

The Political Outlook As the State Convention Draws Near

Columbia, April 10.—With the Democratic State Convention just a week from today, matters political are beginning to take on a decidedly interesting aspect. The past several days has seen quite a pilgrimage to Columbia of political leaders from all parts of the State. Among the rest many members of the Senate and House have been in Columbia and while there have been no formal caucuses much political conferring has been going on. The names of many prominent men are being mentioned daily for the governor's race, but with the gathering of the Democratic hosts next Wednesday it is highly probable that many will get no further than the mentioning stage. It is more than likely that the conferences which will take place as a result of the meeting of the State's Democracy will result in the elimination of some probable candidates, who cannot develop sufficient strength to make the race.

Indications are now that no matter who may enter the lists for this year, there will be a general scuffling to clamber on the economy band wagon. It seems pretty plain now that "e-c-o-n-o-m-y" will be the universal slogan in this summer's campaign. Many well known South Carolinians, interested in the program of economy and consolidation, partially enacted at the last session of the legislature, have been urging on E. T. Hughes of Marion, chairman of the ways and means committee of the house for the past two years, to make the race for governor this year. According to a newspaper story, Mr. Hughes is giving the matter various consideration.

Mr. Hughes is seriously considering the matter of entering the governor's race. Those who are interested in the program of the economy and tax reform proposed by the Committee on Economy and Consolidation at the last session of the legislature, the partial enactment of which has proved a great relief to overburdened agriculture by effecting a reduction of five mills in the State tax levy, believe that Mr. Hughes is the logical man to lead the fight for the full realization of that program. It was under his splendid leadership, they say, that every bill offered by that committee to shift the burden of state taxes from the shoulders of farmers was passed in the house almost without a dissenting vote. They point to the fact that no leader of the house in recent political history has commanded such undivided loyalty or has had such unanimous confidence of the house as it has been the privilege of Mr. Hughes to enjoy in the two years that he has headed the ways and means committee, which is, after all is said and done, the greatest power in the legislature. Mr. Hughes, they say, is a man of few words, but somehow he inspires confidence. No man can question his sincerity. The earnestness with which he advocates a cause which he espouses carries such conviction and inspires such confidence, that few have been bold enough to challenge his position, and, especially at the last session, backed by the almost undivided support of his committee he put through the house the most far-reaching program of tax readjustment that has ever been enacted in any state at one session. Since a part of this program went on the rocks in the senate and in such a way as to make its defeat an issue in the coming campaign, friends of the program believe that Mr. Hughes is the logical man to take the fight to the people. They predict that he will make a strong race should he yield to their wishes.

Another interesting announcement of the week was that Senator George K. Laney of Chesterfield would be likely to make the race for governor. Mr. Laney has been a member of the senate for many years and has had an important part in shaping the policies of the State government in that time. He has always stood for economy in the conduct of the government and at the last session of the legislature stood squarely behind the entire program of the Economy Committee. He is a campaigner of no mean ability and those who have watched his

career believe that as a stump speaker he will prove a formidable rival for any man.

Another name generally mentioned for the governor's race is that of John Gary Evans of Spartanburg. Mr. Evans, who held a prominent place in state politics in the early nineties and who served as governor, has not offered for office since his defeat for the United States senate, but has kept prominently before the voters by reason of holding the important post of chairman of the State Democracy. Undoubtedly he has a strong following and will be a factor to be reckoned with.

Nothing has been heard lately from former Governor Blease, but that he is certain to run there seems no doubt. The former governor is wise enough to keep his counsels for the present, and not betray his hand until the proper time, but close friends say that he will have plenty of spice to inject into the campaign. Those who know "Colie" well believe that while he has lost none of his fire, he will be more than ever inclined to keep bitterness out of the campaign if his "enemies" don't prod him too much. The former governor will always have a strong and enthusiastic following. With the anti-Blease vote divided, as it now appears it will be, he will undoubtedly be in the second race.

There are two other candidates who have positively announced and who will doubtless remain in the ring until the last. They are Andrew J. Bethea, former lieutenant governor and candidate for governor four years ago, who is practicing law successfully at Columbia, and William Coleman, a well known business man of Union who has had a successful career in

himself. For Lieutenant Governor Hon. Wilson G. Harvey of Charleston has announced his candidacy to succeed himself. There is so far no announced opponent of Mr. Harvey, though there have been rumors that Jennings K. Owens of Marlboro, a member of the house for the past eight years, would likely offer. Speaking of Mr. Harvey there is a strong probability that he may become chief executive of the state for a few months anyway. Should Governor Robert A. Cooper be appointed to the federal farm loan board to succeed A. F. Lever, he will doubtless assume his duties at an early date, in which case Lieut. Governor Harvey would become governor. Friends of Governor Cooper believe that he has a very good chance for the appointment.

There are very few announcements for any of the state offices except governor, and it seems likely that most of the present state officials will go into the campaign without opposition. The only definite announcement so far was that made by Hon. George Wightman, senator from Saluda county, at the close of the last legislature, that he would run for commissioner of agriculture against the incumbent, B. Harris. Other than this announcement nothing is known of any opposition for other offices.

Should the supreme court render an opinion adverse to the income tax law, a test case of which is now before the court, it would be necessary for Governor Cooper to call an extra session of the legislature. The money has been coming in very rapidly on the income tax, which will in all probability yield more than a million dollars. If this source of revenue is lost to the State the finances of the government would be in such a shape that it would necessitate a session of the legislature to straighten out matters. Grave doubt has always been expressed as to the constitutionality of the law. Many believe, however, that the supreme court, while not moved by political considerations will resolve any doubt in favor of the law. Unless the unconstitutionality of the law is patent, it will likely stand. Should it be thrown out, a monkey wrench will be thrown in the state's financial machine, and the solons will have to meet and save the wreckage.

The office of the State Tax Commission and of Treasurer Carter are almost swamped with work as a result

MORE TIME FOR SIGNING PLEDGES.

Columbia, May 8.—Although over 420,000 bales have already been signed up and the original quota was only 400,000, officials of the South Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association announce that the books will be kept open until June 1 and opportunity given those who have not yet joined to affiliate with the organization. It is expected that at least 500,000 bales will have been signed up by June 1.

The campaign to sign up 400,000 bales by May 1 is declared by many to have been one of the greatest campaigns ever waged in South Carolina and there has been much jubilation among those interested in the movement over the wonderful victory won.

"The larger the percentage of crop the association signs, the more effective will be the results obtained," says a statement issued by the association in announcing a continuance of the campaign. "Those who do not sell their cotton through the association and against us. Naturally we want to get every bale in the association we can because it helps the situation for the farmers of the state that much. We believe that there are many farmers who are now ready to sign up. They will have the opportunity during the next three weeks of lining up with their brother farmers instead of lining up against them."

ENTERTAINMENT AT MACK'S.

The Ladies of Mack's vicinity met at the school house May 6, for the purpose of reorganizing the school improvement association. Mrs. H. U. Reeder was elected president; Mrs. J. C. Kennerly, vice president; Miss Eula Yon, secretary; Mrs. Martha Smith, treasurer. It was decided that these meetings be held the first Saturday of each month at 4 o'clock in

the fourth room that we may be able to accommodate the children who are now ready for high school.

Next Saturday night, May 13, we will give a free entertainment, consisting of music, recitations, jokes etc. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

NORTH EDISTO DOTS, NO. 87.

The farmers are not feeling very good over the cool weather.

The school closing at Edisto was a success in spite of the bad weather. The program was carried out nicely, also the picnic was fine.

Mrs. M. J. Jefcoat and children visited Mrs. Johnson King Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wyley Jackson visited their sister, Mrs. Julia Fulmer, Sunday.

The children's day at Ebenezer will be the fourth Sunday afternoon in May.

PERSONNEL AND COMPENSATION IN MANUFACTURE.

A table of considerable significance published by the Department of Labor shows that in 1919 there were 290,111 manufacturing establishments in the country, an increase of 5.2 per cent over the 1914 figure. Salaried employes in 1919 numbered 1,447,761, an increase of 50.1 per cent in 1914 and wage earners 9,098,119, an increase of 29.3 per cent in the same period. While per capita salaries increased only 50 per cent during the five-year period per capita wages doubled in that time. In 1914 salaried employes received 24 per cent of this total but in 1919, despite the 50 per cent increase alike in their number and their per capita earnings, they received only 21.5 per cent of the total. The corresponding percentages applying to wage earners were 76 in 1914 and 78.5 in 1919.

MOVING PICTURE SHOW AT CHAPIN SATURDAY.

There will be a moving picture show at the Chapin theatre Saturday night, May 13, with extra good pictures to be shown.

of the administration of the gasoline and income tax laws. In the treasurer's office are piles and piles of checks ranging from a dollar to thirty thousand dollars. An extra force had to be added to take care of the big job of assorting them and making out receipts.

COURT MEETS THE 22ND OF MONTH.

Court sessions will meet here on Monday, May 22, with Judge J. W. Dease of Edgefield presiding. The jury commissioners met Tuesday morning and drew the following to serve as jurors the first week of court.

J. Harry Hutto, Frank S. Oswald, Julian E. McCartha, Eugene C. David, D. J. Shehane, Silas F. Sturkie, Drew S. Smith, George W. McCartha, Eddie E. Kneese, Sam P. Roof, H. E. Summer, J. Monroe Koon, Frank Swygert, Marcellus M. Smith, Arthur Ellis, G. T. McDowell, Webster Koon, Doyle L. Keisler, Annie B. Kyzer, Elijah Hall, Jacob F. Rawl, J. Drafts Boozer, J. A. Shealy, C. M. Swygert, S. S. George, Jeffrey R. Whittaker, W. D. Huffstader, A. Killian Harmon, Elen B. Cray, Esther T. Koon, H. H. Kyzer, Pickens Roof, Cromer A. Shealy, J. H. Hook, Willie L. Hook, W. E. Humphries.

BATESBURG NEWS.

Prof. H. Horton Colcock, for 22 years a member of the faculty of the University of South Carolina, was a distinguished visitor to our town Saturday. Prof. Colcock resigned the chair of mathematics in 1916 and began the practice of law in Columbia as the senior member of the firm of Colcock and Colcock in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Holly L. Harman of Lexington spent Sunday with relatives in Batesburg.

Cliff Engineer E. L. Hartley attended court at Aiken last week as a witness in the H. P. Dyches murder case.

Mrs. B. B. Rawl and daughter, Miss Esther, were shopping in Columbia Saturday.

Mrs. Morgan P. Bodie of Lexington spent Sunday with visitors in town Sunday.

Mr. McKendree Barr was in Augusta Monday on legal business.

Messrs. Watson Timmerman, James Miller and T. J. Etheredge left Monday on a fishing trip, near North, in Orangeburg county.

Messrs. J. M. Gaines and Kenneth Baker of Greenwood were recent visitors to our town.

The condition of Mr. Wilbur H. Cook remains unchanged. He is still a very sick man and but little hope is entertained for his recovery.

Miss Sallie Burton, who recently had to undergo an operation at the Baptist hospital in Columbia, is expected home the latter part of this week.

Mr. W. Ralph Hite of Columbia was a visitor to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hite Sunday.

At the regular meeting of the town council last Tuesday night, Mr. W. E. Duncan was elected chief of police and the services of Mr. John Bagley were continued as night watchman.

Revival services will begin Monday night at the Christian church in this town and will likely continue through the week. Several members of the denomination in Columbia worshipped at the Batesburg church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Dunn of Columbia visited their daughter, Mrs. J. L. Yoimans, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. E. J. Hite made a business trip to Columbia Monday afternoon. There is considerable sickness prevailing in this section now and our physicians are being kept busy night and day.

Mrs. R. B. Shealy left last week for treatment at the Baptist hospital in Columbia.

REOPENS AFTER FIRE.

J. S. Wessinger & Sons have resumed business in their modern building at Chapin, with a complete stock of general merchandise. This firm suffered the loss by fire some time ago of their building and all its contents, but immediately set to work to rebuild. The buying public is assured of the very best and newest goods at this store.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the people of this community for the many kindnesses shown us at the time fire destroyed our store with its contents. We feel deeply indebted to them and wish to record our appreciation in this manner.

J. S. WESSINGER & SONS, Chapin, S. C.

TAXES ARE COMING IN SATISFACTORILY.

The response to the call printed in this paper last week asking taxpayers to come forward at an early date has been very good indeed, state the county officials, and it is hoped that many others will pay before the last days of the month, and thereby save the treasurer a great deal of worry at the very last.

It was stated at the treasurer's office this morning that the tax had not been paid on a great many dogs as yet, in one school district only three dogs being accounted for. The dog tax law was amended at the last session of the legislature, making the penalty for non-payment of dog tax a fine of \$5.00 or imprisonment of 20 days, so those who have not paid this tax should do so before June 1.

EIGHTEEN YEARS FOR MANSLAUGHTER.

Orangeburg, May 8.—Carlos Corbett was sentenced to serve 18 years in the state penitentiary today by Judge I. W. Bowman, who is presiding over the Orangeburg court. Corbett was found guilty of manslaughter when called to trial for the murder of Julian Cooper. In September, 1920 when he was tried for the murder of Bryan Salley, one of the slain men, he was acquitted. An appeal will be taken to the supreme court. Corbett is now in the Orangeburg jail and his wife has returned to her home in Hartsville.

The case against Claude J. Rast, former superintendent of education of Orangeburg county, who is charged with criminal assault upon one of his girl pupils while principal of the East Middle school, will be called tomorrow.

BANK IN COLUMBIA GETS TEN MILLION.

Washington, May 8.—Out of the \$15,000,000 farm loan bond issue put on the market today, the federal government received \$10,000,000

according to Commissioner Lobdell tonight. This amount will be \$2,500,000 in excess of the amount allotted to the Columbia bank from previous bond issues and \$1,500,000 in excess of the amount allotted to any other bank out of the current issue. The officials of the Columbia bank have advised Washington that they plan the resumption of farm loan applications within the next fortnight.

GOVERNOR COOPER MAY SUCCEED LEVER.

Washington, May 8.—Selection to fill the existing vacancy on the federal farm loan board lies between T. C. Akeson, Washington representative of the National Grange; Lieut. Gov. Wade Cooper of North Carolina, and Gov. Robert A. Cooper of South Carolina. Senator Bursum (Republican) of New Mexico said today after a call at the White House that the vacancy was caused by the resignation of A. F. Lever.

AND THESE WERE WHITE HOUSE "PICKETEERS"

The Naval radio service will broadcast over the country the speeches and music of the ceremonies dedicating the first national political headquarters for women at Washington, on May 21.

Secretary Denby, by special order, authorized the use of the Government radio service by the National Woman's Party, for this purpose. The Navy Department's recent official order restricting the use of the naval radio to government departments, will be waived for this one occasion which will be attended by President Harding, national officials and by prominent women from all parts of the country.

PREACHING AT COUNTY HOME SUNDAY, 14TH.

The Rev. W. C. Wallace, pastor of the Lexington Baptist church, will preach at the county almshouse on Sunday, May 14th, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

RECITAL FRIDAY NIGHT BY MRS. ROOF'S PUPILS.

The music pupils of Mrs. E. B. Roof will give their annual recital at the high school auditorium, Friday night, beginning at 8:30 o'clock. Mrs. Roof has been teaching music for many years, and these recitals are always pleasing. A good program has been arranged for the occasion.

CAMP MEETING AT STYX NEXT JULY.

The camp meeting at Styx this summer will commence on July 20 and continue through the 30th. The Rev. O. M. Hilborn, state superintendent, and the Rev. N. G. Humphries, of Ware Shoals, will have charge of the meeting, and other spiritual workers are invited to take part. The entertainment will be free as far as possible, there being 12 camping rooms on the grounds furnished with straw, but suitable articles for light housekeeping should be brought with you. Styx is located 8 miles from Columbia on the Southern railway, and the camp grounds are only a mile from the Styx station. Every one is invited to attend this meeting. For further information write D. E. Shumpert, New Brookland, S. C., Rt. 2.

ANNE JERUSHA SCHUMPERT.

Mrs. Anne Jerusha Schumpert, daughter of Col. James Jefferson Clark, and Annie Catherine Clark, and wife of Job Schumpert, was born April 17th, 1857, and died May 3rd, 1922, making her stay on earth 65 years and 16 days. She was married to Job Schumpert in 1888. To this union five children were born, of which only one survives her.

She leaves to mourn her departure, one son, her husband, four brothers, one sister, and a host of relatives and friends.

Mrs. Schumpert was a member of the Methodist church at Boiling Springs, on the Gilbert charge, but had been living in Columbia for several years.

SUDDEN CHANGE OF OPINION.

At one of those banquets where almost every one is called on to make a short speech or to tell a funny story, a woman who sat near the speaker's table was heard to remark after nearly every story told: "My goodness, that's another old story. They tell some new ones."

Regardless of whether the speaker got a good laugh, she complained to her companion of the antiquity of the stories.

"I've never been to a worse affair. I wish they would cut it short. I'd rather have stayed home than come," she bitterly asserted.

In the midst of her harangue, the toastmaster beamed in her direction, and said:

"Now, there is Mrs. ——. She is one of the most charming workers in our organization, and I know we would all be glad to hear her speak." Dismayer, Mrs. ——— managed to get on her feet, and addressed the guests thusly:

"I really don't know what to say, only that I am so glad to be here with you. I just said to the lady sitting next to me what a perfectly splendid time I was having. I didn't know we had so many clever people in the organization who could tell such funny stories."—Indianapolis News.

AT GILBERT.

There will be a play at Gilbert graded school building next Friday evening beginning at 8 o'clock p. m., the title of which is "The Masonic Ring". Come one and all and enjoy a good time. The play will be given by the 8th and 9th grades.

POTATO GROWERS ASSO. WILL MEET SATURDAY.

There will be a meeting in the court house next Saturday afternoon of the Lexington Potato Growers Association. All stockholders are urged to be present and others interested will be welcome.

BON HEUR CLUB.

Miss Ernestine Barre will entertain the Bon Heur club Friday afternoon, at 4 o'clock.

"Some Fireless 'Cooker'" "John, dear," began the bride tearfully, "breakfast is on the table—but—but isn't it just too annoying—look at that bread!"

"Why," exclaimed the bridegroom in surprise, "it isn't baked at all!" "I know it isn't, dear; that's just it. And I p-p-put lots and l-l-lots of baking powder in it, too."

What Teacher Pulled On Him.

"Teacher pulled something on me today that made me mighty sore." "What was it?" "My ear."