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 beng 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

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 even at this distance.

COL. J. C. BOYD PARALYZED.

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

Greenville, Decemebr 31.-Col Jno. C. Boyd, adjutant and Inspector general elect, was stricken with paralysis this afternoon; between 4 and 5 quickly removed to his apartments at He has been on the streets every day this afternoon looking well. The spection will mean higher prices. 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 atside 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 n a bunch of kernels and said, 'I'll et you a hundred.' 'I'll raise it a indred,' said the other. 'I'll raise at a thousand,' 'I'll see the thousand raise it a million.' 'I'll raise tmillion a billion.' 'I'll see the biland raise you a trillion.' The othby was stumped. He thought a time, but he couldn't remember t came next, so he said bitterly, ke it, 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 cooperation 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 ing 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 manufactories where food supplies are made for the eighty millions of people in the United Sattes 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 pro-

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 minicipalities that have thought it wise to co-operate with the Department of Agriculture in the enforcement of the pure food law and Senator Latimer's opponents for re- to enact within their limits, laws that election narrow down to one candidate would ensure the maximum of pure from Spartanburg and one from the food products, find a general clamor middle section, both of whom are pow- from manufacturers, wholesalers, and ular with the rank and file voters in even from many retail merchants to the State and are politicians of a high leave the law alone and not to place porder. The race looks interesting inspectors out under State and mum cipal 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 or their goods and paid eventually by the people who eat them.

Those States that will, when their o'clock, while he was visiting his Legislatures meet this winter, endeadaughter on College street. He war vor to enact legislation looking to the enforcement of State food laws under the Normandie hotel, where he is rest- police powers will find no small ing quietly this evening. Col. Boyd amount of opposition to the movement. came to Greenville from Columbia Lobbyists have already commenced to several days ago to spend Christmas. ply their trade with the very effective argument that more laws will mean and was out on the streets at 4 o'clock more inspection, and that more in-

Sheridan's Trap.

Any interruption while he was making a speech always caused Richard Brinsley Sheridan considerable antack was on the right side and that novance. 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

"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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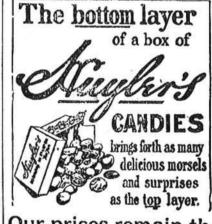
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