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Thanks and An Afterthought

To My Fellow-Citizens:

Now that the heat and excitement of the campaign are over; since the issues have been settled for the time being and men are back at their regular pursuits, I wish to express my profound gratitude to the good people of this county who voted for and supported me in the elections just past. To those who voted against me in obedience to their honest convictions, I desire to say that I bear no ill will—it is your birthright to vote for whomsoever you please. Those who voted against me for a price, and those who influenced others against me by the flagrant use of vile and malicious reports, I leave to a Higher Judgment. They are very sure to receive a just reward.

While I lacked a few votes of receiving the nomination, I do not feel, in the least degree, a personal defeat. Everyone who had a part in those elections knows that my opposition directed its fight against another and not against me. My reputation as a man and as a public officer has not been hurt, and on the other hand, it has been made better and stronger, for it has held its own in rough hands that would have smirched it if they could. People are coming to me daily and others are writing, offering congratulations for the manly campaign which I made in trying to elevate our local politics, and deploring the triumph of unfairness.

I entered the campaign a clean, honest man, and I come out of it now just as clean, and with no tint of suspicion. I have no regrets to register other than the regret over the keen disappointment of my many personal friends, who feel the loss of a capable, serviceable man in a place of high trust. Their sincere expressions of loss take away many of the unpleasant things that happened during the campaign. To these men, generous and true, let me say: Await a time with patience, for time is a great leveller. A cause founded upon truth and righteousness cannot fail, neither can a political machine live which is founded upon grossly exaggerated demerits of outside parties and directed from under cover. It is a well known fact that I was made the burden-bearer of what was alleged to be so undesirable in others (not one, but many) and for which I was in no way responsible. Yet the guns were turned upon me and the pitiable score is marked by seventy-one votes! It reminds me of the old, old story of the man gaining the whole world only to lose his own soul. I am frank to say that no man with justice in his heart can direct or be a party to such a game. No man who possesses the proper sense of fairness among men can vote for such principles and retain a clear conscience. I was in the race and made the whole campaign on my own merit. Why didn't the opposition fight me? Why should the voters be prejudiced against a man who had done no sin against the public? If the answer to these questions never comes to you, you can sum it up like unto this: When the first primary showed me a leader by nearly six hundred over my nearest opponent, they saw that merit was going to win and that they were short in the winning virtue. Then it was that this remark (the author of which I haven't been able to learn) came to be heard from out a conference of conspiracy: (and there are always traitors in your conspiracies, my neighbor!) "Shealy must be beat if it shakes heaven and hell! We can do it with a few thousand!" And it was done by a margin of seventy-one. I do not attribute this to any one man, but I lay it on the heads of the opponents who fought me indirectly and with such vile weapons. O, that

the public could open certain locked doors and understand the meaning of certain broad smiles of those who emerge from places of secrecy! But the people cannot be fooled all the time, and the old expression: "Truth, crushed to earth, will rise again," still lives, and honest, valiant men will see to it that it never dies!

The seeming success of my successor will pass like a phantom, for it was not won on merit but on the overestimated, magnified and distorted demerits of another heaped upon my head. The public will wait and watch—and see.

At the expiration of my short term, I shall retire to a private life but the fight has just begun. God being my helper and guide, I shall not stop until the begetters of such unfairness are put under my feet where will be made to beg for mercy and recognition.

After the beginning of the New Year, the principal affairs of Lexington county will pass to the direction of a Dual Monarchy, about which there will be more to say. The public doesn't know, but this monarchy was at work in the recent campaign—directing plans and movements and supplying brains and money. These high moguls are good judges of men; they well know who can be handled as tools and who cannot; so they passed this word down the line: "Shealy must be defeated." But Shealy is not defeated. They only wrested from me a public office—my sword which is drawn in defense of truth, honesty, righteousness and fairplay, is bright and gleaming. The day is not far distant when its edge will be felt by those who can least afford to let it play on them.

My friends—and the general public—will soon miss my service, but there is hope in the future; and with the great Guiding Force around me. I shall labor to make rough places smooth; crooked places straight; and dark places light.

Cyrus L. Shealy.

Lexington, S. C.

September 18, 1916.

Judge Mendel Smith

If South Carolina—if the entire country for that matter—had more judges on the bench of the make-up and calibre of Hon. Mendel L. Smith, of Camden, who, by chance, is presiding over the present term of general sessions court, there would be mighty few dockets and but little, if any, crime committed within our borders. Judge Smith is not only possessed of brains, but he is a man with a soul through which permeates and actuates fairness, truth, honesty and virtue. In him is found the ideal man. His whole soul is bent on truth and virtue, and every utterance carries with it the earmarks of a great and mighty man. Certain punishment for wrongdoing rather than severe punishment, is Judge Smith's idea for checking crime; and there can be no doubt about it, if you let a man know that certain punishment is his reward if he violates the law, he will think before he acts. Judge Smith's brief address to the grand jury was a masterpiece of eloquence, free from the "grand stand play," and his conceptions of the ideal juror, made a profound impression upon every visitor in the court room. Lexington has but one regret—the regret that Judge Smith cannot be with us always to preside over our courts. However his short stay among us will leave an impress upon the minds and hearts of us all that shall never be forgotten.

Mrs. Iceline Sarratt has commenced work on her handsome new two-story brick store on Main street and it will be rapidly pushed to completion. The Bazaar will be grander than ever where you always find just what you want.

Lexington County Fair

The Lexington County Fair premium lists are now ready for distribution, and the secretary, Col. M. D. Harman, together with his office force, is busily engaged in sending out the lists and making ready for the big meet. The fair will be held this year on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, October 17, 18 and 19.

Never before in the history of the association have the prospects been so bright for a large and successful exhibition. While the crops have not been good in point of yield, the farmers of every section are in position to make a splendid showing in the agricultural department. The Lexington fair, the oldest county fair in the State, is purely an agricultural fair, organized and operated for the benefit of the farming class exclusively. In this it has not fallen short of the purpose for which it was formed; for, since the fair has been in operation, greater rivalry has existed between the farmers each year, and now the best that the soil will produce is shown each year at the Lexington fair.

While the fair is purely agricultural, there are other departments—departments all of which go to make up a creditable show. The wonderful natural resources of the county are best shown at the fair; and, two, what has been accomplished in industrial pursuits and in every other avocation are brought together.

In nothing has Lexington made greater progress in the past few years than in the growing of fancy stock of all kinds, and the indications are that the finest bunch of home-raised stock will be shown this year that has ever been seen in this entire section. Since the inauguration of the movement by the federal and State departments of agriculture for the eradication of the cattle tick, farmers have given particular attention to the cattle-growing industry; and now Lexington farmers have as fine cattle as any farmers in any community in South Carolina. This means that the cattle department, within itself, will be a big show and full of interest to lovers of the fancy.

The management will have a splendid line of attractions—better than in recent years—and there will be amusements galore for all. Everybody in Lexington will put their best efforts to make October 17, 18, and 19, the biggest and best days in the history of the county, and invitation will be extended to all former Lexingtonians to make the coming fair home-coming week.

Back! Back! to Clemson

Students Jules Miller, Claude Harman, Eugene Kaufmann and Harvey Wingard, all left Tuesday for Clemson College to resume their studies, seemingly cheerful and anxious to return, singing the song of "The Girl I Left Behind." They are all clever young men and will some day do themselves proud by making useful men.

Mr. John Hiller Dead

While Mr. Ben Hiller was here Monday, a phone message came through the Dispatch that his father had been taken with a paralytic stroke, calling him home from which he died some time during the day in the 67th year of his age.

Constipation the Father of Many Ills.

Of the numerous ills that affect humanity a large share start with constipation. Keep your bowels regular and they may be avoided. When a laxative is needed take Chamberlain's Tablets. They not only move the bowels but improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion. Obtainable everywhere. Harmon Drug Co.

Mr. Leaphart Thanks Voters. . . To the Democratic Voters of Lexington County:

I take this means of thanking my friends throughout the county for the vote given me in the last primary election. For those who voted for me I hold the warmest personal regards and my whole effort will be to conduct the Treasurer's office in such a manner that they will never regret having cast their ballot for me. For those who did not vote for me I hold no ill will nor words of condemnation. In the official conduct of the office I expect to know no man or faction, but will be the public servant of all the people of Lexington county.

Again, thanking the people for the trust imposed in me, I am

Very Gratefully,
C. E. Leaphart.

'Goodnight Corns! We Use 'Gets-It!'

3 Drops in 2 Seconds. That's All. "GETS-IT" Does the Rest. Never Fails.

"Really, I never could see how some few people use the most difficult and painful way they can find to get rid of corns. They'll wrap their toes up with bandages into a package that fills their shoes full of feet and makes corns so painful they've got to walk sideways



and wrinkle up their faces. Or they use salves that eat right into the toe and make it raw and sore, or they'll use plasters that make the corns bulge, or pick and gouge at their corns and make the toes bleed. Funny, isn't it? "Gets-It!" is the simple, modern wonder for corns. Just put 3 drops on. It dries instantly. No pain, fuss or trouble. The corn, callus or wart loosens and comes off. Millions use nothing else."

"GETS-IT" is sold and recommended by druggists everywhere, 25c a bottle, or sent on receipt of price by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago, Ill.

Insurance License Fees

The State Treasurer will shortly distribute to the various county treasurers the sum of \$31,962.37, this being the amount of additional license fees collected from insurance companies doing business in this State for the semi-annual period ending June 30, 1916.

Lexington's distributive share is \$335.35.

The Swansea High School

Will open on Monday, Oct. 2, at 9 o'clock a. m. All pupils are requested to be present at the time so they can be enrolled and classified. There are several speakers invited to address the patrons at the opening. We hope to have a large attendance of both patrons and pupils

Dr. M. Berkman, the great eye-glass specialist of Columbia, is here to fit glasses for anyone who needs them. He has made a reputation for work in his line and will satisfy you or make no charge. The doctor will be here three days and has a big advertisement in this issue which will give you all necessary information.

Capt. N. G. Evans, Edgefield, recently elected a member of the legislature from his historic old county, announced while here today that he would be in the race for the speakership of the house.

Capt. Evans has served several terms in the legislature in the past, and is widely known throughout the State. He also has large family connections, and as a member of the State Bar Association, he is strongly linked with the attorneys.

"It is estimated that the federal government will have to issue bonds for \$100,000,000 to furnish enough revenue to meet the enormous appropriations made by Congress.

HEARD IN LEXINGTON

How Bad Backs Have Been Made Strong—Kidney Ills Corrected.

All over Lexington you hear it. Doan's Kidney Pills are keeping up the good work. Lexington people are telling about it—telling of bad backs made sound again. You can believe the testimony of your own townspeople. They tell it for the benefit of you who are suffering. If your back aches, if you feel lame, sore and miserable, if the kidneys act too frequently, or passages are painful, scanty and off color, use Doan's Kidney Pills, the remedy that has helped so many of your friends and neighbors. Follow this Lexington citizen's advice and give Doan's a chance to do the same for you.

Mrs. L. J. Harling, Lexington, says: "Pains in my back bothered me considerably, especially in the morning, when I tired so easily that I could hardly do my housework. I had headaches and dizzy spells and my sight was blurred. The kidney secretions were too frequent in passage and annoyed me very much. Colds also settled on my kidneys. Doan's Kidney Pills, which I got at the Harmon Drug Co., relieved me very much, doing me more good than anything else I had used."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Harling had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y. Adv.

Cheerfully adds testimonial. Cured of painful case of piles in a few treatments without pain or the knife B. C. Stephens, one of the councilmen of Timmons ville.

Timmons ville, S. C.
Jan. 10, 1916.

Dr. W. R. Register,
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Doctor:

I am pleased to write you this letter, which you may have published as a testimony if you wish.

I suffered with a painful and annoying case of piles and you cured me in a few treatments, without the use of the knife or any detention from business on my part, and without pain to any appreciable extent. I feel that I can recommend you in the strongest of terms to any one who suffers from piles.

Yours very truly,
B. C. STEPHENS,
Timmons ville, S. C.
Hardware Merchant.

Many new patients come through the recommendation of former patients.

I wish to call your special attention to the fact that a great many of my new patients come through the recommendations of my former patients or those who are under treatment. This feature is well worth the careful consideration of any one who is afflicted and in need of treatment.

My success is largely due to my methods of treatment and my great experience obtained from the examination and treatment of hundreds of cases of rectal diseases, in many years of practice in this specialty.

Dr. Norman S. Geiger will leave for Baltimore in a day or two to resume his studies in the Baltimore College of Pharmacy, from which institution he hopes to be able to bring back his "sheepskin" next spring.

If you have not already received a County Fair premium list avail yourself of the opportunity to get one by addressing a postal to Col. M. D. Harman, secretary.

Mr. J. Frank Kneese, for eighteen years postmaster at Batesburg, but now a leading insurance and real estate operator, is in attendance upon court as a grand juror.

Everybody is commenting upon the business-like and manly manner in which Judge Mendel Smith is operating the general sessions court. He is making friends of every new visitor.

Neighbor, when you sell that cotton please be kind enough to remember the printer, if only a small bit. Every little bit helps—especially to those who lost their all in the big fire.

Court Convened Monday With Judge Mendel Smith Presiding

The fall term of the court of general session convened on Monday morning with Judge Mendel L. Smith, of Camden, presiding Judge. Spain was to have held this term under the regular order of Judges, but on account of, being ill, Judge Smith was sent in his stead. Clerk Shealy, with his accustomed promptness, had every thing in readiness, and by the time Judge Smith arrived a few moments after 10 o'clock, Clerk Shealy had both grand, petit juries ready for action. Solicitor Timmerman was quick to hand a number of bills to the court, and not a single hitch occurred.

Judge Smith briefly charged the grand jury, taking it for granted that the grand jury had been fully charged at previous terms during the year. Judge Smith's theme was law enforcement, declaring that the grand and petit jurors of the country had more to do with the enforcement of law than any other agencies. He was a masterpiece of eloquence, couched in language chaste, and never before has such an impression been made upon a Lexington audience. A pin could have been heard to fall in any part of the building during Judge Smith's remarks.

The first case called was that of U. R. B. Jefcoat and Henrietta Williamson, white, for living in adultery. The jury returned a verdict of guilty as to both. Mr. Jefcoat, was sentenced to serve a period of one year of hard labor, the sentence being suspended upon the payment of \$150.00 or upon six months service. The woman was sentenced to serve a period of one year; upon the payment of \$100.00 or three months service, the first to be suspended, during the good behavior of each.

Walter Watson, a 10-year-old negro boy, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of stealing \$25.00 from Mr. J. C. Kinard, of Leesville, and received a sentence of eight months in the reformatory.

Heck Patterson and Mose Smith, two negroes from Swansea, were tried on a charge of selling liquor. Patterson was acquitted but Smith was convicted, and was sentenced to serve 12 months at hard labor; nine months to be suspended during good behavior.

The grand jury will finish its work today for the year and will make its final presentment to the court.

The George Rish murder trial and the several cases against W. P. Roof are set for a hearing this morning.

Senator Sharpe in Baltimore

Hon. W. H. Sharpe, accompanied by his physician, Dr. A. C. Patterson, of Barnwell, left on Sunday for Johns-Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, where he goes to consult a specialist. Senator Sharpe has not been well for the past several months, in fact for the past two or three years, but more recently his condition has grown worse, and, following the advice of his physicians, he decided to go to Baltimore for treatment. His friends all over the county will learn of his illness with keen regret, at the same time wishing for him a speedy recovery.

There is already talk all over the State of Robert A. Cooper for governor in 1918.

Now is the time to pay up and we need the money to pay our help and paper bills which are much higher.

Sunday evening Sept. 24, at 8 o'clock, the Woman's Missionary Society of St. Stevens Lutheran Church will present a pageant, "Christ in America". The public is cordially invited to attend this service.