

State Office Seekers Were In Lexington Wednesday

Before a crowd of approximately 600 voters today the candidates for the various state offices presented their qualifications for the places for which they were offering and asked the suffrage of the electors. The meeting was called to order at ten o'clock by C. M. Efrid, who presided and introduced the different speakers, and the meeting lasted for about four hours.

The candidates for lieutenant governor were the first to be introduced, E. B. Jackson being the first speaker, followed by Dr. E. C. L. Adams, Jennings K. Owings being absent.

Next came the candidates for state superintendent of education, J. H. Hope of Union being the first speaker. Mr. Hope is a Lexingtonian by birth, and taught school in this county a number of years ago, and was received here with a warm welcome.

The next speaker was Mr. O. D. Seay, and he impressed upon his hearers the importance of uniform text books, whereby a family of children could remove from one county to another and use the same books as before. He also taught in Lexington at one time.

J. H. Ziegler, another candidate for the office of state superintendent of education, was absent.

John E. Swearingen, the present state superintendent, was the next speaker, and he said he had served this office for 14 years. He had endeavored to govern the state recently, but on account of the numerous letters asking that he offer again for the state superintendent, he had reconsidered. He was elected by the voters of the cotton belt.

Miss Bertha Berly, of Columbia, was the next speaker in the race for state superintendent of education, and she was the first woman to speak to a Lexington audience offering for a state office. She said she was following her natural bent in seeking the office, and that she felt that she was well qualified to perform the duties of it. That when the United States entered the war she went across the seas to help entertain the soldiers and served her country as best she could. She knew the office she sought was a responsible one, but it would be a pleasure for her to serve.

Mrs. Bessie R. Drake of Marlboro, also a candidate for state superintendent of education, was the next speaker. She said the public welfare rests on the intelligence of the people; that the ideals of the state had their inception in the school room; and that it was her desire to help bring South Carolina from the bottom of the list in literacy, where it had stood for some time.

For Secretary of State.
James C. Dozier of Rock Hill was the first speaker in the race for secretary of state. He said that while he was a veteran of the world war, that he was not making the race for office on his merits as a soldier, but because he thought himself well fitted for the job.

W. Banks Dove, candidate for reelection to the same office, said that the greatest satisfaction of his public life was the knowledge of his duty having been well performed; that he had enlarged the scope of his office and doubled its returns. He said that he was instrumental in having the laws of the state so amended as to make outside capital pay its proportionate share of the fees incidental to entering this state, which had not been done previous to his election to the office.

For Attorney General.
D. M. Winter, a member of the general assembly from Marlboro county, was the first speaker in the race for attorney general. He thought that money was being spent unnecessarily by the attorney general's office in employing outside lawyers to fight cases that naturally involved upon the officer. He said that last year almost as much had been spent for outside help as the entire appropriation was in 1916.

Harold Eubanks, another candidate for attorney general, took Mr. Wolfe to task for recommending that the

salary of the attorney general be raised; that Mr. Wolfe had stated that one could not live on the present salary, and if that be the case he could not see why he should ask reelection. He also read an itemized statement of the expenditures of the office, which he said were entirely too large.

Comptroller General.
T. H. Gooding of Hampton county said that this was his first appearance before a Lexington audience, and he paid Auditor W. D. Dent a very high compliment. He told of his qualifications for the office and said that he had "been framed" in his home county due to political differences between himself and the state senator. His opponent, Walter E. Duncan, was not present, due to much work to be done in the office, according to a letter read by Chairman C. M. Efrid.

George W. Wightman, candidate for commissioner of agriculture, said that he had been able to make the incumbent realize the importance of the office which he holds, and that if elected to it he would not travel over the entire country and cost the state huge sums for nothing, and that if asked for advice would advise in favor of the farmer instead of against him, as has been the case.

B. Harris, the present commissioner, was then introduced. He explained the details of the office and emphasized the importance of inspecting roads, ferries and gasoline, and said that the office was not costing the taxpayers one penny; that the office was not only self-sustaining, but also turned in revenue to the state treasury.

For Governor.
The candidates for governor were last to be heard, and J. J. Canteley of Summerton being absent, John T. Duncan of Columbia led off. It is useless to mention his speech insofar as those who have been following politics in South Carolina for the past 16 years are concerned. It was the same speech delivered in the same manner. "The flag" and E. W. Robertson come in for their usual portion of criticism, and the press was far from immune. Mr. Duncan said that it was an easy matter to tell the voters of the useless offices, and that they would be abolished, but it had not been done. He also said that the press had ceased to print the news, but were only organs of the power that set up the state government. He said that the people would read today what Duncan also spoke. When the general new speeches will print in the Dispatch-News.

George K. Laney followed Duncan, and said that at one time he fought everything that required an appropriation, and for that reason while he was a member of the legislature he was made a member of the committee on retrenchment, and since the drift of the times had become apparent that he hardly had room to remain in that position on account of so many trying to get on the band wagon. That if elected governor he would look into all offices with the view to economy. While speaking he was interrupted from the audience with the question: "How did you vote on the hydro-electric bill?" and he answered that he voted for it, and had no apologies to make.

Thos. G. McLeod followed Mr. Laney. He said he was not running on his own account, but that he believed he could be of service to the people. That a man could get out of politics what he put into it, and that he intended putting his best effort into the office of governor if elected. He complimented Lexington county on her record in recent criminal trials, and said it was a worthy example to set for the remainder of the state. He said that luxuries were now going untaxed, which should be remedied, and that all things should come in for a just portion of taxation. He said that if he had been in the legislature he

FOR NEW PASTOR.

To the Editor of The Dispatch-News.
Dear Sir:—Will you please allow me a few lines in your valuable paper? I am, in a sense, a stranger in your midst, but have already been made to feel at home, and to realize that the lines have fallen in a pleasant place to us. We have been shown that the people of this community and surrounding country, have the ability to make one feel at home.

Having accepted the call, to become pastor of the Zion pastorate, made vacant by the late Rev. J. A. Cromer, we moved into the house provided as a temporary parsonage.

Not being able to arrange for house-keeping the first few days, the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Efrid and family was thrown open to us and of course all who have ever been there, and doubtless many more, know by reputation, that we truly fell into good hands and were royally cared for by these good people. Friday and part of Saturday we spent in unpacking and arranging for house-keeping.

Saturday morning we had some intimation from some of the neighbors that they might call on us in the afternoon, yet we did not suspicion anything more than a neighborly visit by a few who lived nearby.

But about the middle of the afternoon the vanguard arrived in the person of a few individuals, to do a little work on the house. And by them we were given to understand that we were to have more visitors later. Presently we realized a crowd had gathered in the house, upon the veranda and in the yard, when one of the men asked to be shown the way to the kitchen. Now you generally feel a kind of misgiving, when a man wants to get about the kitchen or dining room late in the day. But from what we saw in their hands we

thought they had brought, until the table was filled to overflowing and the floor had to accommodate the balance. There was quite a variety of gifts, such as: flour, meat, potatoes, lard, sugar, rice, coffee and different kinds of vegetables and canned goods, all of which are very useful.

There must have been at least 150 persons present, some coming from each of the congregations—Emanuel, Mt. Hebron, Zion, Pilgrim and St. Peters. We are indeed very grateful to every one for their donations. May God's richest blessing rest upon every member of the pastorate, and may we all laboring together in His Kingdom, accomplish much good in the world.

Sincerely,
H. A. KISTLER.

would have voted for the hydro-electric bill, which he thought was along the right lines. It was due time for each man to bear his just burden of the state government. It elected he will not interfere with the verdicts of the voters.

William Coleman, candidate for governor, was absent.

Coleman L. Blease, candidate for governor, was the last speaker. He said that what was needed was some one in the governor's chair, who would remedy the tax situation, and not those who make only promises. He exhibited a list of what he termed useless officers on the payroll of the state, and said that they should be abolished, and thereby save the people an enormous amount of money. He favors the abolition of the state tax commission, and said those duties should devolve upon the comptroller general. He said that when he occupied the governor's chair several years the cry was to get rid of Blease and "everybody would have better cakes and molasses," but since then to the present that promise had failed. That when he "was governor, he was governor, and no one dictated what he should do." He characterized the budget commission as a sweet scented crowd who had never did anything of good for the state. That it was necessary to send to Sears-Keobuck Co. to get a custodian to keep them straight, referring to the efficiency people brought to the state by the commission.

The crowd today filled the court house comfortably, and it was orderly, by all of the candidates receiving good attention. The meeting tomorrow will be held at Saluda.

STOKES-SOX.

Beautiful in every detail was the marriage of Miss Kimmie Stokes to Mr. John T. Sox, solemnized at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. J. B. Stokes, at 505 Capitol Place, Columbia, Wednesday afternoon, June 21, at ten past four o'clock.

The front porch was converted into a summer flower garden, and here was placed the register which was in the hands of Mrs. George Lott. As each guest registered, the favors which were tiny wedding bells were distributed by Miss Mary Freeman. Also on the front porch was the punch, almost hidden away by a bank of ferns, smilax and cut flowers. Seated over this were Miss Bruce Chapman and Miss Leone Gunter.

The gifts were received at the door by E. O. Griswold of Columbia, Mr. and Mrs. G. Heber Ballentine of Johnston, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Julian Gayden of Columbia. The large living room was made into a place beautiful with profuse decorations in green and white. Here the effect was had by the use of smilax backed against smilax and ferns. From the arch was suspended a large white wedding bell, and on the table were placed numerous candles in silver sticks. Here the ceremony was performed in the soft glow.

The room adjoining was in pink and green. Graceful streamers of smilax were strung from the ceiling to the four corners of the room and each was attached to a large pink candle stick with a white ribbon. Here and there were pink and green mints, and a basket of pink roses.

The music was in blue, and above the music set here and there in the room. A violin serenade was given by Mr. Berly, and Miss Berly, who was accompanied by Miss Berly.

The bride, wearing a white gown with pink roses, and as maid of honor, entered first, carrying a huge bouquet of pink roses and wearing orchid tulle, trimmed in real lace, and a leg-horn hat with pink roses. Then came the groom on the arm of his best man, Mr. Jesse Ballentine of Lexington. The bride entered on the arm of her brother, J. B. Stokes, by whom she was given in marriage. She wore a fetching travelling suit in navy blue with gray accessories. She had a smart blue and gray hat with fall feather. Her only ornament was a platinum bracelet, the gift of the groom. Her bouquet was of bride's roses. Her petit beauty was never more outstanding than at her wedding hour.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. E. Hardaway, pastor of the Shandon Baptist church, assisted by Rev. A. B. Obenschain of Lexington, pastor of the groom. Immediately after the ceremony, the happy young couple left by auto for Camden where they boarded the northbound train for Washington, Baltimore and other points. They will be at home in Lexington after July 1.

The bride is formerly from Batesburg and has been making her home with her sister, Mrs. R. E. Randall. She is popular with a wide circle of friends in Columbia and Lexington county.

The groom is one of the most popular young men of Lexington. For a number of years, he has been the Manager of the Lexington Branch of the Bank of Western Carolina. He is a man of fine qualities and much promise. He was accompanied to Columbia by a large number of admiring friends who were glad to witness his marriage to Miss Stokes.

The out of town guests were Mrs. P. J. Holliday of Summerton; Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Smith, of Swansea; Miss Nan Gunter, of Batesburg; Miss Leone Gunter, of Ridge Spring; Miss Virginia Cullum of Batesburg; Mr. and Mrs. G. Heber Ballentine of Johnston.

After the ceremony, a delightful course of cream and cake, in the bridal colors, was served by Misses Cecile Artall, Rebecca Cleveland, and Eleanor Ellerbee, of Columbia. The large number of beautiful and

"BOB" LEAPHART

WILL NOT RUN.

C. E. Leaphart, who has been strongly urged to run for the office of comptroller general, has declined to enter the race.

Several days ago friends of Mr. Leaphart prevailed upon him to enter the race for comptroller general, feeling that he was eminently qualified to perform the duties of the office to the satisfaction of all, and he took the matter under advisement, but after due consideration he decided that it would be impossible for him to give up his other interests at this time to make the race.

After it was announced in the daily press that he was a probable candidate, Mr. Leaphart received numerous letters and telegrams from friends throughout the state urging him to run and pledging him their support, and it was with reluctance that he declined.

"Bob" Leaphart filled the office of treasurer of Lexington county with entire satisfaction for several terms, retiring from that position of his own accord without asking reelection, and Lexington never had a more courteous and efficient officer, and his many friends regret that he did not seek higher honors.

Mr. Leaphart appreciates the attitude of his friends, and regrets that he could not comply with their wishes.

ENTERTAINS FOR GUESTS.

On last Monday evening, at their lovely home on Main street, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Keisler entertained a large number of their friends in honor of their popular guests, Misses Bertha and Anna Short, of Cannon, Delaware. Tables for Hearts Dice were arranged in the parlor and on the spacious porches and this entertainment was followed until a late hour in the evening. At the con-

versation, the guests were served by Misses Caroline, Bertha Berly and Bertha Caughman. These charming young ladies also served fruit punch throughout the evening.

Assisting Mr. and Mrs. Keisler in receiving were Mrs. E. B. Roof and Mrs. Bessie Berly.

Each of the honor guests was presented with a dainty gift. Dr. W. E. Sawyer made the highest score of the evening, and presented his prize to the guests of honor. George D. Roof won the "booby" on a cut.

Those enjoying Mr. and Mrs. Keisler's hospitality and the association of the Misses Short were: Misses Mary E. Caughman, Ernestine Veda, and Cecil Barre, Vera and Annie Corley, Pearl Caughman, Mary Sue Roof, Sara Berly, Kathryn Berly; and Messrs. John T. Sox, Jesse Ballentine, Gus Barre, J. E. Kammer, Dr. N. S. Geiger, Dr. Rice B. Harmon, John Jordan, Dr. J. H. Mathias, Dr. W. E. Sawyer, Lewis B. Roof, Geo. David Roof, Cyrus L. Shealy, John Fox, Harry Wessinger, Shafter Taylor and James H. McKenna.

DR. RILEY BUYS LEXINGTON PHARMACY.

Dr. Sidney Riley has bought the Lexington Pharmacy from Dr. Claude C. Harman, and will continue the business as before. Dr. Riley has been prescription clerk at the store for some time. He is a graduate and licensed pharmacist. The store room has just been remodelled inside and will be repainted, and when completed will be one of the nicest places in town.

LEXINGTON DEFEATS CEDAR GROVE.

Lexington defeated Cedar Grove at the fair grounds this afternoon in an interesting game of base ball. The score being 10-3 in favor of Lexington.

ON AN EXTENDED VISIT.

Mrs. Alice Taylor and little daughter, Nellie, of Olympia, Columbia, S. C., leaves on the 24th for Cincinnati, Ohio, to spend a week with friends, after which they will go to Winchester, Ind., for a two months stay with her son W. M. Elkin and family.

valuable wedding presents attest the high esteem in which the bride and groom are held by their friends.

DEDICATORY SERVICES AT ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

The following musical program will be rendered at St. Stephen's Lutheran church Sunday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock as part of the dedication services:

Program.
"Largo from the 'New World' Symphony", Dvorak—Mrs. E. B. Roof.
"Angel's Serenade," G. Braga—Messrs. Lewis B., George D. and Mrs. E. B. Roof.
"Offertory in B. flat", Read—Miss Veda H. Barre.

Order of Service.

Hymn No. 61.
Versicle.
Psalm No. 150.
1st Lesson—2nd Chronicles 5:11-14.
Anthem—"O Praise God in His Holiness", Kirkpatrick—By choir.
2nd Lesson—Psalm 98.
Hymn No. 245.

Sermon by the Rev. H. J. Black, President of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Carolina.

Offertory Solo—"How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings," Liddle—Mrs. Sam P. Roof.

Announcements.

Dedication.

Hymn No. 59.

Versicle.

Nunc Dimittis.

The Prayers.

Benediction.

Doxology.

Postlude.

The organ is a two manual one with three hundred and ninety-eight pipes made by M. P. Moller, Inc., Hagerstown, Md.

BOOKS TO COST MORE.

Chester, June 14.—M. E. Brockman, superintendent of the Chester city schools, today said the price of school books in South Carolina next school year would be from 50 per cent. to 100 per cent. higher than they have been in the past.

ton remarked that the new contract for text books was made five years ago, at a time when everything was cheap. Inasmuch as the publishers were tied up in a five year contract, they were compelled to maintain the contract prices which during the past three years have not even covered the cost of printing. The contracts expired this spring and new contracts have been made. Books have sold in this state for one-fourth to one-half the prices paid in other states for several years past.

BON HEUR CLUB.
Mrs. S. J. Leaphart will entertain the Bon Heur club at her home on Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

TEACH AT SUMMERLAND.

Miss Mary Susan Roof, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Roof, has returned home from Boston, where she spent a successful year at the Boston Conservatory of Music. Miss Roof has been elected to teach music at Summerland college next session.

GOOD DINNER.

The ladies of St. Stephen's church served a fine dinner to the campaign crowd Wednesday at a reasonable price, and sold out all they had prepared, realizing a neat sum.

AT PROVIDENCE CHURCH.

The Rev. H. J. Black, president of the South Carolina synod, will preach at Providence Lutheran church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. All will receive a cordial welcome.

ENTERTAINS FOR BENEFIT OF METHODIST CHURCH.

Mrs. B. D. Clark and family with the ladies of the Methodist church, delighted the guests at an interesting Silver Tea at the Clark home last Friday evening.

AT COOKING SCHOOL.

Mary James Haltiwanger is in Columbia this week attending the school in cooking.

COTTON BLOOM.

The Dispatch-News has received cotton blossoms from J. J. Mack of Gaston on the 14th; G. J. King of Swansea on the 17th, and J. T. Steple of Priceville on the 19th.