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PROSPECTS FOR FAIR GROWING BRIGHTER

As the time for the county fair draws nearer prospects for the success of the fair grow brighter and brighter. Already inquiries are coming in for entry blanks and information from the office of S. J. Leaphart, secretary of the fair society. Judging from the interest displayed by prospective exhibitors the display of products this year ought to be very fine and there should be plenty of them.

The association has signed a contract with the A. B. Miller Shows guaranteeing the presence of a big carnival company, with 14 paid attractions, including four riding devices, 35 concessions, and a free act. The company will have its own uniformed band to render good music during the three days of the fair.

Department Heads. The different departments will be under the supervision of the following committees: Field Crop Department—D. Ellis, Earl, Carl Forth. Household Department—Miss Annie Laughman and Mrs. Rosa Seay. Needle and Fancy Work Department—Miss Ernestine Barre and Mrs. May Wingard. Moral Department—Mrs. Hendrix Roberts and Miss Annie Wingard. Manufacturing and Mechanical Department—J. A. Barre. Poultry and Pet Department—T. Harman and W. P. Warner. Horse and Mule Department—J. H. Stetson and Alfred Wingard. Cattle Department—J. Ed Kaiser and Thomas E. Corley. Swine Department—Earl Seay and Clifford Rawl. Sheep and Goat Department—James B. Roberts.

Harmon Drug Co., \$1.00 package Sure Shot Hog Remedy for the best display of hogs. Globe Dry Goods Co., Columbia, one pair gloves for the best sow and pigs of any breed. Lexington Pharmacy, Lexington, one large package International Stock Food Tonic for the best pair pigs under one year. Lexington Cotton & Fertilizer Co., Lexington, one bag high grade guano for the second best and largest hog. The Dispatch-News, Lexington, one year's subscription for the best pair pigs under six months' old. Wingard-Roberts Co., Lexington, one pair gloves for the best brood sow and pigs, any breed. G. A. Guignard, one pig, value \$10.00, for the exhibitor taking the largest number of premiums in the swine department. Columbia Record, one year's subscription to the daily and Sunday issue, for the exhibitor taking second largest number of premiums in the swine department. The Copeland Co., 1535 Main Street, Columbia, one man's hat, value \$5.00 for the third largest hog. Lever, "the Shoe Man," Columbia, one pair of Walk-Over shoes for the largest hog. The Dispatch-News, Lexington, one year's subscription for the best boar hog, any breed. Hope-Davis Co., Columbia, one Stetson hat for the best brood sow, any breed. Needle and Fancy Work Department. Harmon Drug Co., Lexington, one set of six S. C. State Seal silver teaspoons for the best display of needle and fancy work. Watson Shoe Co., Columbia, one pair ladies' house slippers for the best specimen large centerpiece in French embroidery. Hon. A. Frank Lever, Washington, D. C., \$1.50 for second best specimen large centerpiece in French embroidery. Sylvan Bros., Columbia, ladies' brooch, value \$5.00, for the exhibitor taking the largest number of premiums in the needle and fancy work department. D. F. Efrid, Lexington, \$1.00 for the best patch-work in quilt in cotton, by girl under 14 years. Household Department. The Dispatch-News, Lexington, one year's subscription for the second largest number of premiums taken by any one in household department. Lorick Bros., 1533 Main Street, Columbia, heating stove, value \$8.00, for the exhibitor taking the most premiums in bacon and lard. Chas. E. Taylor, Lexington, one porch swing for the best exhibit in the household department. Elliott Package Co., Columbia, \$3.00 in cash for the best pound cake. Field Crop Department. C. E. Jones, secretary and treasurer of the Batesburg Cotton Oil Co., one-half ton of high-grade Tri-County Brand fertilizer for the best individual exhibit of farm products. G. E. Wingard & Son, Lexington, thoroughbred Berkshire Pig for the exhibitor taking the largest number of first and second premiums. The donors, the Messrs. Wingard, will not compete for this premium. The State, Columbia, one year's subscription to the daily and Sunday State for the exhibitor taking the largest number of premiums in this department. E. P. & F. A. Davis, Columbia, one pair of men's shoes for the greatest number of entries on corn. The R. L. Bryan Co., Columbia, box of stationery, value \$3.00, for the largest number of fruit exhibits. Cattle Department. Hendrix Hardware Co., Columbia, one No. 70 Chattanooga Chilled Plow, value \$10.00, for the best bull. Harmon Drug Co., Lexington, one large package Dr. Hess' Stock Food for the best milk cow. Palmetto National Bank, Columbia.

WILL MAKE APPEAL IN GAPPINS CASE

Jesse Gappins, one of the three convicted murderers of William Brazzell, the young Columbia taxi driver, and who is now in the death house at the penitentiary awaiting October 21, the date set for his electrocution, will not be electrocuted on the day set, an appeal to the supreme court staying the death penalty until this court can hear the case. T. C. Sturkie, appointed attorney for Gappins at the trial at Lexington, served notice on Solicitor T. C. Callison at Lexington yesterday that he would appeal the verdict of the circuit court to the supreme court. This notice, Mr. Callison said last night, would automatically stay the death sentence of Gappins until the supreme court could hear the case. Attorney Sturkie merely served notice of intention to appeal, but this is sufficient to stop the electrocution. Solicitor Callison said. Whether or not Mr. Sturkie intends to prepare his appeal for the approaching term of the supreme court is not known. The court begins its fall session two weeks from tomorrow and the appeal could be heard this fall, but it is doubtful if this will be done as plenty of time is always allowed. If the case is heard at the fall term a decision will hardly be reached before Christmas as the court will be in session until after Thanksgiving. If it is not heard at this term of court it will probably come before the spring term of 1922. Solicitor Callison said last night that no notices of intention to appeal in the cases of S. J. Kirby and C. O. Fox, the other two convicted murderers, had been served on him as yet. These two prisoners with Gappins are all in the death house and Fox and Kirby will in all probability be put to death October 21 as sentenced by Judge Sease unless their appointed attorneys appeal to the supreme court as the governor is not expected to take a hand in their behalf. The chief executive has not said what he will do, but from his known attitude it is practically certain that he will "play hands off." The governor has said that he did not expect any appeals to be made and the action of Attorney Sturkie will probably come as a surprise to the chief executive as Mr. Sturkie was appointed by the court. The three prisoners have somewhat abandoned their attitude of unconcern over their approaching death, so far as all three know, and are beginning to realize their fate, according to prison officials. All three seem to be getting more and more serious as October 21 approaches. While Fox and Kirby are awaiting their death, an ever increasing crowd of curiosity seekers are writing or asking in person for passes to see the electrocutions. A large number of requests have come to Col. A. K. Sanders, superintendent of the penitentiary, and to Governor Cooper. Practically all of these will be turned down, it is said, as only a limited number can be allowed in the death house and officers of the law who have been handling the cases of the three men will take up most of these places.—The State.

DEATH OF YOUNG GIRL

Died of typhoid fever at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Snelgrove, Colonial Heights, Columbia, September 26th, Bertha Snelgrove, age 13 years and two months. She leaves to mourn her death, her parents, two sisters and four brothers. Also her grandparents and numerous other relatives. The funeral services and interment was at Horeb Methodist church on Tuesday 27th at 2 p. m. The services were conducted by H. A. Whitten assisted by Dr. A. H. McCullough of Columbia. To the bereaved is extended the sympathy of their many friends in Lexington county.

FARMERS' MEETING AT BATESBURG WAS SUCCESS

Batesburg, Sept. 27.—Pursuant to the called meeting of the farmers issued by Dr. E. C. Ridgell, M. E. Rutland and D. E. Etheredge last week about 100 farmers in this section met in the town hall Saturday afternoon. Addresses were made by J. W. Shealy, demonstration agent for Lexington county, and Mr. Eleazer, demonstration agent for Saluda county, both stressing the importance of planting other crops to take the place of cotton. Particular stress was laid on growing small grain and the planting of velvet beans and cow peas. At the close of the meeting a car of hogs for shipment about April 1st, next year, was pledged. Mr. Shealy emphasized the fact that about \$111,000,000 was annually sent out of this state for feeds and feedstuffs. For these articles not a cent is necessary to be sent out of the state as everything needed along this line can be grown in this state. Stock raising was also stressed upon by the speakers, but at the same time it was shown that stock raising would not pay unless the amount of food needed for the livestock could be raised at home. It developed that there was a great scarcity of hogs in this section, the demand being much greater than the supply. It is certain that boll weevil conditions will see radical changes in the near future in the farming methods in this section. The prizes offered by the First National Bank were placed under two heads. The first series is based on 5 acre lot planted, one acre each of wheat, barley and clover, rye and vetch, oats and vetch and oats. The first prize will be \$30, and the second \$20. The second series is based on one acre plots of wheat with eight prizes ranging from \$5 for the best to \$4.00 for the lowest. The following rules were adopted: All contestants must keep a memorandum of how the land was worked, grain planted, manure and fertilizers used, harvesting and yield. Three of the contestants neighbors must certify to the yield. All reports must be in the hands of the cashier by September 10, 1922. Judges will be named by the board of directors who will make the awards on the fourth Saturday in September. The prizes will be awarded on the following percentages: Yield 40; cost 30; history 30. Mr. J. R. Unger, the efficient cashier of the first National Bank, made a brief but appropriate address in offering these prizes. It is hoped that a large number of farmers in both counties will enter the contests for the various prizes.

GILBERT SCHOOL TO OPEN FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.

The Gilbert school will hold a formal opening on next Friday night, September 30th, at eight o'clock. Prof. L. E. Whittle, principal of the Lexington High school will be the chief speaker. Addresses will also be delivered by the ministers of the town and the Superintendent of Education. In addition to this a musical program has been arranged and the principal of the school and the teachers will be on hand to make announcements. Gilbert has added an additional story to the building and has a real up-to-date building with modern equipment. The public generally is invited to this opening.

NORTH EDISTO NO. 87

The ladies of North Edisto school will serve ice cream, cake, fried chicken and other refreshments at the school house Saturday night, October 1. Everybody is cordially invited to come and help a good cause. The proceeds will go to the benefit of the school. The ladies are requested to bring cake, eggs, sugar, chicken, milk, light bread, beefsteak or anything good to eat.

RACE FOR GOVERNOR LIKELY TO BE SPICY

Columbia, Sep. 25.—What kind of a political campaign will be waged in South Carolina the coming summer? Is the question now being asked here. From present indications it will have something of the old time spice injected into it, say those who claim some knowledge of conditions throughout the state. Already this is considerable speculation in the capital about the race for governor. A great many names have been mentioned in connection with the race, though no definite announcements have been made. With the next session of the general assembly only a few months away, gossip political has begun to acquire some volume. Many observers are of the opinion that the next session of the legislature will witness a more hopeless tangle and more prolonged wrangle over appropriations than the last session, which was prolific of much talk. As next year will be campaign year it is expected that there will be considerable maneuvering for political position, and as the tax question is always a burning issue, much campaign thunder will doubtless resound through the legislative halls. At the last session of the legislature a committee from both houses was appointed to investigate the operations of the various departments and institutions of the government and recommend where consolidations and cuts could be made. The committee employed some experts from without the state to make a survey and report their findings to them. This work has not yet been completed, but announcement has been made that already the work shows a prospect of effecting a saving of \$200,000 of the state's money—if and in the event the legislature sees fit to adopt the suggestions which will be forthcoming. But this article concerns the campaign—and when we speak of the campaign in South Carolina we generally mean the campaign for governor. Somehow we have given to this office in our minds a place out of all proportion to that which has been accorded it by the constitution and the laws. But we have for many political moons banked high on our governors and taken the campaign for that exalted office with a great deal of seriousness—expending much energy and considerable more time than is necessary or warranted in the election of a governor. Wise observers believe that the next spasm will not be unlike many of its predecessors in this respect. The question now agitating the public mind is who is going to run. What everybody wants to know is whether former Governor Bleasie will be in the race. Many of his closest friends believe that he will. There is a well defined rumor of recent currency that he will not only run but that the faction which he heads will put out a full ticket in every congressional district and every county, especially for the legislature. But there are plenty of other rumors as to gubernatorial candidates. Henry D. Tillman of Greenwood, a leading member of the bar of that city, is almost definitely committed to the race. He is a son of the late Ben Tillman. He was a major in the late world war. For many years he has practiced law at Greenwood, where he is very popular. He has never sought political office except when he was a candidate against Fred Dominick for congress in the Third district, and was defeated. Another prominent South Carolinian who has lately been mentioned by many as a possible candidate for governor is Mendel L. Smith of Camden, former circuit judge. Judge Smith has been in politics for many years, having served as speaker of the house of representatives. Later he was elected circuit judge, resigning to enter the military service in time of war. He is considered one of the most eloquent speakers in the state and will undoubtedly prove a candidate to be reckoned with. Senator George K. Laney of Chesterfield county has also been men-

tioned as a possible entrant, though he has given no intimation as to his intentions. He has been a member of the state senate for a good many years, being at present chairman of the important judiciary committee. His friends say that he would make a formidable rough and tumble debater. He is a man of great simplicity in dress and speech and having had his hard knocks he knows how to appeal to the masses. There is some talk that the Hon. George W. Wightman, senator from Saluda, may become a candidate, though those who know him best believe that he will not run should former Governor Bleasie enter the race. The Saluda senator was denominated "Battle Axe" Wightman at the last session of the legislature on account of his fight to abolish some of the recently created departments of the government and his efforts to reduce appropriations. Thos. H. Peoples, former attorney general, is another possible entrant in the race for governor, though, like Senator Wightman, he will hardly oppose Bleasie. Recently he has removed to his former home in Barnwell. There is some talk that he will be a candidate for congress, which his removal to Barnwell lends color to. A. Frank Lever, former congressman from the Seventh district, has also been mentioned, though nothing much has been said about him lately. Mr. Lever was in the state recently, but had nothing to say about the campaign. State Senator E. Hardin Marion of Chester is another prominent man who has been mentioned in connection with the race. Mr. Marion is a close student of the tax question in South Carolina and last year presented to the legislature, as chairman of a special committee appointed for the purpose, a report which is by far the best contribution which has ever been made to the literature of this state on the subject of taxation. At the last session of the legislature he made a strong race for associate justice of the supreme court. There is some talk that Governor Cooper may be brought into this race as a "dark horse" at the coming session. Should Senator Marion be eliminated from this race by the election of Governor Cooper or any of the other candidates, his friends believe that he will enter the race for governor and make a strong fight for his ideas of tax reform. He is a man of strong character and a forceful speaker. Wilson G. Harvey, lieutenant governor, is also being mentioned as a possible candidate. Should Governor Cooper be elected to the supreme court bench he will serve out the unexpired term and will enter the race during that time with whatever prestige that may give him. Andrew J. Bethea, former lieutenant governor, is also being mentioned and will in all probability make the race. This about completes the list of probabilities, except for the political Moses whom Mr. C. P. Hodges of Marlboro county is asking the farmers of the state to find and bring out as their candidate for the next race. The Hodges communication in the daily papers has caused considerable speculation. Evidently Mr. Hodges has somebody in mind, but nobody knows to whom he is referring. He urges the farmers to drop the lawyers and look among the ranks of their own calling for a Moses to lead out them out of the land of bondage imposed by high taxes and into the promised land of reform. He believes it will be possible to start another movement similar to the Tillman movement of 1890, to elect farmers to office all around and to save the country from disaster by so doing. His article calls up some interesting reminiscences and has provoked considerable discussion. The strained financial condition through which the people have been

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