

STATE CAMPAIGN.

The Progress of the Candidates Are Making in the Canvass.

GETTING LESS PERSONAL.

Patterson's Charges Against Gov McSweeney Fall Flat. What the Other Candidates Have to Say.

Since our last report the candidates have visited the counties of Dorchester, Charleston, Colleton, Beaufort, Hampton, Barwell and Bamberg, in each of which they were cordially received and given a patient hearing. The speeches made at all the above places were substantially the same as published last week. At Walterboro Mr. Patterson took a hard primary to see how many supporters he had in the crowd of three hundred. About thirty hands were raised, which must have satisfied him as he did not ask for the negative side of the question.

At Beaufort, Capers said McMahan was an imperialist, in that he wanted to appoint county superintendents and faculties of the county normals; also that State summer school faculty are northern teachers.

McMahan replied that there was a movement to take elections of county superintendents out of the hands of the people in order that "jockey" politicians could not keep out trained and expert teachers. This would not affect election superintendents now in office.

W. D. Evans rendered an account of his stewardship. He had served six years. A fellow in the gallery had objected to a marriage because he wanted the "gal" himself. That was the way with his opponents.

Col. Wharton referred to Beaufort's record in overcoming large majorities. "Let them move hell if they want, but don't let them move the dry dock," he said, in paraphrasing another candidate's joke.

B. B. Evans said that Beaufort's harbor is useless as a point of shipment, as the town is bottled up by the Coast Line. He renewed his charge that W. D. Evans had written to Lucas, president of the Laurens mill, that he was not responsible to the legislature but to the people. He had the applause.

The gubernatorial revenue cutters then got under headway, chasing blind tigers. McSweeney was well received. He had visited in Beaufort county and had always stuck by Beaufort in her trials. His speech was about the same as at Charleston. He made an appeal against Lynch law. He would have had the notorious scoundrel Thomas tried and hanged long ago, and he decried delays in court in such heinous crimes. He advocated an improved arsenal for the Beaufort artillery. (Cheers.) He denied any of his opponents to have one single word against his official record.

Col. Hoyt told his record since 1876, through 1890 and down to the present day as a servant of the Democratic party, without asking for office. He had been one of those to petition for the prohibition election in 1892 which led up to the dispensary law. He opposed high license as he opposed the dispensary (Cheers.) There is now ten times as much liquor drunk in Greenville county outside of the city as under prohibition. The blind tigers buy liquor from the dispensary. The demoralization of upper Carolina is forty times as great as under alcohol.

Mr. Patterson without much preliminaries began to discuss the issues in the campaign. He made the dispensary the main topic and defended it as he did at Orangeburg. Col. Hoyt had asked him did nine tenths of the Baptists of the State drink liquor, and Patterson in the course of remarks said that a lot of them do and if all the Baptists who drink liquor be turned out there would not be many left in that church. He wanted to know if it were worse for him, vice president of the Baptist convention, to advocate dispensary than to advocate coalition between prohibition and high license as he did in an editorial last fall.

Patterson said that he charged McSweeney and covering it up with local matters. When he said there were only four constables in Charleston some fellow said that was too many (Cheers.) Patterson showed that 20 persons in Beaufort use revenue licenses. This is evidence of violation of the dispensary law. His speech was very nearly the original, but the sensational parts were left out and it was better therefore.

Mr. Gary made a speech along the usual lines. Yesterday Col. Hoyt had charged that he, Gary, had not voted for the Robinson liquor option bill. He did not recall the purport of that bill which is almost identical with his platform. Gary's applause was next that of McSweeney.

The candidates for lieutenant governor then took the stump. About 15 voters and the negro band were left for them to talk to and it was nearly midnight when Capt. Jennings pronounced the benediction.

The campaigners organized in order to allot the time for speaking at the several points to be visited. Col. Hoyt was selected as chairman and Ellison Capers secretary. The candidates are never quite satisfied with allotment of time.

Hampton County had her campaign meeting Tuesday. Governor McSweeney gave a cordial welcome to the candidates to the homes of Hampton. He made no speech, but simply asked the people to take him on his record.

Col. Hoyt was greeted with hand-clapping. A number of ladies in the audience were supplied with beautiful bouquets and this evidently inspired Col. Hoyt, for he made a very earnest speech and, as was suspected, he was the favored of the fair sex.

In regard to his editorial of last winter, in which he had advocated the dispensary, he said that he had agreed to it on account of the Legislature. He had done so that there might be a repeal of

the dispensary followed by prohibition. Mr. South Carolina and his pre-eminence ability have not commended him to the people? Patterson has written a scorching prohibition and dispensary, which he is scattering broadcast over the State. He then denied Patterson's written statement that the Bible preaches temperance, not prohibition. He concluded by appealing for the settlement of the liquor question this year.

Mr. Gary said that when he saw Col. Hoyt getting so many flowers he was felled to say: "That's right, bring on the flowers, for we have buried him." He had buried Col. Hoyt politically. If elected he would show the same impartiality which he had done in the Speaker's chair. His friends knew that he had never been a usurper. They knew too, that he was a true friend of the dispensary law. He then explained his local option position—to let the several counties vote between dispensary and prohibition. A Governor hostile to the dispensary law could paralyze by vetoing that it is not enforced, and if Col. Hoyt be elected, which is impossible, affairs would be mixed up unless he had a prohibition Legislature behind him. He warned the dispensary people that Col. Hoyt was a coalition candidate.

Col. Patterson closed the meeting. He refused to be confined to thirty minutes, and exchanged places with Gary, speaking last and consuming unlimited time. This county adjoins his own, but he was received slyly. His opening was identical with his other speeches and he developed few new matters. He continued his charges against Governor McSweeney for dilatory policy in connection with the Charleston Custom House.

THE BARNWELL MEETING

The campaigners were at Barnwell on Friday. This was the largest attended and most representative gathering of the campaign. The opera house was packed. The day was cloudy and farmers came into town. There were quite a number of ladies present. The correspondent of The State says: "Mr. Patterson spoke with more spirit than at Hampton and other recent meetings, but it is evident he will not have a walkover here. One of his friends stated today that this county will be evenly divided between himself, Hoyt and McSweeney. The County Prohibition executive committee met this morning and decided that the offices of magistrate and master must go into the primary. Patterson is master, his commission expires July 12, and it appears that this action today is a thrust at Senator Aldrich and Patterson. The former was instrumental in Patterson's appointment, and now the latter cannot get the job back when he is defeated for governor. Aldrich has strong opposition for the senate."

The candidates for railroad commissioner had their inning, then come those who wanted to be lieutenant governor. These were followed by the candidates for Treasurer. Next came those who wanted to be comptroller general. The last to speak before the gubernatorial candidates was Mr. Ellison Capers, Jr., who wants to be Superintendent of Education. Mr. McMahan was absent, but sent a letter.

Then came the candidates for governor. Walt Whitman's appearance was received as a joke. He jumped on McSweeney and Hoyt for their liquor views. He did not outlive his policy except he favors dispensary. During his speech there were cries of "Patterson." Walt shouted, "You had better holler for him, that's all the votes he'll bring down here." He replied: "The people of the Piedmont belt, who have the brains and the votes, which can't be said of you."

Voice—Where's your wheel?
Walt—There isn't room enough in your head to hold a wheel.
Continuing, he said that he was in the race to help Col. Hoyt along. "Gary ain't in it." (Laughter.) He then came to his old issue, the State colleges. Nobody had ever accused him of being a crank but a friend of State colleges. Senator Tillman had stood on the same platform, and nobody called him a crank.

Patterson was greeted with some cheering. At the conclusion of his speech he was presented with six bouquets. He began by saying "I am a native of the support of his neighbors. He made the Orangeburg speech with a few little changes. He stated that Hoyt had not denied his charge that prohibition Maine sold more whiskey illicitly than does South Carolina through the dispensary. He didn't know whether Col. Hoyt favored local option or prohibition. He had a written statement regarding the dispute about Christ's sanctioning the use of wine. The statement is too long to telegraph. He asked McSweeney if he favored the dispensary law.

McSweeney—Read my last message to the legislature.
Patterson—Answer my question.
McSweeney—Yes, I am in favor of it and I have enforced it better than any other governor. (Cheers and counter cheers.)

Patterson—Is Charleston in favor of the dispensary?
McSweeney—Go ask Charleston.
The question was repeated with the same answer.

Patterson—Will Charleston support you?
McSweeney declined to notice this question.

Some one in the crowd yelled "Yes, because they favor blind tigers."
He again referred to the custom house affair in which \$1,000 worth of liquor was dumped into the harbor and all the fish made drunk. In Beaufort McSweeney did not mention the dispensary for Beaufort is against the dispensary. In regard to the Pons case Patterson said that he commended McSweeney for that, but the issue is the liquor law. He read his check paying The News and Courier \$45 for announcing his candidacy. He said that the comptroller general had written a letter saying that Governor Johnson Hagood had bought four papers out of his contingent fund. Patterson denied that Col. Aldrich wrote his speech, a charge which, by the way, was never made. He characterized it as a falsehood. The rumor around in several places was that Aldrich helped him write it.

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CHARLESTON BLIND TIGERS.

What is Being Done by the Police to Suppress Them.

Governor McSweeney received last week a report from Mayor Smyth, of Charleston, as to the work of the city police against the "tigers" alleged to exist in Charleston. The report is accompanied by the following letter from Mayor Smyth, of Charleston:

City of Charleston.
Executive Department, June 16, 1900.
To His Excellency, the Hon. M. B. McSweeney, Governor of South Carolina, Columbia, S. C.—Dear Sir: I herewith forward for your perusal copies of statement of cases submitted to the Court of General Sessions for Charleston county, which convenes on June 18, 1900, for violations of the dispensary law for three months, and also a letter to me from Chief of Police W. A. Boyle, explaining this statement. Please note that these cases are in addition to those submitted at the February term of court, and cover cases made out from February 20, 1900, to June 15, 1900. Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
John B. Adger Smyth, Mayor.

The other letter is that of Chief of Police Boyle, of Charleston. The list of cases that are to go before the June term of court, Charleston is gotten up in very neat shape. The index shows that thirty-nine alleged "tigers" have been dealt with and raided, or cases made out against them. The index shows that forty cases have been made and sent by the magistrates to the higher court. The witnesses in all of these cases are J. E. Dour and E. B. Hendrix. There are a great number of reports made of raids by the police force. Chief Boyle's letter, which states the exact status of the cases, reads:

Central Station, Office Chief of Police, Charleston, S. C., June 16, 1900.
Hon. J. Adger Smyth, Mayor, City.—Dear Sir: Accompanying this letter is a full report of the cases bound over for the Court of General Sessions which convenes Monday June 18, 1900, for the violations of the dispensary law, together with the additional evidence of raids and seizures made against the parties indicted. After an examination of the report and it meets with your approval I would ask that you have the same forwarded to His Excellency, Governor M. B. McSweeney, in order that he may see the work of this department on the dispensary law. Please call his attention to the fact that these cases have been made only for the June term of court, like cases being made for every term of court, and if the raids given to strengthen such cases date further back than three months, it doesn't follow that this is all the work the department has done for the time embraced during these raids. In other words, this is only a report for the June term of court. My annual report shows always what work is done by the department on this line for the preceding year.

Very respectfully,
W. A. Boyle, Chief of Police.

AN INTERESTING CASE

A Mob's Vengeance.

Wm. Woodward, of Seary County, Ark., who shot and killed his step daughter, Mrs. Laurena Thomas, was killed by a mob. After killing his step daughter by shooting her with a Winchester rifle, Woodward shot himself in the breast. The wound would probably have proved fatal but Woodward was still living when a mob of fifteen men entered his house and with clubs beat his head almost to a jelly. Life was extinct before the mob ceased beating him. The origin of the trouble was the arrest of Woodward on a warrant sworn out by Mrs. Thomas charging her step father with forcing her into improper relations with him. Woodward was tried and bound over to await the grand jury's action. When an officer started with him to the county jail at Marshall, Woodward made a break and escaped. He went quickly to his farm, secured a Winchester rifle, and going into the field where his step daughter was at work, fired two shots at her, both taking effect. The news about himself, after he had commanded his wife to kill him and declared he loved his step daughter and regretted that he had killed her.

Carpet-Baggers in Cuba.

A dispatch from Havana says it is probable that Etes G. Rathbone, the suspended director of posts, will be arrested within the next few days. The postal inspectors assert that they have evidence implicating him beyond any question. Mr. Rathbone's replies in the course of the examination Thursday before Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow, and the inspectors, were regarded as very unsatisfactory, more than establishing the suspicions that have been forced upon the investigators during the past few weeks, until proof has accumulated to such an extent as to compel them to look upon Mr. Rathbone as guilty. It is also understood that the authorities will ask for the extradition of the head of the printing firm at Manicue, which sent bills on bill heads other than those of the firm, bill heads of purely fictitious form. Tax defendants will be Neely, Rathbone, Reeves, Rich and the Manicue printer. Rich will be accepted as State's evidence.

A Bad Showing.

A traveling man with a gingery tongue thus delivered himself at the Kimball:

"Some time ago a gentleman friend of mine was walking along the streets of Manila with an educated Filipino who was a general drunken American's staggerer out of a saloon. He turned and pointed at them saying:

"There is the civilization that you are giving us. Before the war there was not a saloon in Manila. Now there are 416."

A Big Fire.

Five blocks of the best business buildings located in the heart of Bloomingville, were destroyed by fire which started at 12:30 o'clock Wednesday morning. The McLean county court house, valued at \$400,000, was completely gutted. The records were saved. Nearly 500 firms were burned out. It is estimated that the losses will foot up between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000. Two leading hotels, the Windsor and Phoenix, were burned, but all the guests escaped. The fire started in a laundry. Its cause is unknown.

Newberry College.

Newberry College closed one of its most successful years last week. The graduating class numbers eighteen as follows: J. E. Barre, Lexington; J. E. Boland, Little Mountain