

DEMOCRATS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE.

The Congressional Campaign Committee in Need of Funds for Use in Doubtful Districts.

Mr. Editor: The enclosed correspondence explains the need of aiding the Congressional committee. I hereby request the members of the County Executive Committee, the Legislative delegation, and all county officials to solicit contributions and to send them to Mr. H. L. B. Wells, Secretary and Treasurer, not later than the 15th instant.

E. W. Dabbs, County Chairman. Goodwill, S. C., Oct. 8, 1904.

Lexington, S. C., Oct. 5, 1904. Hon. E. W. Dabbs, Goodwill, S. C.

My dear Sir: I enclose you copies of letters from Hon. W. S. Cowherd, Chairman, Democratic Congressional Committee, and Hon. D. E. Finley, member of that committee from South Carolina. I concur in the statements therein made.

I take it that the head of the party machinery in each county should be entrusted with this undertaking, and hence I am addressing you.

I trust you will be successful in raising a nice collection, and this should be sent either to Hon. D. E. Finley, Yorkville, S. C., or Hon. W. S. Cowherd, Riggs House, Washington, D. C.

I hope my action in this matter will meet with your approval. Very truly, A. F. Lever.

Headquarters, Democratic Congressional Committee, Riggs House, Washington, D. C., Sept. 12, 1904. Hon. D. E. Finley, Yorkville, S. C.

Dear Finley: I want to put plainly before you the situation of affairs with reference to our fight for the next house. We have been endeavoring now, since the first of June to get in close touch as possible with the different districts of the country. I believe we know, fairly well, the situation, and feel confident in saying that in certain districts, we are at least on an equal footing with the republicans.

There remain about 50 doubtful districts in which the fight must be made. To carry on anything like an aggressive campaign in these districts, this committee must be supplied with funds to assist in organizing the districts and in making the fight.

I find great difficulty this year in the matter of raising funds for the Congressional campaign, owing to the fact that it is Presidential year, and naturally those individuals and interests that contribute liberally to political parties prefer to have their names appear on the books of the national committee.

For that reason, in the money centers, where political contributions are usually raised, it is practically impossible for the Congressional committee to obtain any assistance. I am told, however, that the national committee calls upon the south for very little aid.

In view of this fact and in view of the further fact that should the republicans carry both the Presidency and the House, the representation of the South would be reduced and it would forever lose its prestige in the councils of the Nation.

It seems to me that the south would be willing to render material aid to the Congressional Campaign. I wish you would take this matter up with prominent men of your State and see whether they can be induced to actively interest themselves in raising funds for the Congressional Campaign.

THE FALL FESTIVAL

Committee Fixing Prizes and Arranging the Programme.

The Executive committee of the Fall Festival met at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon at the office of H. F. Wilson, Esq. Present: R. F. Hansworth, President; H. F. Wilson, Vice President; E. I. Reardon, Secretary and the following chairmen of committees: W. W. McKagen, Abe Ryttenberg, G. E. Haynsworth, J. A. Schwerin, J. H. Levy, Dr. J. A. Mood, J. L. Alnutt, W. S. Graham, L. I. Parrott, A. B. Stuckey, D. J. Chandler, and Mayor Geo. W. Dick.

Minutes of October 8, 1904 were read. Mr. J. H. Levy moved that \$15 be appropriated as a prize for the best decorated double team and \$10 for the best decorated single team in the floral parade, which motion prevailed unanimously.

On motion of Maj. Wilson, Mr. J. H. Levy was elected Chairman of the floral parade committee. Mr. Levy immediately announced the names of the following gentlemen as members of the floral parade committee: J. M. Knight, Douglas China, C. L. Stubbs, J. H. Chandler, W. S. Jones, and Willie Bultman.

W. S. Graham reported firemen's tournament could be made a success if held on Thanksgiving day and that the committee was working hard to induce fire companies to come.

It was decided to have the great trades display on Wednesday night of festival week. Dr. J. A. Mood also desired automobile races held on Thanksgiving Day. He suggested the following program:

First, race steam cars, 1 mile dash; first prize, \$75. Second prize, \$25. Second race gasoline cars 8 horse powder and under 2 1/2 mile dash; first prize, \$200. Second prize, \$50.

Cupid race, 2 1/2 mile dash; run 1 1/2 miles, take lady in automobile and run 1 mile; first prize, \$100. Free for all race 2 1/2 miles dash; first prize, \$200.

Second prize, \$50. Not less than three entries to be made in any race. J. H. Levy, chairman trades display committee, said nearly every merchant in Sumter had promised to have floats in the trades display.

He reported that the electric light and telephone wires in some places, so low as to interfere with the parade and requested that City Council request the companies to put same up higher along the line of parade.

L. I. Parrott chairman fire works committee reported correspondence with firework's firms. Chairman J. A. Schwerin of free street attractions, asked that an appropriation for free street shows be increased from \$350 to \$500.

Cheairman Abe Ryttenberg of advertising committee said he was waiting on appropriations and prizes to be settled; and 3,000 fall festival buttons purchased for free distribution to the State Fair.

G. E. Haynsworth for foot ball committee, reported efforts to get the A. & M. of North Carolina and Clemson of South Carolina teams. He requested that his appropriation be increased to \$200 which was done.

On motion of J. L. Alnutt the fall festival committee will confine its responsibility for foot ball expenses to the appropriation of \$200 and that it be understood that the foot ball game is not a free attraction but that the teams and a committee are authorized to charge an admission fee.

Mr. J. L. Alnutt for transportation committee reported correspondence with railroads, for reduced passenger and freight rates, and subscriptions for Fall Festival and had requested railroads to issue passes for four men to travel and advertise fall festival.

Messrs. C. G. Rowland and J. T. China were appointed members of the transportation committee. D. J. Chandler chairman of decoration committee requested \$15 for first prize decorated residence and \$10 for second prize decorated residence and \$25 for the best decorated store.

Total \$50 prizes for decorations. Appropriations for the various committees were discussed but it was decided to await further report of the general finance committee before completing appropriations and prizes.

Mr. W. W. McKagen was elected official collector for all subscriptions to the Fall Festival fund and was requested to begin work at once. On motion of Dr. J. A. Mood the committee proceeded to fix the date for the various attractions on the program.

On motion of Mr. Schwerin a committee of five was appointed to arrange the program and dates for the various attractions. The committee's decision to be final. The chairman appointed on the program committee Dr. J. A. Mood, chairman, Abe Ryttenberg, J. H. Levy, D. J. Chandler and A. B. Stuckey.

On motion of J. A. Schwerin the president was instructed to appoint a committee on Queen of the Festival voting contest. Maj. H. F. Wilson read the following dates for the various attractions as suggested by Mr. Abe Ryttenberg, which was referred to the program committee:

Tuesday, Nov. 22, floral parade and other parades, live stock show, horse tournament and various street attractions. Wednesday, Nov. 23, military prize drill, grand trades display, free street attractions.

Thursday, Nov. 24, automobile races, firemen's tournament, foot ball games, free street attractions. Friday, Nov. 25, awarding of prizes, fireworks, free street attractions and other amusements.

This is only a partial list of the various attractions. President Raynsworth stated that he had written the chairman of the Charleston fall festival requesting them to change their fall festival date so as not to conflict with the dates of the Sumter festival, but had never received a reply to his communication.

BATTLE OF MUKDEN HAS BEGUN.

London Papers Have Received Confirmation of Reports of Beginning of Battle.

London, Oct. 8.—Several papers this morning received reports that the battle at Mukden has begun. The reports have received some confirmation, but nothing is yet official.

Japs Captured Russian Merchant Ships.

Rome, Oct. 8.—The newspaper Giornale Di Roma reports that Admiral Kamimura's squadron while cruising off Vladivostok, Thursday, captured several Russian merchantmen.

London, Oct. 8.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company wires that the Czar will today bid good bye to the Baltic fleet, which will start for the east at once.

Rome, Oct. 10.—The Giornale di Roma has a dispatch from St. Petersburg estimating that the Russian casualties in the campaign so far have been 83,000 killed, wounded and taken prisoners.

At Port Arthur and on the Liao Tung Peninsula, the paper says the losses have been fifteen thousand, against first Japanese army ten thousand. Kaimagn Tacchikao and Haicheng six thousand, at Liao Yang twenty thousand, in addition to which 2,000 sailors have been drowned and forty thousand sailors and soldiers taken prisoners.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 10.—A dispatch from Mukden says the Japanese are falling back on Liao Yang, which the Russian's will in the end attack.

Rome, Oct. 10.—The newspaper Mattines asserts that Port Arthur is in far better condition than late report, indicated.

There are at the port, says this paper, ample stores to keep the garrisons, which now comprises 23,000 soldiers and 16,000 sailors, for twelve months.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 10.—Lieutenant General Sakharoff in a dispatch this morning confirms the press reports of the occupation of Benaipudse by the Russians and of the beginning of an advance against the Japanese by the Russian's under General Kuropatkin.

The Japanese retreated from Benaipudse after a skirmish. Mukden, Oct. 10.—An artillery battle occurred Sunday, continuing throughout the day. The Russian center and left were engaged. The Japanese retreated everywhere, pressed by the Russians.

Turning of the Tide.

London, Oct. 11.—Europe today has curiously divergent views of the announced advance of Gen. Kuropatkin from Mukden. The Russian's opponents say the move is but a bluff in order to forestall the impending Japanese advance; on the other hand there is a noteworthy growth of opinion that the world is about to see the turning of the scale and that from this on Russia will be a general winner as the Japanese have been heretofore.

British military experts point out that now for the first time since crossing the Yalu Gen. Kuropatkin is contemplating a battle without the possibility of defeat or annihilation. Nothing definite, however, is known as to the magnitude the Russian success so far, and the pro-Japanese element cling to the belief that Marshall Oyama is merely luring the Russians on to disaster.

Russians Outnumber Japanese.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 11.—The General Staff reports that the Russian front about Mukden is now contracted to thirty versts in length. The Russian forces exceed the Japanese by 25,000 men they say.

Skirmishing in Close Quarters.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 11.—General Kuropatkin reports that the Russian vanguard is now in contact with the Japanese who are within gunshot. The scouts are skirmishing along the entire line.

Successful Sortie at Port Arthur.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 11.—The Russian forces at Port Arthur made a sortie on Oct. 6th and reoccupied the heights overlooking Tapka bay which had previously been captured by the Japanese.

Battle of Mukden Being Fought.

London, Oct. 11, 4 p. m.—A dispatch from Tokio this evening reports that the Japanese gunboat Heyen struck a mine near Port Arthur Sept. 18th and sank. Only four of the crew were saved. Another dispatch from Tokio says that a general engagement was in progress near Mukden today.

Lexington, Ky. Oct. 10.—It is announced that E. E. Smathers, the well known turfman has consigned his entire bunch of trotters to the November sales of the Fasig-Pipton company at Madison Square Garden, New York.

This decision means that Smathers is practically quitting the light harness sport. In the list of those to be sold will be Major Delmar, the world's champion trotting gelding.

Really star aerial performances possess the most thrilling interest for everybody, and in this branch of arena art the combined great Forepaugh and Sells Brothers circuses are pre-eminently strong. They present an unparalleled number of the greatest and most venturesome and original male and female mid-air trapeze, horizontal bar, floating ring, invisible wire and funambulist experts, in the strangest and most startling and stupendous flights, dives, evolutions, catches and combinations. They give the town plenty to talk about as will be shown here on October 26.

It turns out that the report of the death of George Shaw, from the effects of a blow on the head which was inflicted by Jethro Conyers, was a fake. Shaw is still alive, and, if the latest report is to be believed, is in no immediate danger of death.

CONTEMPT OF COURT.

Supervisor Durant of Lee County Must Show Cause Why He Should Not be Ruled for Contempt.

The suit against the Lee county officials to compel them to pay over the money due Sumter county has taken another turn. County Supervisor Durant having failed to pay over the money as directed by Judge Purdy in his order issued as the result of the mandamus proceedings instituted by County Attorney, L. D. Jennings, an order has been issued by Judge Purdy, on the motion of Mr. Jennings, requiring Supervisor Durant to show cause on Saturday why he should not be ruled for contempt of court.

J. T. Hay, Esq., of Camden who represents Supervisor Durant of Lee county has given notice of appeal from the order of Judge Purdy requiring Mr. Durant to pay over the money due Sumter county and he claims that this notice of appeal serves as a stay and Supervisor Durant cannot be required to pay over the money until the appeal has been decided. Mr. Jennings on the other hand takes the ground that notice of appeal does not set aside the order issued by Judge Purdy pending the appeal, and that Supervisor Durant having failed to file a bond in the required form he is liable to be ruled for contempt of court for refusing to carry out the order of Judge Purdy.

DAILY MARKET REPORT.

Special by Ware & Leland's Private Wire.

Table with columns: NEW YORK COTTON, Jan, Feb, March, April, May, June, Oct, Nov, Dec. Columns include Open, High, Low, Close.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

Table with columns: WHEAT, CORN, OATS, PORK, LARD, RIBS. Columns include Opening, Closing.

The Columbia banks have formed a clearing house association. A savings bank with \$10,000 capital has been organized by negroes in Orangeburg.

THE PRIDE OF THE STATE.

A Little for Progressive Farmers—A Condensed Premium List of the State Fair.

In the field crop department three prizes are offered for all the principal products of the farm. The first prize is \$300; second, \$200; third, \$100; the products to be shown in bushel quantities. The list includes fifty varieties, which makes \$300 offered for the sample bushels; besides, \$35 are offered in two prizes for the largest yields of corn on five acres, and \$60 in two prizes for the largest yields of cotton on five acres.

The prizes in the horse department are large, most of them being \$20 for the first prize, \$10 for the second, and \$5 for the third. The classes embrace thoroughbred, standard bred, South Carolina raised, light draft, ponies double and single harness, and saddle, prizes for entries by ladies being offered in the last four classes. Prizes are offered for mules of all ages, halter led and in harness.

In the thoroughbred cattle department the prizes are as follows: Bull, three years and over, \$20, \$10, and \$5; bull, one to two years, \$7, \$5, and \$3; bull calf, under one year, \$7, \$5, and \$3; cows and heifers of same age receive same prizes as the bulls. The breeds included are Devons, Durhams or Short Horns, Red Polled, Herefords, Ayrshires, Jerseys, Guernseys, and Holstein-Friesians.

The grades include the same breeds, but no prizes are offered for male grades. The prizes for females are as follows: Cow, three years and over, \$12, \$8, and \$5; heifer, two to three years, same as for cow; heifer, one to two years, \$7, \$5, and \$3; heifer calf, under one year, \$6, \$4, and \$2.

Sixty-seven dollars for each breed are offered for all the standard breeds of sheep. One hundred and twenty dollars are offered for each of the following breeds of swine: Berkshire, Poland China, Jersey Duroc, O. I. C., Victoria, and \$45 in three prizes for the heaviest hog raised in this State, under one year old.

Nine dollars in prizes are offered for each of the 148 principal breeds of poultry, and most liberal prizes are given in household, fancy work, fine art and floral departments. Medals and diplomas are given in the agricultural implement, vehicle, mechanical, chemical, and manufacturer's departments.

All exhibitors should remember that the freight charges are paid on all these exhibits, free space or stalls furnished, and every accommodation possible given. The money value of the prize is often the least consideration of his product, the pleasure of having the best in the State of its kind, the pleasure of a friendly competition with his brother farmer, all outweigh the money consideration. At the same time the prize money pays more than the cost of exhibiting, and a week's stay in the capital of his State. Send for a complete list and ask as many questions as you wish. Secretary Love, at Columbia, will cheerfully comply with any request.

Harmony Presbytery.

This body met on the 4th instant at 8 p. m. in the Presbyterian Church in Manning, S. C. and was opened with a sermon by Rev. W. S. Porter of Summerton. Rev. W. J. McKay, D. D. was elected moderator, and Rev. J. C. Bailey Jr., temporary clerk. Most of the members were present and quite a number of the churches were represented by Ruling Elders. Dr. N. W. Edmunds and Elder H. E. McCallum representatives from Sumter church, and also the efficient Treasurer of Presbytery, Elder D. James Winn, were among those present.

There was preaching every day at 11.30 a. m., and 8 p. m., and all three days bountiful dinners were provided for not only the members of Presbytery but also for the large number of visitors present, by the kind ladies of the church.

President Smith of Davidson College gave an interesting address, showing the prosperous condition of that most excellent institution.

Rev. Carl Barth, the new evangelist of Presbytery, was received as one of its members, he preached and made a very favorable impression. Calls were presented to Rev. J. M. Grier, to become pastor of Brewington, New Harmony, Corinth and Richmond churches. They were accepted by him and arrangements were made for his installation over them.

Mr. Howerton was examined on his collegiate and theological studies, and on personal piety and his motives for seeking the ministry, and he preached a trial sermon. All the parts of his trial being sustained, he was ordained, and is soon to be installed pastor of several churches in Kershaw county.

Rev. W. A. Gregg asked for the dissolution of the pastoral relation between himself and the Bishopville church which he has served for 37 years, because of his feeble health. And Rev. W. W. Mills, D. D., made a similar request with reference to Camden church, where he has been pastor for a number of years—his health having failed.

Presbytery with sorrow granted their requests, and appointed a committee to write and express its sympathy, and affectionate regard for them. Conference, were held on Home and Foreign Missions, and interesting addresses were made on them.

A memorial of Rev. James E. Dunlop, who died last January, was presented by Rev. James McDowell. It was adopted and will be published in the minutes of Presbytery.

Hephzibah church was chosen as the place of meeting for next April. The entire meeting was pleasant and harmonious and we believe profitable to those who attended it.

Stateburg Items.

Stateburg, Oct. 11.—The weather is still perfect for the harvest and cotton is being gathered in as fast as the farmers can have it picked. It is still a hard matter to get it ginned.

Mr. and Mrs. Burchell Moore leave today for their home in Iowa, after a pleasant stay of ten days. The Messrs. Ross and Mr. Robert Wells of Clarendon county were the guests of Mr. W. J. Norris last week.

Mrs. Gordon Bradley and four sons, are visiting Mrs. G. M. Murray. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Smith of Columbia are visiting the family of Mr. Tyré Stuckey.

Miss Butler who has been visiting relatives in Columbia, returned on Monday. Mr. Harry Bull, of Sumter, spent Sunday at home. Mr. Wm. H. Barnwell arrived on Saturday and is with his son Rev. W. H. Barnwell.

Mrs. A. C. Butler is visiting her daughter Mrs. Pritchard Jenkins near Sumter. Mr. W. B. Nelson of Charleston was in Statesburg on Wednesday to attend the Nelson-McLeod wedding. He returned to Charleston on Friday accompanied by Mrs. W. B. Nelson and son.

Miss Annie M. Barnwell spent Sunday at home. Master Harrison Saunders spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives at Hagood.

Messrs. R. M. Cantey, Fren Mellette, H. G. Muldrow and Mrs. A. S. Plud and Misses Julia and Anna Burges spent Saturday in Sumter.

The Bishopville New Era, which was established a few weeks ago, with Mr. H. A. Moses, as editor, has discontinued publication.

Is Cotton Going Higher?

If you think so, have it stored and insured and bring your warehouse receipts to us and we will lend you money on them.

THE SUMTER SAVINGS BANK. Oct 12-4t

PERSONALLY CONDUCTED EXCURSION.

World's Fair, St. Louis, via Southern Railway, October 18, 1904.

The Southern Railway will operate a personally conducted excursion to St. Louis (World's Fair). Special train consisting of coaches and Pullman cars will leave Columbia, S. C., Tuesday, October 18th, 1904 at 7 o'clock a. m., and arrive in St. Louis 4.50 p. m., next day, going via Newberry, Greenwood, Anderson, Atlanta and Chattanooga.

This train will be in charge of our most polite and experienced Passenger Agents, who will look especially after ladies and children traveling alone. This train will be a solid through train, and upon application in advance, we will reserve for each passenger one whole seat, also accommodations and board will be engaged in St. Louis, by giving notice in advance, as to what rate desired, length of stay in St. Louis, etc.

For full information as to rates, schedules, etc., apply, R. W. Hunt, Division Passenger Agent, Charleston, S. C.

Dispensary Sales.

Saturday was a busy day in this city and a number of the stores broke all previous records for cash sales in one day. The dispensary did not break all records, but the sales exceeding that of any single day here fore, except during Christmas week last year and year before last. The total sales Saturday were \$1,234.90. Of this amount Dispenser Windham estimates that the negroes paid in fully 80 to 90 per cent, and that at least 75 per cent of the liquor sold was of the cheapest grade. The gross sales during the month of September were \$2,133 in excess of the sales for the corresponding month last year. The net profits for September were \$2,109.32.

Washington, Oct. 11.—The Comptroller of the Currency has been advised by the President of the National Bank of Claysville, Pa., that he closed the doors of the bank this morning in consequence of a run yesterday.

London, Oct. 11.—Lady Curzon has had a slight setback in her progress, toward recovery. The following bulletin was issued from Walmer Castle this morning. "Lady Curzon passed a fair night, but is not so well this morning."

Grafton, W. Va., Oct. 11.—The condition of Bishop Chas. H. Fowler, the veteran prelate of the M. E. Church was much improved today and it is stated by the physicians in attendance that not only will he recover but that he will be able to resume his church work in a few days. The Bishop has been suffering several days from exhaustion and it was reported that he could not recover.

The County Democratic Executive Committee.

THE Executive Committee is hereby called to meet in the Court House, at 11 o'clock on Tuesday, Oct. 8th. Matters of importance will be brought before it and a full attendance is desired.

By order of the Chairman, H. L. B. WELLS, Sec. and Treas. Herald and Freeman please copy. Oct 12

EXCESS COTTON BAGGING.

Sumter, S. C. Oct 7, 1904 To the Public Cotton Weighers: Inasmuch as we have been notified by Exporters and Mills, that all cotton hereafter wrapped in bagging in excess of six yards to the bale, will be docked fifty cents per bale, we, the undersigned cotton buyers, request that you make a note on the weighing slip of all cotton so wrapped, as we are forced to dock the cotton.

O'DONNELL & CO. HARBY & CO. LEVI BROS. C. F. McFADDEN. DUCKER & BULTMAN. J. RYTTERBERG & SONS, B. J. BARNETT, F. C. HYMAN. A. A. STRAUSS & CO., SUMTER BANKING & MERCANTILE CO. Oct 12



A Revolution

In Matting is observable in this establishment, for this reason. Some people don't like matting because, they say, "There's so little pattern to it." Greater mistake never was. May apply to some mattings—not to the Japanese varieties we offer. Why, they're almost exact duplications of the most highly prized carpet and tapestry weaves. See our mattings and judge for yourself.

R. H. Bigham

112 and 114 S. Main St.