

## BATES A CANDIDATE.

**Announces That He Has Consented to Have His Name Placed in Nomination.**

Barnwell, Dec. 10.—When seen by your correspondent today and asked whether he would be a candidate for the position of judge in the second judicial circuit, Senator George H. Bates said that he would not be a candidate in the sense of making a regular political campaign for the position; that he had been urged by a number of members of the bar from different sections of the state to allow them to offer his name in this connection and to put it before the general assembly this winter; that he had consented to this and if elected would accept and do his utmost to discharge the duties of the office with credit.

Senator Bates makes the fourth candidate in the field for the position. Solicitor Davis and Col. Robert Aldrich of the local bar have announced themselves and Capt. Sawyer of the Aiken bar has also decided to enter the race.

## LUCK IN BUYING ANTIQUES.

**More Pitfalls Than Ever For the Amateur Hunter in France.**

Paris, November 21.—Did some of you in traveling through France last summer pick up veritable art treasures in out of the way places, where the duplicity of the dealer hath not penetrated, and take them back to America with you? Did you free yourselves from the professional antiquary's trickery and go exploring on your own account? Better look again at your finds, any of you who are not altogether experts.

The discussion growing out of the notoriety achieved by the church robber, Thomas, of whose exploits the cables have told, has brought to light sundry incidents of antiquaries' experiences among both the true and the false examples of ancient art and artisanship, for which the increasing number of amateur collectors and the rivalry of great museums have made so good a market. Some tales would make the thrifty weep at bargains too soon let go, just as the same examples of enticing opportunities arose in others the cupidities which profits through the exploits of the various Thomases.

A widely reputed Paris antiquary, the son of an antiquary, draws eloquent lessons from his father's books and memoranda. In 1830 his father, already known as Pere X., as his son is also called familiarly today, kept a shop of antiquities and of various art works, and among his patrons was a savant of noble family, who liked to visit Pere X more often on a friendly basis than as a customer.

"For," he used to say, "your shop is the shop of the thousand francs." "The thousand francs!" exclaims the present Pere X. "It is a phrase worth remembering indeed."

A thousand francs then was a maximum price for a work of art, appearing exorbitant. Today for a thousand francs you can't find anything worth while.

Pere X, the younger, became reminiscent.

"I've known some collectors of a very original life," he remarked. "One was a provincial superintendent of works, who devoted every moment of his leisure to nosing in the old quarters of his city and among houses where the poor lived, and he succeeded in this way in buying some objects of very rare character at absurdly low prices."

"He was not versed in archaeology, but he had the eye. In our art it is necessary to have the eye. It is a gift; one has it or one has it not, it can scarcely be acquired."

"This supervisor of works came eventually to Paris, at a venture opened a store below Montmartre and in twenty years had amassed wealth and a notable collection also."

"Take Sauvageot, who left his collection to the Louvre, where we all admire it now. He was a clerk in the civil service, who used at night to play the violin in a concert hall here in Paris."

"He had only modest means to purchase the fine things which today have their place in the National Museum. But then he had luck, as he bought for a hundred francs a statue, which is today valued at \$9,000."

But listen to this story of Baron Ambazac, and not once has it been mentioned here latterly during all the talk about Thomas's taking the place of Ambazac to England! In the world is losing its touch. Baron Pichon came into possession of the sum of 10,000 francs of

a golden pyx of rare workmanship. The gold in it alone would melt down for 6,000 francs.

"The pyx had been especially made and presented by a pious benefactor of the church to a Spanish religious order, but with the condition that the order never part with it. However, the Order probably had need of money. At any rate the pyx was offered to the Louvre before it came to the notice of Baron Pichon. And the Louvre spurned it!"

"Well, after Baron Pichon bought it it was sent to England, and later went to a London museum at a price of 200,000 francs. Heirs of the original donor tried to force Baron Pichon by law to return the pyx to the Spanish Order, but the Baron won the case."

"One day I met on the Boulevard one of my friends, who is part of the administration of our fine arts department, and I asked him if it was true that the pyx had been offered to the Louvre. He looked foolish and said yes."

"Hah! You deserve to be flogged!" I cried at him."

But from those accounts of the true works of art which traverse the market of the antiquaries and of the gentlemen dealers, the talk passes to the forgeries of all kinds which not only stuff the collections of the amateurs, but find their way into the great museums and even dot the modest acquisition of the occasional buyer.

There are, as is well known, not only the great houses, where reproductions are openly made, but hidden chambers, where the fabrication of false antiques is industriously carried on, and whence the resultant work is carried surreptitiously and planted for the future education of the innocent as well as the liberal remuneration of the workman.

An interesting example of the care and pains which these quiet swindlers take to land their fabrications where generous prices are likely to reward their cleverness and their ingenuity is told by Pere X. One of Pere X's friends, on whom he was calling one recent evening, asked the antiquary to look at some veritable finds which the host was most proud to display.

The finds were of copper and of carved wood, excellently worked. They had an ancient aspect, but they were, as Pere X promptly told his friend, altogether modern. The host declared it impossible, until Pere X proved it to him.

Heart-broken, he then exclaimed: "Why, I found those in Brittany, in the homes of peasants and others, from whom I bought them myself, and the owners were cherishing them as having been in their families many years—yes, through generations."

Pere X and the saddened, but wiser, Paris amateur made an investigation. They found that these false antiques were being made by the dozen in a small room, near the Place de la Nation, here in Paris, and that the swindlers then distributed them over those regions of Brittany, where the wealthy and fashionable Parisians go during the summers.

The false antiques were judiciously scattered among the homes of the natives, who were promised, and paid, you may be sure, liberal commissions on the high prices they were informed would readily be paid for these objects by the moneyed visitors of the summer time. The natives soon found this a lucrative industry, which involved little labor, and were glad to further it; natives, whose home lands are invaded in the summer by urbanites, being much the same the world over and looking upon the summer visitor chiefly as good to be plucked.

## XMAS HOLIDAY RATES.

Account Xmas holidays the Southern Railway announces special excursion rates of one and one-third first-class oneway fare plus 25 cents for the round-trip to all points south of the Ohio and Potomac and east of the Mississippi river, including Washington, D. C., and Cincinnati. Tickets will be on sale December 20th to 25th, inclusive; December 30th to 31st, 1907, and January 1st, 1908, with limit good to leave destination not later than midnight January 6th, 1908.

Apply to the nearest agent of the Southern Railway or address J. C. Lusk, Division Passenger Agent, Charleston, S. C.

## January a Home Sewing Number.

When Christmas is safely out of the way for another eleven months, every woman is justified in turning her attention to her own needs, and especially to the practical side of her own wardrobe. January is the best month for home sewing and especially appropriate to the white month is

the making of underwear. Every woman likes to know the latest innovations in dainty lingerie, and she will find a great deal of useful information in our regular fashion article which is devoted entirely to this subject this month. A new and practical device for the sewing-corner is illustrated and described, and there are many helpful suggestions for the home seamstress. The needlework department offers many pretty novelties, and the glove question as well as good taste in handkerchiefs is also discussed. "Dressing a Baby Doll" will help many a reader in time for Christmas, as the January magazine reaches you ten days before the great festival.

## NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will make a final settlement of the estate of W. B. Oxner, deceased, before the probate judge, at Newberry, on the 28th day of December, 1907, at 11 o'clock a. m., and will immediately thereafter apply for letters dismisyory as such executor. All parties having claims against the estate will send them, duly attested, to myself, or my attorneys, Messrs. Blease & Dominick, on or before said date. All parties indebted to the estate will make payment in like manner.

Annie P. Oxner, Executrix estate of W. B. Oxner, deceased.

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Loans and discounts	- - - -	\$406,831 16
Overdrafts	- - - -	5,653 08
Furniture and fixtures	- - - -	3,116 93
Cash and sight exchange	- - - -	42,172 36
		<b>\$457,773 53</b>

## LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock	- - - -	\$ 50,000 00
Undivided profits (less expenses paid)	- - - -	49,484 84
Dividends (unpaid)	- - - -	1,030 00
Cashier's checks	- - - -	103 88
Due Banks	- - - -	858 38
Bills payable	- - - -	20,000 00
Individual deposits	- - - -	336,296 43
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