

SAME OLD CONTEST.

Will Be Glad to Get Money in Lieu of Seat.

Prieoleau, Meyers and Dantzler Claim to Be Elected to Congress at Last Election.

A dispatch from Washington to The News and Courier gave the information that Representatives Legare, Patterson and Lever, from the 1st, 2d and 7th Congressional districts, respectively, were again to be put to the inconvenience and trouble of going through with the contests filed by the three South Carolina negroes: Aaron Prieoleau, Isaac Myers and A. D. Dantzler, who want to go to Congress from these districts.

It appears from the records in the office of the clerk in the House that the testimony in these cases were filed last July, and was opened according to law, during the months of August and September of the past year. The papers filed by Prieoleau cover 171 pages of testimony and briefly those of Myers 119, and those of Dantzler 114.

The committee on elections has announced already that unless more damaging testimony can be secured by the South Carolina negroes than they have produced up to this time there is little chance for any of the present Representatives to be unseated. As a matter of duty the committee is compelled to waste much valuable time in the reading of affidavits from the contestants in these cases, and in listening to long-winded arguments from their attorneys.

An examination of the briefs that have been filed shows that they differ in no material respect from those filed heretofore. In the main they attack the South Carolina election laws as being unconstitutional, because of the disfranchisement of the negro. Around this is built up a sentimental tale of woe about the negro and his abuse in the South, which is handed to Congress at the beginning of each new session of Congress.

Neither of the contestants expect to get a seat in Congress, but they are after the two thousand dollar allowance that the law gives to all contestants for congressional seats. It is just such forces as these cases present every two years that convinces us that the right of suffrage should never have been conferred on such men as Dantzler and the others, who would cut a grotesque figure in the national halls of legislation.

FAVORS NEW COUNTY.

Mr. Fogle Defends His Action in Election Matter.

A communication from St. Matthews, published in The News and Courier on last Monday, states that Mr. W. Brooks Fogle, a member of the county board of election commissioners, which declared the Calhoun County election null and void, would have voted against the new county had his precinct been within the new county lines, as his residence is.

Mr. Fogle, when seen Saturday by The News and Courier's correspondent, stated most emphatically that he is an advocate of the new county, and would have voted for it had he not been disfranchised; that in concurring with the other members of the board he performed a duty not in accord with his personal inclination, but that under the law and the evidence, as he saw it, there was no other course. This explanation is made in justice to Mr. Fogle and the other members of the canvassing board, all of whom, as implied in the article referred to, are accused of rendering a decision in accordance with their personal views as opponents of the new county movement.

Springfield Pythians.

The following officers have been installed for Springfield lodge, No. 49, K. of P., to serve for the ensuing year. T. L. Gleaton, C. C. A. W. Corbett, V. C. J. B. Smith, K. of R. and S. and M. S.; R. H. Morgan, prelate; E. J. Boland, M. of W.; J. S. Clark, M. E.; H. A. Jumper, M. A.; A. E. Gleaton, I. G.; C. M. Pender, O. G. The lodge is in a prosperous and growing condition and is getting new members almost every meeting. The deepest regrets are felt by the lodge on account of the death of Dr. Thornwell, who had many warm personal friends.

Will Lecture at Livingston.

Miss Nance, the President of the School Improvement Association of South Carolina, will deliver a lecture at Livingston on Thursday evening of this week, Jan. 16th, the exercises to commence at four o'clock. The lecture is for teachers, trustees and patrons, and all others interested in education, and it is hoped that she will be given a fine audience. There will be refreshments after the lecture for the benefit of the Livingston School, of which Miss Kate R. Duncan is the efficient teacher. Let the occasion be a grand success in every way.

Goze to Her Reward.

Miss Ellen Hildebrand, a most estimable lady, died at the residence of her sister, Mrs. J. D. Antley, at St. Matthews, on last Wednesday. Miss Hildebrand was sick only a few days with that dread disease pneumonia, when her pure soul took its flight to that bright and happy world above, where she will watch and wait for the coming of the loved ones left in this world. From early childhood Miss Hildebrand was a member of Andrew Chapel Methodist church, and she beautifully exemplified the holy religion she professed by her consistent life.

MAKES GOOD SHOWING.

The Bank of Springfield is a Strong and Prosperous Institution.

The fourth annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Springfield and election of officers resulted in a reelection of all the old directors and officers as follows: L. M. Mims, O. C. Salley, T. L. Gleaton, W. P. Hutto, J. A. Berry, L. B. Fulmer, J. W. Jumper, H. A. Odum and J. M. C. Bean, directors. The directors then reelected the following officers: L. M. Mims, president; J. M. C. Bean, vice president; J. B. Smith, cashier, and Miss Edith Phillips, assistant cashier.

The annual report of the president was very satisfactory. The bank is now about four years old and has been run on \$20,000 capital until last April when the capital was increased to \$30,000. The bank has paid in dividends during this time \$6,400 and accumulated a surplus of over \$11,000. Thus on a capital of \$20,000 the bank has made clear of all expenses in four years \$17,000 and over.

During this time the bank has not foreclosed a paper, nor had a law suit or made an enemy. The attorneys of the bank, Messrs. Wolfe & Berry, were reelected more as a courtesy than a necessity, as this bank never litigates. The bank has assisted very materially in building up the town and surrounding country and has proved a blessing.

A GREAT WORK.

A Call to the School Teachers of Orangeburg County.

The School Improvement Association of South Carolina is doing a wonderful work. Orangeburg County is catching the spirit of this work and is apace with most of the other counties along the line of improvement. But are we doing our best? No, not until every patron, trustee and teacher in the county is thoroughly awakened to individual effort on behalf of the movement. Let us begin by making our school compare favorably with any in the county. This does not necessarily mean such a fine building, but certainly a building in keeping with the other buildings—dwellings, churches, and so forth—in the same neighborhood.

The School Improvement Association offers, in each county, a prize of \$50.00 to the school that makes, during the year the greatest material improvement, and twenty \$5.00 prizes at large, making it possible for a county to get more than one prize.

Lets get to work, teachers, and see that our school is, at least, honorably mentioned. Orangeburg County did well last year. One of her schools got a \$100 prize, and two others were honorably mentioned, notwithstanding the fact that last year the competition was with the State. L. T. Tatum, Pres. Org. School Imp. Assn.

Left His Home.

Mrs. J. E. Boltin, whose postoffice is Raymond, S. C., writes that her boy, Cloy, left home on December 31st and has not been heard from since. Mrs. Boltin says Cloy is 16 years old, weighing 130 pounds, height 5 feet, 3 inches; hair and eyes light and a small red spot in one corner of eye. When last seen he was dressed in a dark suit and white shirt with dark spots, hat of dove color and crushed in around the crown. He had a double barreled shot gun. He is rather reticent, but when engaged in conversation usually has a smile on showing broad front teeth. Any information as to him will be greatly appreciated by a broken-hearted mother. Address Mrs. J. E. Boltin, Raymond, S. C.

Cold Blooded Murder.

Upon further investigation we find that the account we published Friday in reference to the murder of Joan Ellis Fours by Oscar Johnson near Cordova was erroneous. The boys were not rivals at all, but Johnson shot Fours in cold blood, and he ought to swing for the act. The girl in the case was Fours' sister, whose parents objected to her associating with Johnson, who seems to be a bad fellow. This made Johnson mad and he shot Fours down in the road without a word of warning, and in the presence of his sister and other witnesses. There was no fuss or quarrel. The murdered boy was highly thought of by all who knew him.

Will Branch Out.

The H. E. Reeves Drug Company has decided to increase its capital stock from \$5,000 to \$15,000. It was also decided to establish branch stores at other places. The first of these will be opened at St. Matthews at an early date. The business of the company is managed by Mr. H. E. Reeves, and we congratulate him on the signal success he is meeting with.

Another Fire Saturday.

The alarm of fire Saturday morning was caused by the burning of the residence of Jim Dozier, colored, on Dickson street. Most of the furniture and other things were gotten out of the house. Dozier's wife, who was sick in bed, had to be brought out on a cot in the rain, which was falling during the fire. The fire was caused by putting hot ashes in a wooden box on the piazza.

Fire at Norway.

On last Tuesday at Norway a gin house belonging to Mr. H. S. Spire was destroyed by fire. The loss amounts to about \$1,000, with no insurance. A sawmill and planing establishment adjoin the burned building, but by heroic work both were saved. The cause of the fire is not known.

General Sessions.

The Court of General Sessions convened yesterday morning with Judge Memming presiding. It will likely run for two weeks as there are a number of cases to be tried.

AFTER THE VAGRANTS.

Acting Mayor Lathrop Will Run Them Out of Town.

Acting Mayor Lathrop has adopted a plan of dealing with the vagrants that are baled to the city court that will soon rid the streets of the slightly loafers that could be seen at all hours of the day lounging about doing nothing. These idle, good for nothing fellows have infested the city for a long time, but now they must move on to more congenial climes or help the town out by working a spell on the streets.

There is a class of idle, worthless negroes in this city, who will not work themselves, but who use all their persuasive powers to induce industrious negroes to join their loafing club. This is the class of gentlemen Mr. Lathrop proposes to put to work or run out of the city, and he should receive the support of every man, white and colored, who do not belong to that class, in the good work he has undertaken.

Heretofore the city court had no terrors for these vagrants, who were invariably able, in some unaccountable manner to pay the fines imposed, but Mr. Lathrop has adopted new tactics altogether, which have spread consternation among the regular offender, by not giving the alternative of a fine and making the sentence not less than thirty days on the streets. This plan will rid the city of many idle, worthless vagabonds, who will have to hunt new fields for the display of the fine talents they so well employ here of living without striking a stroke of work. They will have to move on or go to work on the streets, and thus contribute something to the benefit of the city they disgrace by their loafing presence.

BERKELEY'S NEW TREASURER.

F. S. Browning Appointed to Succeed J. O. Edwards, Suspended.

Governor Ansel has appointed Mr. F. S. Browning of Jedburg, Berkeley County, as county treasurer, to succeed Mr. John O. Edwards, removed. The appointment of Mr. Browning is made on the recommendation of Senator-elect Harvey and Representative J. L. Wiggins, of Berkeley County, as well as of many citizens of that county by whom Mr. Browning is highly endorsed.

The appointment, of course, is only temporary, as the Senate must pass on the action of the Governor in removing the treasurer, and unless his action is confirmed by that body Mr. Edwards will be reinstated. It will depend very much on the stand taken by the new Senator from that county what course the Senate will pursue. Mr. Edwards was removed by the Governor, in accordance with the law, on the report of the Comptroller General that the county treasurer was short over \$5,000 in his accounts.

The auditor, Mr. C. M. Wiggins, who was also reported for gross neglect in keeping his books, was granted a hearing by the Governor, and he appeared before the Governor Saturday with his books. Though two experts of the Comptroller General's office have passed on his books and stated that they were not properly kept, Governor Ansel desired to see the books for himself.

ANOTHER COTTON PICKER.

Mr. Harvin, of Manning, Secures Patent on New Machine.

Mr. C. R. Harvin, of Manning, S. C., has invented and patented a cotton picking machine which gives encouraging promise of doing the work for which it is designed. The whole apparatus is to be carried on a specially designed four-wheel truck and drawn by horse power along the cotton rows. The principle on which the machine works is something like that of the familiar suction flue at the modern gineries.

A gasoline engine on the forward part of the truck furnishes the power to run a pair of twin fans that do the suction work, while connected with the fans are four or more flexible tubes, or hose, that may be guided along the rows of open cotton by unskilled labor. The force of the suction will draw up the flues all well opened cotton, while a special device will pick out open cotton that does not come freely from the boll.

Mr. Harvin has not made a complete machine, according to his design, but he has rigged up on an ordinary farm wagon an outfit that demonstrates his idea to be practicable. Being necessarily engaged in other business, Mr. Harvin has had little time to devote to his important invention, but he hopes soon to organize a stock company with sufficient capital to push the matter in a manner that its importance deserves.

We hope this machine will prove a success. There is nothing that is so much needed on the farm as a good machine to pick cotton. Labor on the farms is so trifling that unless some machine is invented to pick cotton its cultivation will be greatly curtailed. It will effect a great saving too in the gathering of the cotton crop. Success to you, Mr. Harvin.

Death of Dr. Keller.

Dr. Thomas K. Keller died Friday afternoon at his residence, near Creston. About one week ago, Dr. Keller was taken with a severe attack of pneumonia and gradually grew worse until the end came at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon in spite of all that was done to stay the deadly malady. Dr. Keller, though not in the best of health, up to a few weeks ago could get about remarkably well for one of his age. About ten days ago he attended the funeral of his life-long neighbor and friend, Dr. M. K. Holman, who died at the advanced age of 82 years. Dr. Keller was seventy-one years of age and is survived by three children and his widow.

QUARTERLY REPORT

Of the County Commissioners of Orangeburg County.

Showing the Expenditure of Funds for the Three Months Ending December 31, 1907.

Table with columns for item description and amount. Includes entries for lunacy exams, Dr. T. A. Jeffords, services to pauper, Dr. T. A. Jeffords, salary physician P. H. and jail, etc.

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LOCAL ITEMS

Picked Up Here and There by Our Reporters.

Brief, Newsy Paragraphs From All Parts of Orangeburg County and Vicinity.

Every man who owes us a dollar is requested to settle. We need the cash. Mr. Hawes, the city engineer, has moved his office to the rooms above the express office. Tuesday and Friday were beautiful bright days, but the inevitable rain descended on Saturday. For the last several days we have been having some freakish weather. One day warm and the next cold and blustering. The police of this city arrested 85 people last month for violating city ordinances, from whom \$281 was collected in fines. We will guarantee that Acting Mayor Lathrop will keep things moving along in ship shape during the absence of Mayor Dukes. The Edisto Rifles has disbanded and surrendered their arms and uniforms to the State. We hope Adjutant General Boyd is satisfied. Five fires in a week is a pretty bad record, but we are glad to know that all of them were the result of accident. Let us all be careful. The Fork section of the county was visited by quite a severe blow on Saturday. Several outhouses and a great many trees were blown down. The Business Men's League Dinner will be a great success. It will bring us all closer together and enable us to pull together for the best interests of our city. The Band of Hope will meet at the usual place and hour on Thursday afternoon. The election of officers will take place. All the children are requested to be present. The Etowah Chapter, D. A. R., will meet with Miss Beckmar at the residence of Mrs. G. M. Seignois, on Whitman street, this afternoon, January 14th, at 3:45 o'clock promptly. Col. D. O. Herbert and W. C. Wolfe, Esq., went to Columbia yesterday to appear before the State Board of Canvassers on behalf of the Democrats disfranchised in the Calhoun County election. Storekeepers and housekeepers can't be too careful about fire. Storekeepers before closing up should go all over their establishments and see that everything is all right, and housekeepers should do the same. A meeting of the ladies of the Hospital Association and those interested in the work will be held this morning at 11 o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. W. Smoak on Calhoun street. This will be an important meeting. The dwelling house on Mr. A. S. Jennings' place near Cope was recently destroyed by fire. There seems to be no doubt of its being set on fire by some fiend. Mr. Jennings did not occupy the house as he lives at Cope. L. W. Livingston, President of the Teacher's Association of Orangeburg County, request the executive committee, consisting of Profs. A. J. Thackson, C. J. Rast and W. S. Peterson, to meet in Superintendent S. R. Mellichamp's office on Saturday, January 18, at twelve o'clock. The McCormick Messenger says: "There is perhaps more cotton in the fields in this part of the state now than has been for many years at this season of the year. Some fields near Willington looks as if the entire crop is still hanging on the stalks." It is about time it was picked. A petition in bankruptcy has been filed by Messrs. Wolfe & Berry, of this city, against Mr. L. B. Fulmer, of Springfield, on behalf of foreign creditors. Short crops and poor collections is the cause of Mr. Fulmer's failure, and he has the sympathy of all. The liabilities are about \$40,000 and the nominal assets about \$60,000. Mr. Augustus G. Hart, recently of this city, and Mrs. Marie Izlar Smoak, who resides here, but who was on a visit to her parents in Savannah, Ga., were married in the latter city at three o'clock Saturday afternoon. The relatives and friends of the couple received the news of the happy event about an hour after the ceremony and join in hearty congratulations to the young couple. Mr. and Mrs. Hart will reside in the bustling town of North, where the groom is preparing to open a furniture business. The will of Mr. R. A. Jeffcoat, who was so cruelly assassinated a short time ago, has been filed with Hon. Robert Copes, Judge of Probate. The will was made by Mr. Jeffcoat in the Columbia Hospital the morning after he was shot and several days before he died. His personal property is valued at nearly \$20,000, but no figures are given for the real estate. He left a widow, three sons and four daughters, but the bulk of the estate was left to three sons and one daughter. His sons are named as executors. A Council of the United Commercial Travelers was organized in this city with the following officers: P. M. Smoak, senior counselor; Victor Wald, junior counselor; H. L. Gelzer, past counselor; J. M. Oliver, secretary and treasurer; M. K. Jeffords, conductor; Julius Wannamaker, page; J. W. Josey, sentinel. Executive committee, two years, M. K. Jeffords and Louis Link; one year, P. M. Smoak and H. L. Gelzer. The council was instituted by Mr. E. E. Mrogon, of Charlotte, N. C., grand counselor for the two Carolinas.