

AFTER LATIMER'S SCALP.

Agreement Said to Have Been Reached to Eliminate Certain Candidates So as to Reduce the Number of Opponents—Possibility that Only One Will Finally Be in the Running.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Though Washington has been off the map the adjournment of Congress for the holidays and few men of prominence have been here, some interesting gossip has been afloat concerning the election of a successor to Senator Latimer, when his term of office shall have expired in March 1909. From present indications the summer of 1908 will see a whirlwind campaign on in South Carolina, one that will make that of 1902 look tame.

It is known that a caucus was held recently among a large number of prominent politicians who have been figuring strongly on preventing the return of Senator Latimer to the upper house of Congress. These men are accredited to various sections of the State, two being from Wateree section, one from Spartanburg and four from Greenville. The result of this meeting showed beyond dispute that at least seven men in the State want to become the successor of Senator Latimer as the colleague of Senator Tillman.

Greenville, it seems, will cut down her number of aspirants from four to one and one of the middle country candidates will fall out, and with the Spartanburg man the three will probably make the fight against Senator Latimer.

The men who have been mentioned as the next junior Senator from South Carolina are from all walks of life,—farmers, merchants, lawyers, cotton mill men, and other lines.

Another matter that has practically been decided upon by the men who are opposed to the reelection of Senator Latimer is to cut down to the smallest degree the number of candidates, and this they will do, it is understood, though some who wish dearly for the seat in the senate may be sacrificed in the attempt.

It is not improbable, after all, that Senator Latimer's opponents for reelection narrow down to one candidate from Spartanburg and one from the middle section, both of whom are popular with the rank and file voters in the State and are politicians of a high order. The race looks interesting even at this distance.

COL. J. C. BOYD PARALYZED.

Recently Elected Adjutant and Inspector General Stricken on Streets of Greenville—Condition Serious.

The State.
Greenville, December 31.—Col. Jno. C. Boyd, adjutant and inspector general elect, was stricken with paralysis this afternoon, between 4 and 5 o'clock, while he was visiting his daughter on College street. He was quickly removed to his apartments at the Normandie hotel, where he is resting quietly this evening. Col. Boyd came to Greenville from Columbia several days ago to spend Christmas. He has been on the streets every day and was out on the streets at 4 o'clock this afternoon looking well. The stroke was very sudden. In speaking of his condition tonight the attending physician said that he considered Col. Boyd seriously ill, and he doubts very much if he will be able to take the oath of office on Jan. 15. The attack was on the right side and that side is utterly helpless this evening. The colonel has been conscious at all times since the stroke and said tonight that he had been feeling unwell only today.

Value of Education.

General J. Franklin Bell, while at the head of the artillery and infantry school at Fort Leavenworth, was invited to a dinner given in the cause of education. The educators were called upon and glorified education. Then Gen. Bell said:

"I have been interested in what the speakers preceding me have said about education, and still I think that out our way, in the west, not so much store is set by it as here in the east. I am reminded of the story of the two boys in Omaha who, I regret to say, were playing poker in a doorway, using kernels of corn for chips. During the game one pushed in a bunch of kernels and said, 'I'll bet you a hundred.' 'I'll raise it a hundred,' said the other. 'I'll raise it a thousand,' 'I'll see the thousand and raise it a million.' 'I'll raise it a million a billion.' 'I'll see the billion and raise you a trillion.' The other boy was stumped. He thought a time, but he couldn't remember what came next, so he said bitterly, 'Well, you educated son of a gun!'"

PURE FOOD LAWS.

State Legislation Urged—Necessary to Make National Measures Effective—Manufacturers Plead For Relief.

Washington, December 31.—Many states of the Union are rapidly falling into line and are instructing their Legislatures that will meet this winter to enact pure food laws in co-operation with the national laws.

This step is necessary for the reason that many people who formerly looked upon the passage of the national food law favorably believing that it would prove a boon to suffering humanity, are awakening to the fact that they are not to receive all the blessings once contemplated. The law passed by congress at its last session has control of and reaches out to handle only Inter-State shipments. That has left a loophole through which many unscrupulous manufacturers of food products are crowding their States and their customers with impure goods, which would not, in many cases, pass the vigilant eye of a government inspector.

So long as the output of the packing house, the bake shop and other manufacturing where food supplies are made for the eighty millions of people in the United States do not cross the border line of a state, shrewd manufacturers are not hesitating to palm off within state lines much of their worthless and unsaleable products.

State food inspection as pointed out by the department of Agriculture, must within a short time raise the price of every-day commodities as bread, meat, etc., to such a degree that manufacturers will be puzzled as how to meet the situation and yet not raise the price of their goods out of all proportion to former prices. This feature of the State inspection law is appealing in unmistakable terms to consumers all over the country who see in higher taxation for manufacturers higher prices to themselves for what they consume.

State and municipalities that have thought it wise to co-operate with the Department of Agriculture in the enforcement of the pure food law and to enact within their limits, laws that would ensure the maximum of pure food products, find a general clamor from manufacturers, wholesalers, and even from many retail merchants to leave the law alone and not to place inspectors out under State and municipal control, the cost of which in the end, would have to be borne by the consumer. They are begging piteously that their business be left unmolested. They maintain that consumers everywhere are crying robbery and that already being saddled with taxation as the result of the enforcement of the national food law, they should not have heaped upon them more expenses, which must be added to the price of their goods and paid eventually by the people who eat them.

Those States that will, when their Legislatures meet this winter, endeavor to enact legislation looking to the enforcement of State food laws under police powers will find no small amount of opposition to the movement. Lobbyists have already commenced to ply their trade with the very effective argument that more laws will mean more inspection, and that more inspection will mean higher prices.

Sheridan's Trap.

Any interruption while he was making a speech always caused Richard Brinsley Sheridan considerable annoyance. On one occasion the dramatist showed his displeasure of a fellow member of the house of commons who kept crying out "Hear, hear" every few minutes. During a certain debate Sheridan took occasion to describe a political contemporary who wished to play rogue, but had only sense enough to act fool. "Where," exclaimed he, with great emphasis—"Where shall we find a more foolish knave or a more knavish fool than he?"

"Hear, hear," was shouted by the troublesome member.

Sheridan turned and, thanking the honorable member for the prompt information, sat down amid a general roar of laughter.

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