

A Card to the Public.

Editor Laurens Advertiser:
I trust you will allow me space in the columns of your paper to say a few words in the interest of the candidacy of the Hon. R. A. Cooper, of Laurens. Mr. Cooper, whom I have known since his childhood, is a candidate for the office of solicitor of the Seventh Judicial circuit. Having known him all his life, having been his teacher and friend, I wish to let the people of the Seventh circuit know something of the character of the man who is seeking this high office at their hands.

The history of all nations and races in every age of mankind reveals the fact that the greatest men, the safest leaders, the deepest minds emanate from the humble walks of life. This is a rule to which there are but few exceptions. We understand the logical reason for this when we consider what it is that makes the man. Since both reason and the observation of actual development of human powers prove to us that self exertion, self application and self responsibility are the means by which strength of character and greatness of mind are attained, we understand readily the reason for this truth. When this condition of life is accompanied by natural soundness, ability and ambition in the boy, the road to usefulness is made doubly sure. As well might you try to crush the truth or change the order of nature as to keep down the boy whose desires and ambitions have been awakened by the touch of nature's God, and whose environments have thrust him upon his own resources and responsibilities. From such boys come our self-made men in whose make-up God and self are almost the sole factors. These are the men to whom our country looks for leadership, and whom the people love to encourage, trust and honor.

The Piedmont section of our state is proud of a number of such men. Some have finished their work of usefulness and have gone on to reap the reward of the just and great. But their names still linger in our memory and their work stands as monuments to their greatness. Others today are filling positions of trust and honor and helping to make the history of the country they love and the people they serve. Prominent among these is the subject of this sketch, Hon. R. A. Cooper.

Springing from the ranks of the common yeomanry, born and reared among the red hills of the Reedy, inheriting the good fortune of patriotic, though for the most part, private ancestry, surrounded by the elements of a sturdy wholesome development, and naturally endowed with a character and ambition for public life, Mr. Cooper has had just the training necessary to fit him for the positions which he has already filled with credit to himself and honor to the county, and to which he is now aspiring. Like Alexander Hamilton he has ever had that self-confidence, which inspires the belief in a boy that he can climb to the heights already reached by others.

With these tendencies and ambitions, Mr. Cooper has from his youth made the needs and wants of the people a special study. The desire for law and politics was early manifested in the mind of the boy. He looked upon these as the field in which his labors might be profitably and pleasantly spent. Early in youth he developed into a strong, pointed and logical debater. The field of oratory was especially inviting to the boyish mind, and he looked forward to the glad day when he might become a public orator. The studies of civil government and statesmanship were his delight. He has ever been brave in the defense of right and always loyal to the principles of justice, never hesitating to declare his position on any subject. In all his public acts as well as in the relations of private life, fidelity to duty and loyalty to principle have been prominent characteristics of the boy and man.

These are the qualities that always command respect and confidence, and lead to positions of honor and responsibility. With such qualities and native endowments we are not surprised to see him forging to the front ranks of useful as well as prominent citizenship. Worthy energy and perseverance will ever be recognized,

and deservedly so, no matter in whom they are found. To honor the man is to encourage his traits of character, to confide in him is to awaken similar qualities in the minds of others.

Coming from the common walks of life as we have said, Mr. Cooper's means of education were meager and limited to a few months in the year. Consequently his school training was necessarily slow and fraught with many privations and with much labor and effort upon his own part. But with a determined mind and resolute will which was incapable of recognizing an insurmountable difficulty, ever keeping before him the coveted object of his life, he finally succeeded, by dint of his indomitable courage, in securing the mental preparation needed for his work. Such courage, such patience and indefatigable perseverance knows no failure. These are the qualities which will ever command recognition at the hands of the people.

The history of his life is an example for every young man of ambitious tendencies and his success should be an inspiration to those of limited means. Every position which he has been called has been faithfully and honestly filled, and every duty conscientiously discharged. As a student he was honest, faithful and obedient; as teacher, kind, thoughtful and just; as lawyer, fair, scrupulous and aggressive; as legislator, considerate, economic and wise; and in all things brave and fearless in the support of truth and in the defense of right. His gratitude for past favors is always proven by his loyalty to the needs and wishes of his constituency.

Having known Mr. Cooper from his youth and having been his teacher for some years, as well as associated with him in other relations, we feel justified in claiming a knowledge of his life and character, and in certifying to the correctness of the facts which we have tried to present above. This is written not with any spirit or intention of disparaging the rightful claim of others, but to bring the subject of this sketch before the people in his true light. We feel sure that Hon. R. A. Cooper is eminently worthy of any consideration the people may feel disposed to show him, and that any confidence placed in him will be scrupulously preserved inviolate. We bespeak for him the support he so richly deserves.

Respectfully,
W. P. Culbertson,
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A Drop in Values.

An odd story of Emerson was told the other day by a Cambridge man. "A New York woman," he said, "called on Emerson one morning. The philosopher was reading in his study and near him, on a plate, there lay a little heap of cherry stones. The visitor slipped one of these stones into her glove."

"Some months later she met Emerson again at a reception in Boston. She recalled her visit to him and then she pointed to a brooch she wore—a brooch of gold and brilliants, with the cherry stone set in the center."

"I took this stone from the plate at your elbow on the morning of my call," she said.

"Ah," said Emerson, "I'll tell my amanuensis of that. He will be pleased. The young man loves cherries, but I never touch them myself."

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Prof. Francis A. March, the noted philologist of LaFayette, is an officer of the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity, and at one of the fraternity meetings, apropos of flippancy, he said:

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