

The Herald and News

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PRACTICALLY TOGETHER.

The Newberry Observer states that it has "urged, on various occasions while the legislature was in session, that the privilege tax ought to be turned into the State treasury and that the appropriations to Clemson college should be made directly—this because the privilege tax is a variable quantity, and an appropriation ought to be a definite sum." The Observer further states that it has "a well-established reputation as a stickler for economy in public affairs." Further, says the Observer, "we don't think Mr. Aull and the Observer are very far apart on appropriations this time, the only point of difference being that we favored the appropriation for an additional dormitory at Winthrop while he moved to strike that item out of the appropriations."

The Observer, however, says that it was not two years ago that it took this position in reference to the privilege tax and to big appropriations, but during the legislative sessions. We may have been mistaken as to the exact time. That is immaterial, however. The Observer admits that it did take this position, and in regard to this matter there is no further controversy between us.

The Observer does not specify what candidates its editorial utterances have been directed against, because, it says, it was not intended that its remarks should be applied to Newberry county alone. "To which may be added," says the Observer, "that The Herald and News has not stated who its favorites are for the legislature. Why should we?"

In answer to this, it may be stated that The Herald and News has not made veiled insinuations against any of the candidates. What The Herald and News has to say it says openly. Had we gone into the county campaign editorially, we would have stated our "favorites."

As to editorial "broad-sides," we have simply discussed what the Observer has said, as we believed we had a right to do. No editorial "broad-sides" have been directed against the Observer.

Except as to the time when the Observer took the position to which we called attention, however, we are practically together, and, as the matter appears to us now, so far as we are concerned, the incident is closed.

THE COLUMBIA STATE AND NEWBERRY.

The Columbia State delivers each morning vitriol from a small-bore gun. While the calibre is small, the stream is unceasing. We have long since learned to rate at their worth and, therefore, to regard with composure the broadsides which the State has been in the habit of delivering since February 18, 1891. There is always a great deal of smoke and noise, but the damage is small. For instance, it is extremely seldom that the Columbia State carries Richland county or the city of Columbia. We believe in a recent mayoralty campaign one of the State's candidates was elected, much to the surprise of himself, no doubt.

But, even with this experience, we were surprised that the Columbia State should, though in desperate straits, manufacture certain statements which appeared in its editorial columns yesterday morning. Not content with attacking Mr. Blease, candidate for governor, the Columbia State has attacked the people of Newberry county as a people.

Says the Columbia State, in apology for the vote which Blease has received in Newberry in his previous campaign:

"There are a great many in Newberry county who are not informed on public matters, who do not read daily papers, and who will not read county papers that do not cater to their prejudices. Such are the prey of the demagogues; they vote ignorantly."

It is not our intention to discuss in this connection the candidacy of Mr. Blease nor to seek to defend him from the attacks of the Columbia State. We do resent, however, the assertion that the people of Newberry county are ignorant. The insinuation which the State makes against The Herald and News we shall treat with the contempt which it deserves. But the State has gone a little too far, even for the State, when it intimates and practically says that a ma-

ajority of the people of Newberry county are ignorant and have been controlled in the past and are now controlled by questionable influences.

There is one word in the English language which we have ever disliked to use, and which we have only uttered on occasions when the provocation was extremely great. It is not a pretty word. It fits the case in hand, however, and is, in fact, the only word in our vocabulary which does fit the case in hand. We desire to say that, in our opinion, the charge of the Columbia State to which we have referred is dirty. And the Columbia State knows it.

As we have stated, as to the insinuation against The Herald and News, we have nothing to say. We consider it unworthy of notice at our hands, and would not have referred to it at all, had we not desired to call attention to other parts of the State's editorial.

A correspondent of the Columbia State says that he has received a copy of The Herald and News, and on the margin he found written a reference to the Odd Fellows. No paper has been sent out from this office on which there was written any reference to any secret order. We desire that this shall be distinctly understood. Possibly since the State has printed the card in question it will print this reply. Possibly it will not. We do not care one way or the other.

AS TO THE FLORENCE TIMES.

The Florence Times is dubious about accepting The Herald and News as reliable, and with glee born of malice the Columbia State copies what the Florence Times has to say, denouncing it of sufficient importance to go under a double head, instead of placing it under the usual and now famous "Press Comment." We do not care to become involved in a controversy with the Florence Times. We desire to say, however, that the opinion of the Florence Times one way or the other matters very little to us. The Times is evidently angry because in the issue of The Herald and News to which it refers there appeared a quotation from the Times. We defy the Times to point out one word wherein that quotation differed from the article as it appeared in the Times. We defy the Times to point out one line in that issue of The Herald and News which is not absolutely true. Is the Times suffering because its words have been quoted? Surely the Times will not charge that the Times is not reliable. It would seem that the truth, even though told by the Times, is hurting, and hurting sorely. From even the narrowest and the bitterest the truth will sometimes escape. The Times should watch itself more closely.

The race riot in Springfield, Ill., has quieted down considerably, and is regarded now as being under control. We venture the prediction that the editorial criticisms which it would have called forth from the Northern press, had the riot occurred in the South, will not be forthcoming.

How to Recognize Cases of Rabies.

Hydrophobia is in reality so rare and so terrifying that its symptoms and treatment are little understood. As a matter of fact, the commonly accepted expression of address in a dog is often misleading. The real mad dog does not shun water, as it is said. On the contrary, mad dogs often rush to water and drink eagerly, if they are able to swallow. The mad dog does not froth at the mouth. It does not run amuck, snapping at everything in its path. What, then, are the indications of the mad dog? To those familiar with a given dog the surest symptom and one which should excite closest attention, is a distinct and unaccountable change in the dog's disposition—a staid dog becoming excitable and a frisky one dull. That condition does not necessarily mean rabies, but it is suspicious, and if, in addition, the dog has trouble in swallowing as though it seemed to have a bone in its throat—beware. That dog should be instantly tied up, because if it is rabies it takes but a day or two for ferocious instincts to develop. The unmistakable evidence, however, of a dog with rabies is the sticky, whitish saliva which covers the teeth and shows on the drawn lip. The eyes glare and are red; the dog has paroxysms of running fury, during which he barks hoarsely, which alternate with periods of temporary exhaustion.—Caster Whitney, in Outing.

"One-half the world doesn't know how the other half lives," declared a notorious lady gossip. "That isn't your fault," quietly observed one of her auditors.

"Answering Another Inquiry."

Newberry Observer. The editor of the Observer is not running for any office. Why then should our local contemporary persist in jumping on him? Not content with editorial broadsides, he takes up a portion of his time on the stump to pay his respects to us. Why?

A week or so ago we remarked, quite innocently, that a legislative candidate before the people for reelection and crying out against high appropriations ought to be able to show that he made some special and earnest efforts on the floor of the legislature to keep down the appropriations, and if he did not succeed in these efforts he ought to be able to give his constituents some reasonable assurance that he would have more influence if sent back.

Speaking in a general way of the state and tiresome talk of "extravagance" and "high appropriations," and considering how real live issues, like good roads and the liquor question, are ignored, we believe the position stated by us is the correct one. It is the same way all over the State, so far as the speeches are reported, and it was never intended that our remarks should be applied to Newberry county alone.

This is a sufficient answer to our contemporary's last inquiry as to what particular candidates the Observer's utterances are directed against. To which may be added, that The Herald and News has not stated who its favorites are for the legislature. Why should we?

We would stop here but for an error or two in Mr. Aull's speech at Jalapa, as reported in his paper, which we wish to correct. Mr. Aull is reported as saying, referring to the Observer:

"Two years ago this newspaper talked about big appropriations to State institutions, and if I had his files I could show you where he has taken the position that the privilege tax ought to be put into the State treasury, and we could not only support Clemson but all the State institutions with it."

Mr. Aull is certainly mistaken. We have looked carefully over our files of two years ago, from the beginning of the campaign until the end, and do not find a line on the subject of "big appropriations to State institutions," not a line about the "privilege tax." We have urged, on various occasions while the legislature was in session, that the privilege tax ought to be turned into the State treasury and that the appropriations to Clemson college should be made directly—this because the privilege tax is a variable quantity, and an appropriation ought to be a definite sum. Our readers remember, no doubt, the humorous cartoon made for us by Charlie David of Greenville, representing Clemson as a great gawky lad, eating away on a great apple, and a dainty little girl standing by and asking for a piece, and being refused—illustrating the idea that Clemson ought to divide with Winthrop.

But there was not a word of any of this in the Observer during the campaign two years ago. We were too intent then on what was the real issue of that campaign—and is the chief issue of this campaign, also, if the people only knew it—the dispensary issue. That is absolutely, so far as a hasty examination of our files

shows, the only issue the Observer discussed "two years ago." Mr. Aull is welcome to a copy of our files to show if he can what he thinks he could show. As to his statement that the Observer claimed that the privilege tax "would not only support Clemson, but all the State institutions with it"—we have never entertained any such idea, and of course have never said anything of the kind.

The Observer has a well-established reputation as a stickler for economy in public affairs; even our enemies would admit that—we use the word "enemies" here in the politician's sense, meaning all persons who do not agree with us in politics and all who do not vote for us—or would not if we were running for office. However, we don't think Mr. Aull and the Observer are very far apart on appropriations this time, the only point of difference being that we favored the appropriation for an additional dormitory at Winthrop while he moved to strike that item out of the appropriations.

We believe we have covered the ground embraced in The Herald and News' last inquiry, as well as the criticisms made by Mr. Aull in his Jalapa speech.

THE NORMAN FARMER.

He Carries His Top Soil With Him When He Moves.

The modern farmer was applying electrical massage to a cart horse's strained knee. During the intervals of rest he talked farm talk.

"There are tenants," he said, "who, when they move, carry their farms with them as the tortoise does his house. These people are the Norman French, the world's best farmers. Where you or I would require twenty or thirty acres of land to keep one family, the French farmer will keep his family on a quarter of an acre. If he chose to cultivate twenty or thirty acres he would become a millionaire. His secret lies in the perfection to which he brings his top soil. What with fertilizing and watering and clearing, his topsoil is the blackest, finest, richest soil on earth. His top soil is to the French farmer what her voice is to a prima donna. And when he rents he contracts that on the termination of his lease he may carry off eighteen inches of the top soil with him.

"When you see a French farmer moving, one small cart carries his household goods, and in seven or eight enormous drays his top soil lurches on behind."—New York Press.

Though wrong may win, its victory is brief.—Leonard.

NOTICE OF MEETING OF DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

In accordance with the rules of the Democratic party, the county Democratic executive committee for Newberry county will assemble in the old court house at Newberry, S. C., on Thursday, Aug. 27, 1908, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of tabulating the returns and declaring the results of the primary election.

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