

Political Gossip In Capital City Turning to Legislative Candidates

Columbia, May 30.—There is plenty of politics in the capital just now. Almost every day sees a new entrant in the race for governor. Evidently somebody thinks "the water's fine" for they keep coming. Thos. G. McLeod, former lieutenant governor and candidate for governor against Featherstone and Blease, has announced that he will make the race this summer. Mr. McLeod's home is at Bishopville. He is a man of parts, is a good stump speaker and has many friends throughout the state. He has announced that he will be in at the finish.

While the campaign is just a little less than a month from the "getaway," interest in the race for governor is not so keen as one might suspect, doubtless owing to the great number of candidates who will divide the vote. Tuesday, June 20, the flag will drop, and the race will be on, when the candidates will address the voters at Columbia. Wednesday, June 21, will be campaign day at Lexington, the candidates following down the Ridge. The itinerary was arranged by a sub-committee of the executive committee consisting of George Bell Timmerman, Col. Wille Jones and Harry N. Edmunds.

Thoughtful people are beginning to pay some attention to the composition of the next legislature. No matter who may be elected to the other offices, it is, after all, the general assembly which holds the purse strings and dispenses the money of the people. In some counties there are women candidates for the legislature and others are expected to follow suit.

Speaking of the legislature, many close observers are keenly interested in the man who will succeed E. T. Sapp as chairman of the ways and means committee of the house.

Through his service as assistant attorney general and later his work in the legislature Mr. Sapp's friends say that he is thoroughly familiar with the needs of the state government and stands for proper support for them when economically administered. Mr. Sapp has been one of the leading members of the committee for the past two years, and it was due, his friends say, in his small measure to his active support and hearty cooperation with the chairman that the program of tax readjustment passed the house so smoothly. Mr. Sapp is one of the most powerful speakers that the legislature has heard in many years. His logic is inexorable and he has been successful in nearly every fight into which he has entered. For some time the Richland member thought of entering the lists for congress from the Seventh district, but considerable pressure has been brought to bear on him to remain in the legislature and take up the work of steering the financial policy of the state through the house.

There will no doubt be a considerable number of changes in the senate at the next session, many of those whose terms expired having announced positively that they will not make the race. Among those who have positively declined to run are Senator McColl of Marlboro and Senator Young of Charleston. Both of these gentlemen have served just one term in the senate and those who are familiar with their work regret to know that they will not come back next winter. They both enjoyed the esteem and confidence of their colleagues to the greatest degree. Senator McColl was one of the senate's best speakers. His command of good English was proverbial with those who had the pleasure of hearing him. And when occasion seemed to warrant it the senator from Marlboro's English was as vigorous as it was correct, which is saying a good deal.

Among those members of the senate whose term expires but who expect to make the race again this summer, is Senator Lightsey of Hampton. Those who have watched his career during the four years of his term as senator believe that his county can hardly afford to fail to send him back. During his term of office Senator Lightsey has made a study of the needs of the various departments of the state government. While he believes in ade-

quately and properly supporting all necessary activities, Senator Lightsey was among those who believed that greater economies could be practiced. As member of the committee on economy and consolidation, he spent several months last year looking into the affairs of the state, and his investigation convinced him that considerable money could be saved the taxpayers without impairing the usefulness of the service which the government rendered. He consistently and ably supported the program of the economy committee. Friends of Senator Lightsey further point to the fact that he rendered his county an inestimable service in straightening out the county's fiscal affairs, which had gotten into a hopeless tangle. Those who know the Hampton senator well believe that he will be returned to the senate, where they predict a still larger influence for him.

Another senator whose term expires, but who will probably run over this summer is the Hon. Thos. B. Pearce of Richland, Lexington's next door neighbor. There will hardly be any opposition to Senator Pearce, as he has served his county well and satisfactorily. During his term Richland county has built a great deal of hard surface roads. So well was the fund with which this work has been done administered that not a single complaint worthy of the name has been registered. Even those who opposed the building of the roads, now that they have seen the benefit accruing, are enthusiastic about them. Senator Pearce has taken an active part in the proceedings of the body and has been unusually successful in pushing through successfully legislation in which he has been interested. He has been a leading member of the finance committee and twice during his term has been elected a member of the free conference committee on the appropriation bill, an honor which hardly ever comes to a young man in the senate.

Senator T. Frank Watkins is another senator whose term expires this summer and who first thought he would not offer again. So great has been the pressure brought to bear on him, however, that he has about consented to make the race. Senator Watkins is one of the younger members of the senate, but during his term he has wielded a large influence. He is a man of parts, vigorous in language as well as in action. Sincere and straightforward, he has made a strong circle of friends in the senate and will, with another term, wield a more powerful influence. The Anderson senator is a young man, and he will be heard from in state politics before the rising generation adds many moons to its years. He was elected president of the State Democratic convention recently and made many friends among the delegates.

Wilson G. Harvey, the new governor, is actively on the job now, with a smile for all callers. It would be hard to find a more genial gentleman in many days travel than the governor, who has added to his circle of friends all who have had business with the governor's office since his inauguration.

The average Columbian is somewhat upset over the delay which will result as the effect of the appeal of the Arnette murderers. The community was deeply stirred by the brutal murder, but public opinion was considerably soothed by the speedy trial and the just conviction of the murderers. But justice must defer to the law's delays.

GOOD CROPS.

We had the pleasure of a delightful ride Sunday afternoon up the Augusta road, as far as the Hayes' place, and must compliment the resident farmers along the road, for their well worked farms, with promise of a good harvest of corn and some cotton. The fruit trees also seem well cared for and are loaded with peaches. While the small grain, pretty well harvested, seems to have been fairly good. With the anticipated sweet and Irish potato crops added, these farmers will have no right to complain of "hard times and no money."—Uncle Josh.

D. Frank Efrid Resigns Position

The State.
D. F. Efrid, who has been in one capacity or another connected with the South Carolina State Fair association since 1897, yesterday submitted his resignation as secretary of the association to the executive committee. He said yesterday that the resignation was effective June 10.

Mr. Efrid is known to hundreds of men over the state who have had exhibits at the state fair or who have been connected with it through the years. He has seen the fair grow from a comparatively small organization to one in which hundreds of men and women are interested. When he first became connected with the association the premium list amounted to approximately \$5,000; now the total value of the premiums is about \$30,000; the collections from the concessions along the midway amounted to about \$3,000 when Mr. Efrid began his service with the association; at the present time they amount to about \$17,000, he said yesterday.

Mr. Efrid became a member of the executive board of the association in 1897 and in 1898 was made superintendent of the horse department of the state fair. After three years of service in that capacity he was elected general superintendent of the fair, which position he held for nine years. In 1910 he was elected secretary; after serving as secretary for a time he again became a member of the executive board and was reelected secretary in 1913 and has continued to serve as secretary up to the present time.

PLENTY OF WHISKEY.

Lexington was indeed a wet town Tuesday, but in such a way that it did not do the thirsty any good. It was not a drop to drink, when Sheriff E. Austin Roof poured on the ground (which many thought was already wet enough) something over 100 gallons of perfectly good whiskey which he has captured from time to time. The whiskey had been kept by the sheriff until after court adjourned and the parties from whom it was taken convicted.

LEAPHART BEGINS.

Charleston, May 31.—Federal court for the June term will open here next Tuesday morning, Judge H. A. M. Smith presiding. It will be the first term at which the new district attorney, J. D. E. Meyer, and the new marshal, S. J. Leaphart, will officiate. The usual number of prohibition and other cases are awaiting disposition.

MRS. J. K. RUCKER.

In remembrance of Mrs. J. K. Rucker born January 28, 1871, died May 21, 1922. She leaves to mourn her departed life a loving husband and 8 children, 5 sons: Messrs. G. E. Rucker, J. H. Rucker, H. D. Rucker, Clifton and Ernest Rucker and 3 daughters: Mrs. Eugene Furtick, Mrs. Norris Slighter and Morine Rucker, and 7 grand children, besides a host of relatives and friends.

The funeral services were conducted at Sardis Baptist church, Tuesday morning, at 11 o'clock, by her pastor, Mr. J. R. McKittrick.

JUNE ITINERARY OF COUNTY HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT

- June 1.—Saxe-Gotha Cooking club.
 - June 2.—Lexington—Conference with Miss Chappelle.
 - June 3.—Lexington—Office.
 - June 5.—Oak Grove Cooking club.
 - June 6.—Round Hill Sewing club.
 - June 7-16.—Rock Hill—State Short Course.
 - June 17.—Lexington—Office.
 - June 19-23.—Columbia, S. C. County Short Course.
 - June 24.—Lexington—Office.
 - June 25.—Jelly Making—Mrs. Doris Walker, supervisor.
 - June 27-29.—Aiken S. C., County Short Course.
 - June 30.—Lexington Cooking Club.
- The club members of the county will please note, that few regular club meetings will be held during the month of June as I, the Home-Demonstration agent, will be busy helping to conduct training courses for the ladies and children, in Rock Hill, Columbia, and Aiken.

Five Days Court Did Much Work

Court general sessions, which convened last week, adjourned Friday afternoon after having disposed of a large part of the cases on docket. The session was scheduled to last two weeks, but on account of several of the attorneys interested in some of the more important cases having to attend the supreme court in Columbia this week, the session was brought to a close, and the cases of Messrs. J. C. Swygert and the State vs. Dr. Rice B. Harmon were closed.

Cases closed of since our last issue are: The State vs. Kenny Humphrey, negro, charged with murder in the killing of Willie Green, and also charged with carrying concealed weapons, convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to serve four years. Humphrey was located in Carlisle, Pa. The State vs. Green, negro, was convicted of breaking and entering the First National bank at Batesburg, making some money and a pistol, and was sentenced to serve ten years in the state penitentiary. A small boy pleaded guilty to assisting in the robbery and was sentenced to three years in the state reformatory.

Quite a session was created in the court Thursday afternoon when the case of George W. Miller was called. When the sheriff went about for the prisoner he reported that the sheriff that he was sick and could not be tried. On being examined by a physician he was found to be insane, and according to the law, Judge DeVore ordered Miller into court. This case was closed by the assistants did

her to the dock, where he was placed and held securely. When asked by Solicitor Callison if he was ready for trial he did not reply and seemed not to hear the solicitor. After remaining in the room for some time he was reconducted to the jail in the same manner in which he was brought to the court room, without speaking a word.

Miller is charged with assault and battery with intent to kill, and has been in jail for about six months. He was shot and seriously wounded D. E. Hammond at Gilbert some time ago. Judge DeVore Friday morning issued an order for Miller to be placed in the state penitentiary, and to be held there until further orders from this court. Sheriff Roof carried Miller to the penitentiary Friday afternoon.

ALUMNAE REUNIONS AT WINTHROP COLLEGE.

The college folk at Winthrop are looking forward with joy to the home coming of numbers of Winthrop's daughters during commencement. Every former Winthrop student and graduate is urged to come back to us on this occasion. Eight classes are planning reunions: '87, '88, '89, '97, '05, '06, '07, '08. Three of these classes graduated in Columbia. Members of these classes will be delighted to learn that Miss Fannie McCants, a loved and honored teacher in Winthrop while it was in Columbia, will be at the college for these reunions.

AN ALUMNAE BREAKFAST

An alumnae breakfast will be served at nine o'clock Tuesday morning, June 6, in the Students' Building. A nominal charge of fifty cents per plate will be made. Every Winthrop daughter who expects to be present is requested to write Miss Lella A. Russell at once to reserve a room in the dormitories for her. She must know too how many to expect for the breakfast. Write without delay.

PRICE-BALLINGTON

On Sunday afternoon at St. Stephen's Lutheran parsonage, by the Rev. Arthur B. Obenschain, there were united in holy wedlock Mr. Jacob Blennard Price and Miss Minnie Gertrude Ballington. Both are of New Brookland, S. C. They were attended by Miss Sadie S. Spires and Mr. Ernest J. Hobbs. They have the good wishes of their many friends for a long and happy wedded life.

Lexington Schools Just Closed Successful Year--Eight Graduate

Commencement exercises of the Lexington schools, which were begun last Thursday night came to a close Monday night with the graduating exercises, and nearly five hundred pupils entered upon their "glad vacation days" after a very successful year. The school session just closed was a successful one. The enrollment reached nearly half thousand, there being 124 pupils in the high school department and 343 in the lower grades, making a total of 467 for the entire school.

The eight graduates receiving state high school diplomas Monday night were the first to finish here since the 11th grade was added, and for next session 35 pupils will go from the seventh grade to the high school department. Those receiving diplomas were: Anna Lee Corley, Nola Price, Ola Warner, Wenona Corley, Neita Harman, Gary Harman, Herbert Hendrix and Raymond Hendrix.

The closing exercises began last Thursday night with a play, "Much Ado About Betty," given by the pupils of the tenth grade, the same play being repeated Friday night. The play was given under the auspices of the Ladies' Improvement League, and was entirely successful. Mrs. J. D. Carroll directed the play.

The baccalaureate sermon was preached in the high school auditorium Sunday morning by the Rev. P. D. Brown, pastor of Ebenezer Lutheran church, Columbia. A special musical program was also rendered.

The graduating exercises were held Monday night, at which time the following program was carried out: Invocation, Rev. A. B. Obenschain; ad-

dress—class president, Anna Lee Corley; salutary, Nola Price; class history, Gary Harman; vocal duet, Miss May Lois Boozer and Mrs. J. D. Carroll; class prophecy, Ola Warner; class will, Wenona Corley; class poem, Herbert Hendrix; quizzism, Raymond Hendrix; instrumental solo, Neita Harman; valedictory, Anna Lee Corley; baccalaureate address, Prof. E. Marion Rucker; song, "Alma Mater, Fare the Well," senior class; announcements, Superintendent L. E. Whittle; delivery of diplomas, Prof. E. Marion Rucker; awarding of trustees medal, Hon. T. C. Callison; awarding of Dispatch-News medal, Hon. T. C. Callison.

The Trustees medal, offered for the highest mark in scholarship in the high school, was awarded to Miss Ruth George, and that offered by The Dispatch-News for the highest mark in scholarship in the grammar grades was awarded Miss Evelyn Caughman.

The school the past session has been under the capable management of Prof. L. E. Whittle, who, with the following teachers, are responsible for the successful year just ended: First grade, Miss Mary Wingard; advanced first grade, Mrs. Ethel Sease; second grade, Miss Vera Corley; third grade, Miss Annie Lou Taylor; fourth grade, Miss Kate Shull; fifth grade, Miss Pearle Caughman; sixth grade, Miss Susie Lown; seventh grade, Miss Modena Bigby; eighth grade, Miss Ethel Dreher and Miss Margaret Milhouse; ninth grade, Miss Ellen Hendrix; tenth and eleventh grades, Prof. L. E. Whittle; agricultural teacher, C. S. Addy; music teachers, Miss May Boozer and Mrs. E. B. Roof; expression teacher, Mrs. Jno. D. Carroll.

BOOZER FUNERAL

State, May 26th.
The funeral of Mrs. Amanda Sawyer Boozer, wife of Albert M. Boozer, who died at her home, 1802 Hampton street, yesterday morning after a long illness, will be held at the residence at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon. Interment will follow in the family plot at Elmwood cemetery.

Mrs. Boozer was the daughter of Jasper Sawyer, a well known Lexington county planter, and had been a resident of Columbia since 1869 when as the wife of Mr. Boozer, then a young attorney, she moved from Lexington to the capital. Here her many acts of kindness and of love, her ready and understanding sympathy have won for her a host of friends.

She was a student at Columbia college, then on Hampton street, when Sherman and his federal army invaded Columbia. Her college work thus interrupted by the conflict she returned home where she completed her studies under a young teacher and law student by the name of Norris.

In 1867 Miss Sawyer became the wife of Albert M. Boozer, the son of Judge Lemuel Boozer, and two years later Mr. and Mrs. Boozer moved to Columbia from their home in the Leesville section of Lexington county.

Mrs. Boozer was a faithful and devoted member of the Main Street Methodist church.

Surviving Mrs. Boozer are her husband and the following children: Dr. A. Earle Boozer, Mrs. Howell Morrill of Horrell Hill, and Misses Nettie and Lena Boozer of Columbia.

Mrs. Boozer was closely related to the Poindexter family of Virginia.

BANKS TO CLOSE.

Both of the Lexington banks will be closed Saturday, June 3, it being Jefferson Davis' birthday.

Punctilious.

An old colored man in Georgia was asked to attend the funeral of a neighbor's wife, and as he had gone to the funerals of both of her predecessors, his own wife was rather surprised when he informed her that he had declined the invitation.

For some time the old fellow would give no reason for the refusal, but he could not put the old woman off indefinitely. Finally, with some hesitation, he said:

"Well, you see, Mrandy, I don't like to be acceptin' other folks' politeness when I never have nothin' of the kind to offer dem in return."

NEWBERRY COMMENCEMENT

Newberry College commencement will begin with the baccalaureate sermon by Rev. H. A. McCullough, D. D., Columbia, S. C., in the opera house, Sunday morning, June 4th, at 11 o'clock. Sunday night at 8:30 in the same place the address to the Y. M. C. A. will be made by Rev. J. L. Oates, D. D., York, S. C.

On Monday mornin, June 5th, at 10:30 in Holland Hall will be held the Sophomore declamation contest.

At 3:40 in the afternoon the annual meeting of the board of trustees will be held in the College office.

Monday night at 8:30 in the opera house will be held the Junior oratorical contest.

Tuesday morning, June 6th, at 10:30 will be held the commencement exercises. Forty graduates will receive diplomas. Five members of the Senior class will speak.

At 4:00 p. m. in the American Legion Hall the alumni luncheon will be given by the Newberry County College Club. All alumni and former students are cordially invited to be the guests of the club at this luncheon, and are urged to notify Mr. I. H. Hunt, Newberry, S. C., of their intention to be present. Rev. J. J. Long of Little Mountain, S. C., will be the toastmaster.

Following the luncheon the annual meeting of the Alumni Association will be held.

WILL SERVE DINNER FOR THE CANDIDATES.

The candidates making the state campaign have a regular feed in store for themselves when they reach Lexington on June 21, when the Ladies' Aid Society of St. Stephen's Lutheran church will serve barbecue and chicken dinner on the court house grounds, and there will be plenty for all present.

HOOK-REYNOLDS.

The following invitations have been received in Lexington and will be read with much interest by Miss Hook's many friends:

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Heise announce the engagement of their sister, Miss Marion Pauline Hook to Harry B. Reynolds of Birmingham, Ala. The wedding to take place June 15th at 8:30 o'clock at Mt. Horeb Methodist church, New Brookland, S. C.