sunday-School convention at Parksville. It is useless to say that it was a success. Those Parksville people know no such word as failure. Nor is there any end to their hospitality. How could there be when there are such men as Col. W. J. Talbert, Rev. G. W. Bussey, Fate Dorn, John and Ev Morgan, Dr. Dan Bell, Henry Dohy, Bob Parks, Judges Brunson, and a host of good men and women to compose its citizenship. Everything had been previously arranged and there was nothing to mar the pleasure of the occasion, except a slight rain. Dr. Manly, President of old Furman University was there, and was the center of attraction. It was only necessary to announce that he would speak and good order and rapt attention would surely follow. Rev. Henry Hartzog was there also, and of course those who know him need not be told that he was equal to all emergencies. There were, besides a car load of small fry, Rev. G. G. Bussey, Rev. J. P. Mealing, Rev. Mr. Rountree to enlighten the people on the subjects presented by President L. F. Dorn. And we believe the Sunday-School work has been advanced. The next convention will be held at Stevens Creek on Saturday before first Sunday in August, 1897.

Beginning on Saturday next Rev. Mr. Hartzog will carry on a protracted meeting at Antioch.

On Wednesday night a most enjoyable "Lunch Party" was had at Mr. R. J. Johnson's by the ladies of Antioch church. The proceeds,

will go towards repairing the church building.

Miss Ellie Mims who has been visiting Miss Margaret McKie of Colliers has returned.

Miss Corrie Jackson of Edgefield is visiting Miss Mattie Johnson.

Mr. Lester Talbert of Liberty Hill was down on a visit to friends last week.

Crops are about made and we are ready to entertain candidates.

TELLER FOR BRYAN.

He Writes and Offers his Services to Speak.

SAYS THAT HE DOES NOT SEE HOW HE CAN FAIL—WILL SWEEP THE WEST.

Upon his return to his home at Lincolnton Nebraska, nominee Bryan found the following letter from Senator Teller:

DENVER, COL., July 15, 1896.
Hon. W. J. Bryan, Lincolnton, Neb.:
Dear Sir: I congratulate you on your nomination at Chicago. I think the country is to be congratulated also. I need not assure you that your nomination was more than satisfactory to me. I think we shall be able to consolidate all the friends of free coinage in your support, and if we do this I believe you will be elected, although I don't overlook the tremendous power that will be arrayed against us in this campaign. All the power of money and organized wealth, corporations and monopolies of all kinds will be against us. Justice is on our side and this is the cause of the people. It is a contest for industrial independence and for freedom from the domination of foreign powers and foreign capital, and it does not seem possible that in such a contest before the American people that justice should fail and wrong prevail. I don't believe we shall fail. I think I can promise you the cordial support of the western masses who have heretofore acted with the Republican party, and if you get that, and of the western coast and inter-mountain States will be with you. I will not offer any suggestion to you, save to advise you that as you were nominated without pledges of favor to any one that you maintain that position and make no pledges or promises, so that you may go into the great office of President of the United States without the embarrassment that follows pledges and promises, even if they are such as may be properly carried out.

It will afford me pleasure to place myself at the disposition of the national committee to make such speeches in your behalf as you may desire.

Very respectfully,
H. M. TELLER.

CANDIDATES.

A "V" IS ALL IT COSTS!

We'll bury McKinley out in the woods in a beautiful hole in the ground, Where the strag-bugs straddle, the whang doodle whines And the gold bugs gambol (gamble) around.

FOR CONGRESS. I will be a candidate for re-election to Congress from the Second Congressional District, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries and the rules of the Democratic party.

W. J. TALBERT.

FOR SOLICITOR. I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Solicitor of the Fifth Judicial District of South Carolina, and stand pledged to abide the result of the Democratic primary.

J. A. MULLEK.
Lexington, S. C.

Mr. Editor: Please announce the name of Hon. J. Wm. Thurmond as a candidate for Solicitor of the Fifth Circuit. Mr. Thurmond's victories for the State and his bold stand for the great masses of the people entitle him to promotion to said office. We pledge him to abide the result of the Democratic Primary.

REFORMERS.

FOR SENATOR. The friends of the Hon. H. H. Townes announce him a candidate for the State Senate and we hereby pledge him to abide the result of the primary election.

The many friends of J. M. Gaines nominate him for a seat in the State Senate. He will abide the result of the democratic primary and support all the nominees of the party.

DEMOCRATS.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. We the undersigned citizens, of Hillier and Talbert Townships, respectfully announce L. D. White a candidate for the House of Representatives; he will abide the result of the democratic primaries.

J. W. Cheatham, S. T. Branson, W. P. Winn, L. O. Seigler, E. S. Bernards, P. P. Doolittle, J. B. Cheatham, E. E. Strom, E. F. Gotzara, E. C. Winn, H. M. McCain, W. T. Stevens, F. P. Hollingsworth, C. O. Mayson, I. C. Mayson, D. J. Seigler.

The friends of Hon. Thos. H. Rainford respectfully announce him as a candidate for reelection to the House of Representatives, subject to the Democratic primary.

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The friends of S. T. Williams will support him for the House of Representatives. He will abide the result of the Democratic primary and support the nominees of the party.

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MANY FRIENDS.

I respectfully announce to the voters of Edgefield County that I am a candidate for the legislature and will abide the result of the primary elections.

S. MCG. SIMKINS.

FOR SHERIFF. I respectfully announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the Sheriff's office, and pledge myself to abide the result of the primary, and to support the nominees of the Democratic party.

W. H. OZZES.

With hopes of meeting their kindly consideration, I herewith respectfully announce myself to the voters of Edgefield County as a candidate for Sheriff of said County, and hereby pledge myself to abide the result of the Democratic primaries.

WALTER P. BRUNSON.

COUNTY TREASURER. I am a candidate for County Treasurer, will abide the result of the primaries and support the Democratic nominees.

J. A. C. JONES.

The many friends of Capt. Thomas C. Morgan respectfully present his name to the voters of Edgefield county for the office of County Treasurer. He will abide the result of the Democratic primary and support all the nominees of the party.

MANY FRIENDS.

I am a candidate for Treasurer of Edgefield County. I will abide the result of the Democratic primary and support all the nominees of that party.

A. D. TIMMERMAN.

I announce myself a candidate for Treasurer of Edgefield County and will abide the result of the Democratic primary.

J. RUSSELL WRIGHT.

I am a candidate for the office of County Treasurer. I will abide the result of the primary election and support the nominees of the democratic party.

S. B. MAYES.

CLERK OF COURT. I respectfully announce myself as a candidate for the office of Clerk of the Court of Edgefield County. And pledge myself to abide the result of the primaries, and to support the nominees of the Democratic party.

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J. B. HALTIWANGER.

COUNTY SUPERVISOR. I am a candidate for County Supervisor, will abide the result of the Democratic primaries and support the nominees of the party.

R. H. PARKS.

I am a candidate for County Supervisor, will abide the result of the primaries and support the nominees of the Democratic party.

GEORGE E. DORN.

H. Q. Talbert is hereby nominated for the office of Supervisor of Edgefield County. We pledge him to abide the action of the Democratic primaries.

FRIENDS.

I will make the race for Supervisor of Edgefield county; will abide the result of the primary and support the nominees of the Democratic party.

A. G. BROADWATER.

FOR CORONER. The friends of Thomas E. Byrd will support him for the office of Coroner of Edgefield County. He will abide the result of the primaries and support the nominees of the Democratic party.

FRIENDS.

I am a candidate for Coroner of Edgefield County. I am an old Democratic Hoss—a poor one perhaps, can't pull much, but never bolt or balk, never, never, never. Let me hear from you, voters of old Edgefield, when the general roll is called.

SCOUT GRAY OF CO. "A."

C. A. GRIFFIN, A. E. PADGETT.

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