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BATTLE OPENED AT CLARKSBURG

Davis Launches Campaign for Presidency in Torrent of Rain.

Goff Plaza, Clarksburg, W. Va., Aug. 11 (By the Associated Press).—John W. Davis opened his campaign for the presidency of the United States tonight in a veritable torrent of rain—a rain that soaked the thousands of persons who had journeyed from many cities to witness the formal ceremonies to notify the candidate of his selection as the standard bearer of the Democratic party.

Undaunted by the weather, Mr. Davis stood upon the speakers' stand while a friend held an umbrella above his head and launched a bitter attack upon the Republican party, declaring it had shaken public confidence to its very foundation, and the great throng that gathered to listen to his speech, only a few of whom were able to provide a makeshift from the storm with newspapers and other non-waterproof materials, stayed on despite the rain. They listened as Mr. Davis denounced the Republicans for having exhibited a deeper and more widespread corruption than any that this generation of Americans has been called upon to witness.

The supreme need of the time, said the nominee, is to bring back to the people confidence in their government.

Having thus sounded the rallying cry of Democracy's hosts in the battle ahead, Mr. Davis with vigor and force presented the program to which he pledged himself if given the mandate of the American people. He promised as the chief features of this program, an honest, impartial and just government; tax and tariff revision; farm aid; cooperation "officially" with all legitimate endeavors, to lessen the prospect of war; economy in government and conservation of all of the nation's natural resources and enforcement of prohibition as well as all other laws.

Turning to the subject of religious freedom, which was the basis of a sharp fight in the New York convention that named him the party candidate, Mr. Davis did not mention the Ku Klux Klan by name, but was emphatic in his declaration of opposition to any challenge, organized or unorganized, under whatever name or in whatever character it might appear, of the constitutional guarantees of religious freedom.

Congressman Byrnes Said to Be "Mopping Up" in Piedmont Which Has Majority of Votes

Congressman "Jimmie" Byrnes is said to be making great headway in the Piedmont section of the State and the newspapers of Greenville and Spartanburg Counties have been speaking in glowing terms of his wonderful campaign in that section. Recently he spoke in the Spartanburg Court House, the Court taking a recess for the speech, which brought cheer after cheer from the responsive audience. The next day he made 11 speeches at as many places. The Greenville News made the following comment on Congressman Byrnes' tour:

"Sweeping Greenville County in a whirlwind campaign, James F. Byrnes, candidate for the United States Senate seat now held by United States Senator N. B. Dial, last night stirred two large audiences to hearty applause in campaign speeches at Woodside mill and in the hall of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics tonight at 8:30 o'clock Mr. Byrnes will speak at a meeting in the Court House, at which time the whirlwind campaign started Friday with speeches at Branwood, Duncan and Junison

SOME THINGS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

NEGRO WILL FACE SERIOUS CHARGE

Elder Berry Charged With Housebreaking and Arson.

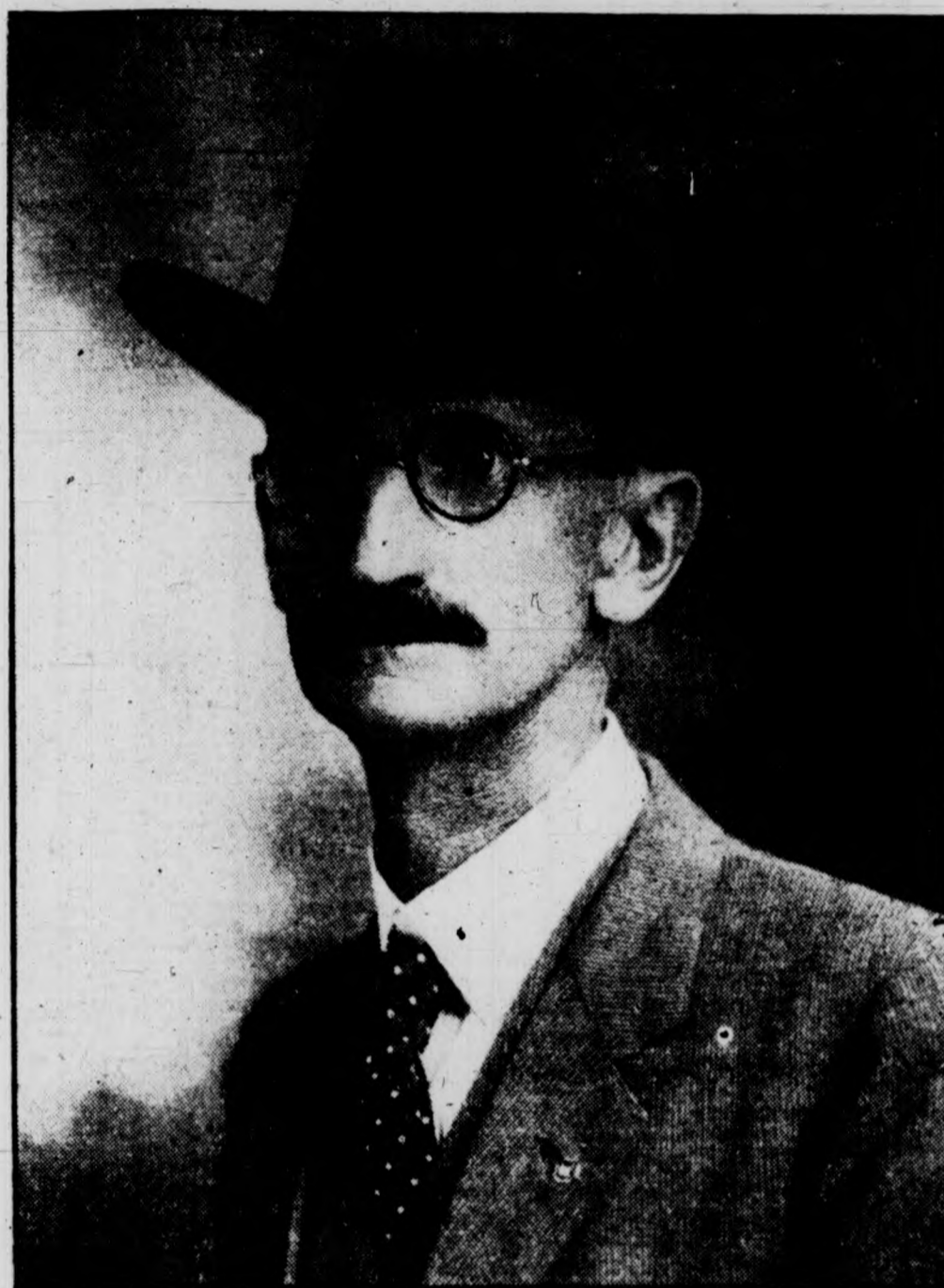
Col. J. E. Harley's garage and Hudson automobile were completely destroyed by fire shortly before one o'clock Friday morning, his loss being estimated at \$1,500, with no insurance. The blaze was first discovered when the family was awakened by the noise of an explosion. An investigation of the premises disclosed the fact that the fire was caused by a thief stealing gasoline. Circumstantial evidence, it is said, pointed to Elder Bradley, a negro man, as the guilty person and he was arrested Friday on a warrant sworn out by Col. Harley. He strongly denied his guilt and a preliminary hearing was held in the case Tuesday morning before Magistrate W. P. Sanders, as a result of which Bradley was charged with arson, housebreaking and larceny.

Teachers' Examination.

The regular fall teachers' examination will be held Friday and Saturday, September 12th and 13th, 1924. Only the primary and elementary examinations will be given; the high school examination will not be offered. The authority for this announcement comes from the State Board of Education through Supt. Jas. H. Hope.

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Capt. Black Discusses Certain Phases of the Transportation Inequalities as Applying to Agricultural Products and Freight Rates Discriminating Against the Farmer



CAPT. WILLIAM DUNBAR BLACK, Candidate for Congress.

DO YOU KNOW--

That a carload of window-glass can be shipped from Barnwell to New York for approximately one-half the cost of shipping a carload of cotton to the same place?

That a shipment of asphalt can be made from New York to any point in the Second Congressional District for less than one-half the freight rate the Federal Government allows the railroads to charge the farmers of this District to ship their staple products to the Eastern markets?

That the freight rate on cotton from New York to Barnwell is considerably less than the freight rate on cotton from Barnwell to New York? Why?

That under the regulations the Federal Government has allowed the railroads to promulgate for their own benefit, the shipper of watermelons to the Northern markets is required to pay the freight in advance, or to guarantee its payment with his bond, while the shipper of window-glass, asphalt and other manufactured products is permitted to ship his commodity "open"?

That you are paying the highest freight rate, going and coming, on everything you sell and everything you buy, and that the freight rate on your agricultural products going to market and on cotton goods and other necessities coming from the manufacturers, is one of the biggest items running up the high cost of living?

That these unfair and unjust discriminations against the farmer cost him far more each year than his taxes?

The farmer, seeking relief, is told that the question of transportation and freight rates is a Federal question; that it is all regulated and controlled under the Interstate Commerce Law. This is the fact. Freight rates are controlled from Washington.

WHO, THEN, IS GOING TO GIVE RELIEF?

Who will be more apt to work in Congress for an equitable and fair adjustment of freight rates for the farmer—one who is himself a farmer and suffering from these discriminations in shipping his own products, or a lawyer or a statistician?

Think it over, and consider for yourself. The window-glass manufacturer and the asphalt people have gotten relief.

IT'S THE FARMER'S TURN NOW!

—Adv.

Big Increase in Enrollment.

The total number of men and women voters enrolled for the primary elections of 1924 is 257,796, according to figures just made public by Harry N. Edmunds, secretary of the State Democratic Executive Committee. The total for 1922 was 227,370, the increase this year being a little over 30,000. Greenville County had an increase of more than 5,000 voters. A few counties showed decreases as compared with two years ago.

The Knepton Reunion.

As announced in our last issue, the Knepton reunion will be held at the home of Mr. H. B. Cave, near Kline, on August 22nd. Mr. Ben Williams, a Confederate veteran of Brunson has been invited to attend the reunion and make an address. The relatives and friends of the Knepton family are cordially invited to attend and while candidates for political office are welcome to attend, it is not a political meeting. A barbecue and picnic dinner will be served.

Barnwell Lady is Painfully Burned in Peculiar Manner When Gasoline is Ignited

Mrs. D. C. Vickery, of this city, was painfully burned and had a narrow escape from more serious injuries in a peculiar accident Saturday night. She has been in the habit of soaking her husband's overalls in a tub of water containing a small amount of gasoline. Saturday night she placed the overalls in the tub as usual, poured some gasoline over them and proceeded to fill the tub with hot water. A kerosene lantern was hanging on a nail over the tub. When the hot water came in contact with the gas-

line, it caused the latter to vaporize. The vaporized gasoline was ignited by the lantern, causing an explosion that almost enveloped Mrs. Vickery in flames. She was painfully burned about the face and hands but fortunately members of the family quenched the burning liquid in time to prevent her injuries from being more severe. Her friends are congratulating her upon her lucky escape. Mrs. Vickery is the wife of Mr. D. C. Vickery, a member of the firm of Vickery Bros., local garage men.

South Carolina's First Bale Ginned at Barnwell Friday; Was Shipped to Charleston

South Carolina's first bale of cotton from the 1924 crop was ginned by the Farmers' Ginnery at Barnwell Friday morning, the 8th inst. While to this extent Barnwell County shared in the honors, Allendale County enjoys the distinction of producing the first bale in the State, as the cotton was grown by Mr. J. L. Augley on his Seiglingville farm, near Allendale. The bale, which weighed 463 pounds and graded middling, was shipped by express to F. W. Wagener and Co., at Charleston. Mr. Augley is said to have an exceptionally fine crop this year. Both ginneries at Barnwell have been thoroughly overhauled during the past few weeks and are prepared to handle the incoming crop in a first class manner. Cotton is beginning to open in this section and it is a question of only a very short time before the hum of the gins will be heard.

Closing Meeting of County Campaign to be Held Here Tomorrow; Expect Big Crowd

The fifth and last meeting of the county campaign will be held at Barnwell tomorrow (Friday) morning, when the candidates will make their final appeals to the voters of Barnwell County. The campaign opened several weeks ago with a meeting at Hilda. The officers next visited Dunbarton, Williston and Blackville, in the order named, at all of which places large crowds were in attendance. The campaign this year has been singularly free from personalities, the candidates preferring to run their races on their own merits, rather than the demerits of their opponents. The first primary election will be held August 26th and the ballots have already been prepared. Another very important meeting at Barnwell tomorrow is that of the county executive committee, which is scheduled to convene at ten o'clock for the purpose of purging the club rolls.

Synopsis of Speech Delivered by Butler B. Hare at Barnwell on July 9th

Ladies and Gentlemen: You have listened attentively to the preceding speakers and have heard a great deal relative to the deplorable condition of government, the evils that are blighting it and the various institutions that are sapping the vitality of our republic. Yet, I have heard no concrete suggestions or recommendations offered for the eradication of these numerous parasitic institutions now afflicting our government. In this respect, I am reminded of the man who is sick and sends for his



BUTLER B. HARE, Candidate for Congress

physician. The doctor comes, looks his patient over and says, "You are a very sick man. You are in a deplorable condition, there is something ought to be done," but instead of making a proper diagnosis and prescribing a remedy he walks out and leaves his patient just as he found him. It is not sufficient for a candidate for congress to point out the evils existing in our government, to tell you there is something wrong and that something ought to be done, and then stop. He should be able to give you some definite idea or plan as to how he proposes to solve the problem, remove the difficulties or correct the evils. I agree with practically all that has been said here today, and will, therefore, not attempt to rebash the matter because it will not bring to you any new information, but I will submit some plans looking to the solution of some of our governmental problems and securing a fair deal to the farmers, bankers and small business men of this District and our Southland. Much has already been said concerning the panic and business depression that followed the crop year of 1922, with the most of which I fully agree and I refer to it only to illustrate a suggestion I have to offer. You will recall how you were advised in 1920 to hold your cotton for higher prices. The reasons assigned for these admonitions were that there was a famine in cotton and all of Europe were both hungry and naked, and clamoring with out-tretched arms to take every pound of our cotton and cotton products. Now, if there is a man present who did not hear that story, I would like for him to stand up and we will repeat it for his benefit. The next year, however, we found that somebody was mistaken, because you learned to your loss and sorrow that the people of Europe did not need any cotton, didn't want any or could not pay for it. In either event the effect upon the farmers of the Southland was the same: I take the position that there is no reason why our government with all of its existing agencies could not have known and should have known in the summer and fall of

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Toole's Legislative Experience Weighs With Voters; the Right Man for the Job

As the Congressional Campaign progresses from day to day it has now become apparent that the long and faithful service rendered by Honorable G. L. Toole in the Senate and House of Representatives, and his legislative experience gained by many hard fought battles,—exactly such training which the position he is seeking requires—is weighing heavily with the voters throughout the Second District, and it is now conceded by many that he is the out-standing figure in this race. Having served the State for sixteen years during which

time he has held the most important assignment on the WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE of the House of Representatives, and has been of much service to the people throughout South Carolina by his hard work and the giving of his time often at a personal sacrifice to his own welfare. The experience gained during these long years in the Legislature will be of great benefit to the people of the Second District in Washington. Mr. Toole is a member of the Baptist Church, Junior Order U. A. M., Odd Fellows, W. O. W., Red Men, and other fraternal orders. —Adv.