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ABSENTEE VOTERS BILL

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Newspapers Approve Bill Introduced by Col. E. A. Brown.

The following editorial comment is taken from The Charleston News and Courier, under date of September 4th: We are glad to see that at the next session of the Legislature strong pressure is going to be brought for a law allowing absentees to vote by mail in South Carolina. The firm stand which has been taken in favor of such a law by Chairman Edgar A. Brown of the State Democratic Executive Committee is gratifying and the bill which Mr. Brown, as a member of the House from Barnwell County, expects to urge offers a practical basis of action. The Greenville Piedmont thinks that this bill, which it summarizes in the following editorial article, will answer every purpose if enacted into law. Says the Piedmont:

"Twenty thousand or more citizens of South Carolina in every election are prevented from voting because of absence from home for various reasons. Such is the estimate made by Edgar A. Brown of Barnwell, chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee."

"Such a situation as developed in the Charleston city primary this year ought to be remedied. Hundreds, perhaps thousands, of voters in that municipality, who were absent on vacation had to hurry home, going to such expense as well as inconvenience due to the terrible weather in the City by the Sea, so that they could vote their influence count in an important election."

"These conditions call for enactment of a law enabling absent voters in South Carolina to vote. More than fifty States have such a statute. 'State Chairman Brown, who is also a member of the House of Representatives from Barnwell County, introduced at the last session of the General Assembly an absent voter's bill. It was carried over to the next session at his request, as he desired to submit the measure for criticism, approval or disapproval, to the State Democratic Executive Committee."

"The procedure for absent voters as contained in the Brown bill is as follows: Any person who is a qualified elector, when required by his regular business or habitual duties to be absent from his voting precinct during any primary, special or general election, in case of a special or general election, or to the conference on enrollment, in case of a primary, not less than ten nor more than sixty days before the election. The person so absent must be accompanied by the necessary postage for registering the ballot. Upon receipt of the application, the election officers enroll his name on a special list and then send him a sealed envelope containing the ballot, a properly addressed envelope for the return of the ballot, a printed slip giving full instructions regarding the marking and return of the ballots. The voter must open the sealed envelope containing the ballot in the presence of the postmaster of the town or city where the absent voter happens to be, and at once mark, seal and send it by registered mail to the election officers. The voter signs a voucher certifying that he has opened and marked his ballot according to law and the postmaster also signs a certificate identifying the voter and stating that he has complied with the law. When the election officers receive the ballot, they deposit it, unopened, with all papers relating to it, in a sealed box where it remains until election day, when it is delivered to the managers of election at the voter's precinct and counted along with the other ballots. All ballots of absent voters must be in the hands of the election managers by the day of the election. 'Chairman Brown says of his measure: 'I have no pride of opinion in this matter, and my only desire is to so perfect our voting system that every citizen of South Carolina, whether at home or on election day, or not, may cast his vote by mail. He has made careful investigation of the laws relating to voting in other States and has found the law on provisions found in them, following particularly the absentee voting statute of Florida."

"The Brown bill has the approval of the League of Women Voters, the F. B. P. and other national teachers and railroad men of South Carolina."

Snelling Items.

Snelling, Oct. 2.—Miss Lucy Cook left yesterday for Hercules to resume her work as teacher of the intermediate grades.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Birt and Miss Sina Birt spent Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Birt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Boyleston, of Williston.

Miss Alice Boylston has returned to her home at Williston after spending some time with her sister, Mrs. W. C. Birt.

Messrs. Charlie Still, Micayg Birt and Melvin Lane motored to Augusta Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cook, Mrs. Mae Creech, of Williston, and Mrs. Nat Gallagher, of Detroit, Mich., spent Sunday afternoon here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Cook and little daughter, Norma, of Miley, and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Morris, of Olar, spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Cook and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Heyward Anderson at Dunbar-ton.

Mr. H. M. Cook was a visitor in the Hercules section Monday.

Mrs. M. M. Moore left Sunday for Fountain Inn to spend some time with her daughter, Mrs. P. W. Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Moore and Misses Marie and Eunice Hill spent Sunday in Augusta.

Mr. Glenn Franklin, of Beach Island, was a visitor here Sunday.

Williston R. F. D. News.

Williston, S. C., Oct. 2.—The farmers in this section are looking forward to getting the king, next week.

A heavy wet-look is extended to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cook, of Augusta, who have moved into this section.

The many friends of Mrs. Ella Siskley are glad to know that she is recovering from a spell of sickness.

The many friends of little Miss Lorena Fisher, who suffered a broken shoulder, will be glad to know that she is doing as well as can be expected.

Mrs. Henry McDonald, Mrs. Maggie Pender and Mr. Guy Pender were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Parker recently.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Boyleston enjoyed a fox hunt last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Boylston visited Mrs. E. H. Rutherford recently.

The people of this community will be glad to know that the Rev. H. F. Bennett has been called to serve as pastor for the coming year.

Miss Katie Parker will leave in the near future to take up her duties as principal of the Hercules school. She will be greatly missed in this section.

Just a reminder that Saturday is pay day at Mt. Calvary Church, and that there will be preaching Sunday. Everybody is invited.

To Celebrate Birthdays.

Blackville, Oct. 2.—The friends and relatives of Mr. Charles Hartzoof, of near Blackville, are cordially invited to his home Saturday, October 13th, 1923, to celebrate his 82nd birthday.

Most of the absent voters belonging to these classifications:

'After study of the Brown bill, the Piedmont is of the opinion that it surrounds absentee voting with all reasonable and proper safeguards and that it should become law. The State ought to put forth every possible effort to prevent the citizen from being deprived of his highest privilege, that of voting. Moreover, the State is entitled to the benefits it would receive from the ballots of the traveling men, the teachers and the railroad men, all among our best citizens.'

We have not seen the full text of Mr. Brown's bill, but it is difficult to see on a casual examination of the measure as outlined above how any very extensive frauds could be practiced under such a law; and the possibility of fraud is the only legitimate objection to absentee voting that can be offered. Certainly if there are loop holes in the Brown bill they can be repaired and Mr. Brown in his statement quoted by the Piedmont invites constructive criticism of the bill. It ought to be studied to that end and the effort should be made to unite public sentiment behind some specific measure before the Legislature meets again. If the Brown bill will pass, as we are inclined to think it would, then let us all back the Brown bill. If the Brown bill is sent in any particular let it be sent in advance of the convening of the Legislature. There is plenty of time to pass an absentee voting bill if only it is contained.

FORMER BARNWELL MAN TO VISIT MANY PLACES

Lt.-Col. Jas. A. Willis Sails This Week for England.

The People is in receipt of an interesting letter from Lt.-Col. Jas. A. Willis, formerly of this city but now of Washington, D. C., in which he states that he will sail this week for England and will visit a number of European countries before returning to the United States. His letter in part is as follows:

"I have noted with lots of pleasure that the outlook for the farmers is much better this year than for the past several years. I do hope that their fondest hopes will be realized. "I am sailing from New York on October 6th for Southampton, England, on my way to Riga, Latvia and Moscow, Russia on a matter for the War Department. My orders are rather liberal in that I am directed to proceed to any places in Europe that I may deem necessary for the proper handling of the matter in my charge. While I do not know what other countries I will visit aside from England, France and Russia, nevertheless, I think my itinerary will probably include the Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Rumania, and some of the other countries in that section of Europe. I hope to return home in time for the Christmas holidays. This is considered a very desirable trip and I am very glad indeed to have the opportunity of making it. "Give my regards to any lingering friends and with kindest personal regards to you and your family, I am "Sincerely, your friend, "James A. Willis."

Barnwell Defeats Williston.

The football season was opened here Friday afternoon when the Barnwell high school eleven defeated the Williston high school aggregation by the score of 26 to 6. The locals had it all their own way from beginning to end, the first touchdowns coming in the first two or three minutes of play and the only thing that saved the visitors from having a large score piled up against them was the fact that the quarters were limited to ten minutes. This was Barnwell's first game of the season. Williston, it is understood, played a game with Aiken a few days ago. The visitors' star player was McLeod, quarterback on the All-State high school team last year, who joined the student body Thursday. It is understood.

In Memoriam.

The Death Angel visited our home Sept. 11, 1923, and took away my beloved sister, Mrs. J. A. Hartzoof, aged 71 years. Just 62 years ago today, Oh, how our hearts ache when we think of one we loved so dear shall never be seen on earth any more. But our loss is Heaven's gain. We hope to meet her there where we shall part no more. "Tis hard to break the tender cord, Where love has bound the heart; 'Tis hard, so hard, to speak the words, "We must forever part." We miss you, dear sister, We miss you everywhere; We miss you know that you are gone We feel that you are near. She is gone but not forgotten, Never will her memory fade; Loving thoughts will always linger Around the grave where she is laid.

Health Official to Blackville

Dr. A. H. Hayden, epidemiologist of the state health department, went to Blackville yesterday in response to a call received at the health department from R. A. Ayer, secretary of the Blackville board of health. The message was of the effect that the board of health of Blackville requested that the state board of health send a board member to Blackville to ascertain whether or not there were contagious diseases among the school children.—The State, Sept. 27.

Another Still Captured.

Another visit to the Patterson Mill section Tuesday afternoon by Sheriff Neay Sanders netted another 300-gallon cistern still complex with fireworks. The cistern was found near the mill and was empty except for a few small pieces of dynamite and a few sticks of dynamite. Sheriff Sanders was accompanied by the mill operator, Mr. J. O. Sanders.

Fire Monday Afternoon.

About two o'clock Monday afternoon an alarm of fire was given the town of Mr. John Hoag's residence being struck. The volunteer fire department responded but the small fire was out and it is a short time had the fire under control.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our friends for the many kind words and letters during the illness and death of our husband and father, Mr. James Hartzoof.

His wife, Mrs. J. A. Hartzoof, and children.

B. S. MOORE WINS DAMAGE SUIT AGAINST RAILROAD

Jury Renders \$8,400 Verdict for Alleged Burning of Gin.

A verdict for \$8,400 was rendered against the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company last week for the alleged burning of the Farmers' Ginery at Barnwell last fall, a suit for \$30,000 damages having been brought by the Fire Association of Philadelphia and B. S. Moore, of this city, against the railroad company and E. A. Boone, engineer on one of the defendant's locomotives. The jury awarded the fire insurance company \$3,400 and Mr. Moore \$5,000 damages.

Another big damage suit was that of W. L. Harvey, administrator of the estate of Daisy Harvey, deceased, against the Southern Railway Company for \$200,000 damages for pain and suffering to Mr. Harvey's wife, Mrs. Daisy Harvey, whose death was alleged to have been caused at a crossing near Kline, when a mule she was driving became frightened and ran away. A verdict for \$3,000 actual damages and \$1,000 punitive damages was rendered against the railroad.

Other cases disposed of at the present term of Court are as follows: C. J. Dwyer vs. W. E. Anderson, \$1000, verdict for the defendant. Actual damages on breach of contract, \$1000. Palmetto Guano Corporation vs. C. J. Dwyer, \$2114.66, verdict for the plaintiff.

Harry D. Calhoun, receiver for the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Dunbar-ton, vs. T. A. Greene, A. C. Matthews and K. G. Holt, suit on notes of T. A. Greene in sum of \$1,000, verdict for the defendants. Swift and Co. vs. R. M. Mison, suit on three notes for fertilizers, verdict for the plaintiff for \$1,005.18.

Mutual Trading Co. vs. J. E. O'Connell, suit on notes for account, etc., verdict for the plaintiff for \$155.57.

Basis H. Angley vs. Southern Railway, Carolina Division, and Southern Railway Co., suit for \$1,100 damages alleged to have been suffered by failure of the defendant to deliver cars for loading molasses, verdict for the plaintiff for \$1,100.

Court was scheduled to adjourn sine die yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon, and jurors drawn for the first week will disregard the jury summons.

Registration Notice.

Notice is hereby given that Mr. G. M. Shephard, member of the County Board of Registration, will be at Kline on Monday, October 8th, Hercules on Tuesday, October 9th, and Williston on Wednesday, October 10th, 1923, for the purpose of issuing registration certificates to duly qualified electors. The books of registration have been revised and all certificates previously issued have been cancelled. It will be necessary, therefore, for voters to secure new certificates in order to vote in coming elections.

Board of Registration, Barnwell County.

Good Banking Rule

A bank at Barnwell, this State, is sending a letter to its customers stating that next year it will not extend credit to any farmer who plants only one crop, no matter what the crop may be.

The bank is right. The farmer who plants only one crop, in this section which is so specially adapted to diversified farming, is not a good risk for a bank or any other business concern.

The banks of the State generally would be doing a public service if they would adopt the rule announced by the bank at Barnwell.—Carolina Citizen.

"Cuddle Up" Pleas.

A packed house greeted the first show of the season, "Cuddle Up," at the Vamp Theatre Tuesday evening. The music was tuneful, the comedy good, the chorus as a whole was easy to look at and the costumes, while rather abbreviated, were new. Mr. H. J. Phillips, manager of the Vamp, states that he is making arrangements for a vaudeville for Monday and Tuesday nights of next week.

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His wife, Mrs. J. A. Hartzoof, and children.

A Correction

The People is in receipt of the following communication from Magistrate J. W. Sanders, relative to the account of the capture of several stills in this county, which appeared in the issue of Sept. 27:

"Last week's issue of The Barnwell People gave a very incorrect account of raids made on stills recently in Barnwell County. Believing that it was done unintentionally and in order that the public might be correctly informed, I beg to make the following statement:

The operation of the four stills which were captured was within a few miles of our Court House, and had become a great menace to law-abiding citizens of the county. The "bootleggers" were becoming bolder each day, hauling their "stuff" into towns for miles around just as if they were carrying on a legitimate business. Something had to be done, it seemed. Many requests from citizens brought Federal and State Agents P. J. Coleman, T. J. Smyrl and L. A. Lowne. I took these gentlemen (without Sheriff Sanders' assistance whatever) and carried them on the 12th day of Sept., 1923, and captured two stills, one of 1,200 and the other of 500 gallons capacity, together with all paraphernalia.

The Federal Officers and I went out again the next morning, and then Sheriff Sanders found out that we were going, he asked to join us and we told him to come along, so he was with us when we captured the other two stills.

Although I feel that I have only done my duty as a Magistrate and citizen of Barnwell County and do not want any great honor bestowed upon me, I do want the public to know that I engineered these raids and not Sheriff Sanders.

I wish to thank the scores of good citizens, both men and women, who have come to me thanking me for the service I have rendered, and who have assured me that they are back of me to help pull old Barnwell County out of the hands of the "bootleggers."

I flatter, this verse is appropriate for the times:

"God give us men,
A time like this demands
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands,
Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
Men whom the spoils of office can not buy;
Men who possess opinions and a will;
Men who have honor, men who will not lie;
Men who can stand before a demagogue and
Dance his treacherous fatterings without winking;
Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog
In public duty and in private thinking."

J. W. Sanders,
Magistrate.

Sheriff Sanders' Reply.

When shown Magistrate Sanders' statement as printed above, Sheriff Sanders requested space to make the following reply:

I have carefully examined the article referred to in Mr. Sanders' statement and fail to find where the same is incorrect. The article published by The People clearly itemized the articles found at the still, the stills, the dimensions, giving the capacity, etc., and also states that these raids were in operation two days. It gives the names of the parties found at the stills and the names of the officers participating in the raids, and the only paragraph in this article that cannot be verified by me as being correct is the last paragraph stating the increase in the price of "moonshine."

The People did not give anyone credit for this raid. It merely mentioned the names of the officers participating, and as to Mr. Sanders' statement as to my FORCING myself on the party, he is absolutely mistaken. I was on the second day's raid at the request of Revenue Officers Smyrl and Coleman, and due to my suggestions the stills were found that day.

By reference to The State paper that carried an article of the first day's raid, it will be seen that my name is not mentioned. This article was phoned to The State by me personally, and if Mr. Sanders, or the parties who wrote his article for him think that I am seeking false credit, they are absolutely mistaken.

Like, 20-23: "Remember therefore unto Caesar the things that be Caesar's and unto God the things that be God's."

To Mr. J. W. Sanders, Magistrate: I consider it the credit that he desires for his efforts in locating and destroying these stills.

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W. E. Phillips, Manager of the Vamp Theatre.

BARNWELL ASSOCIATION WILL MEET AT MT. ARNON

Program Announced for Meeting of Oct. 30-31 and Nov. 1.

The Barnwell Baptist Association will meet at Mt. Arnon Church Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, October 30th, 31st and November 1st. The following program has been announced:

Tuesday, October 30th.
10:30 A. M.—Enrollment of delegates. Organization.
11:00—Recognition of visitors and new pastors.
12:00—Introductory sermon.
12:45—Miscellaneous business.
1:00 P. M.—Dinner.
2:30—Devotional exercises, Rev. J. F. Pittman.

2:50—Reading and adoption of reports on State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions and General Benevolences (Orphanage, Aged Ministers' Relief, Schools and Colleges, Hospitals, etc.) and remarks on same.

Stewardship, F. H. Fickling. Miscellaneous business and adjournment at will.

Wednesday, October 31st.
10:30 A. M.—Devotional exercises, Rev. D. W. Heckle.

10:50—Report on Education, and Unfinished Remarks on Reports of previous day.

12:00—Sermon by Dr. W. M. Jones.

12:45—Report on Periodicals, Miscellaneous business and adjournment. 1:00 P. M.—Dinner.

2:30—Devotional exercises, Rev. Will O. Gordon.

2:50—Report on R. Y. P. U.

3:10—Report on Union Meetings.

4:10—Report on General Denominational Movements, Miscellaneous business, Adjournment at will.

Thursday, November 1st.
10:30 A. M.—Devotional exercises, Rev. C. M. Robinson.

10:50—Report on Sunday Schools.

11:30—Report on Auxiliary Societies (W. M. U., S. S. W. Y. W. A., etc.).

12:00—Sermon, Rev. L. H. Miller. 1:00 P. M.—Dinner.

2:30—Devotional exercises, Walter Black.

2:50—Reports of Committees on (1) Digest of Letters and Religious State of Churches; (2) Nominations; (3) Time, Place and Preacher.

3:30—Report on Ordinaries.

4:00—Report on Public Morals, Miscellaneous business, and adjournment at will.

Destroy the Stalks.

County Agent Boylston has the following to say:

"Farmers should remember the most important thing to do at this time, viz: Get those cotton stalks destroyed as soon as possible. If stalks can be destroyed as long as three weeks before frost, much good can be done. "I was in Hampton County last Tuesday evening to speak on Fall Destruction of Stalks. I found those folks very much interested in the proposition. The campaign in that county is making fine progress. Reports from Allendale, Aiken and other counties are very encouraging. "Let's see that everybody goes to work to get his stalks destroyed at once."

County Agent Boylston was in Calhoun County on Friday, where he spoke at a meeting of farmers interested in asparagus growing. The farmers in that county are making a good cotton crop. They are also making plans to destroy cotton stalks.

To All Concerned.

We wish to correct a false statement that has been circulated throughout the county and State relative to the Barnwell County Colored Training School. We wish to state that this rumor is without any foundation or knowledge whatever. The County Colored Training School still remains at Barnwell, S. C., and nothing has been removed. All stencils and articles for industrial work still remain in the building, and we are still in the building training class next before. Willmore has been added to the Department this year.

—Eds.

Mr. E. H. Johnston, of the Ellis section, was a welcome caller at the People office Monday afternoon. He also received his subscription and brought a receipt from membership secretary, Mr. W. E. Jones.