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LEGISLATURE TO MEET:

BOTH HOUSES TO GATHER AT NOON JANUARY 14TH

Columbia, Jan. 5.—The General Assembly, vested under the Constitution adopted in 1895 with the legislative power of South Carolina, will open its annual session this year in Columbia on Tuesday, January 13.

Both houses will meet at noon under rules adopted at the beginning of the session in 1923. The Senate, on the first day of the session, will meet and stand adjourned until noon of the following day, unless otherwise ordered by a majority vote of the members present.

Unless otherwise decided by members of the House of Representatives, that legislative body will meet at noon and, after calling of the roll, will elect a Speaker to succeed Thomas S. McMillan, of Charleston, who made a successful race for Congress last fall. The lower house will then probably adjourn until 10 o'clock the following morning.

Upon the opening of the Senate, the president having taken the chair, and a quorum having been found present, the journal of the preceding session, in this case the last day of the last session, will be read, unless the reading is dispensed with.

Members of the Senate who are not present at the session, without first having obtained permission of the upper house, will forfeit pay while absent. Any member of the House of Representatives who absents himself without leave, may be sent for and made to pay expenses, and kept in custody, at the discretion of the House.

Many Subscribers Renew.

The closing week of the old year brought many renewals of subscription to The People and the publisher begs to make acknowledgement of the following received by mail since the last issue of this paper:

- W. T. Cave, Blackville rfd.
- Isadore Hartzog, Blackville route 2.
- Mrs. Annie G. Sanders, Blackville.
- Miss Sallie Hartzog, Blackville.
- W. W. Martin, Blackville.
- Rev. D. W. Heckle, Healing Springs.
- W. L. Creech, Olar.
- Mrs. Eula Hair, Denmark.
- W. H. Boyles, Barnwell, route 2.
- Mrs. C. H. Mathis, Blackville.
- F. H. Dicks, Dunbarton.
- Mrs. L. W. Hodges, Winder, Ga.
- Mrs. Alice D. Whittle, Blackville.
- Mrs. Daisy Davis, Silver, S. C.
- Mrs. N. Hankinson, Elko.
- Mrs. M. A. Delk, Blackville route 2.
- Mrs. S. R. Goodson, Barnwell.

There is still a large number of subscribers who are in arrears and The People would greatly appreciate the favor if they will send in their renewals promptly.

A High Calibered Gun.

The People is indebted to a Meyer's Mill subscriber for the following clipping, under the above caption:

The editor of a Kansas paper states that he borrowed a Winchester rifle recently, and started up the street to deliver the weapon to its owner. The delinquent subscribers got it into their heads that he was on the warpath and everyone he met insisted on paying what he owed him. One man wiped out a debt of 10 years standing. Upon his return to his office he found a load of hay, 15 bushels of corn, 10 bushels of apples, 22 barrels of potatoes, a cord of wood and a barrel of turpentine that had been brought in. All the country editors are now trying to borrow Winchester's.—Publisher's Review.

ANNUAL MEETINGS OF STOCKHOLDERS HELD BY WILLISTON BANKS

Williston, Jan. 3.—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Williston held December 29, the entire board of directors was re-elected, as follows: J. D. Prothro, of Aiken; Dr. W. C. Smith, Dr. J. L. Smith, R. J. Rountree, Q. A. Kennedy, W. E. Prothro, A. M. Kennedy and J. E. Kennedy, of Williston.

The report of the president to the stockholders showed that the bank has had a most successful year and is in a sound financial condition.

At a meeting of the directors held immediately thereafter, the following officers were re-elected: President, A. M. Kennedy; vice president, Dr. J. L. Smith; cashier, W. E. Prothro; assistant cashier, G. W. Whitaker.

An annual dividend of eight per cent was declared and a nice sum was passed to the surplus account.

The Farmers and Merchants Bank held its annual stockholders meeting Tuesday, Dec. 30th. The entire old board of directors was re-elected, as follows: W. D. Black, J. J. Bell, H. M. Thompson, R. J. Rountree, J. W. Johnson, J. W. Folk, G. W. Greene, W. H. Manning and George E. Crouch.

At the directors' meeting held immediately thereafter, the officers were re-elected, as follows: W. D. Black, president; H. M. Thompson, vice president; J. J. Bell, cashier; Miss Mayo Rountree, assistant cashier.

The bank does not owe a dollar and has made splendid progress this year, having paid a dividend of eight per cent and placed balanced of earnings to undivided profit account.

The stockholders were well pleased with the showing made by the management and look forward to even better business the coming year.

School Bonds Sold.

The \$37,000 school bonds of the Williston and Elko school districts were sold to the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Williston. There were numerous bond houses represented and the bidding was lively, but the bid of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, \$37,420, they to pay for the bonds and all legal work and all accrued interest, was the highest offered for this issue of 5 1/2 per cent twenty-year coupon bonds. Representatives of the several bond houses who were present said that this was an extremely high price for 5 1/2 per cent school bonds and the sale speaks well, not only for the bond market but for the Williston and Elko sections, and for the faith that the Farmers and Merchants Bank has in this section. From this sale, one can judge that the Williston-Elko section is in a safe financial condition.

This sale of bonds is looking towards the erection in the very near future of a handsome consolidated high school building on property already purchased between the two towns, filling a long felt need in this section.

Lyndhurst Items.

Lyndhurst, Jan. 5.—Miss Mary Peck Hay, of Florence, spent the holidays here as the guest of her aunt, Mrs. John M. Gantt.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Gantt, of Columbia, spent several days here during Christmas week.

Mr. L. G. Hay spent the holidays in Charleston, the guest of relatives.

Miss Margaret Harper, who is for this term employed as teacher in a school at Lykesland, spent the holidays here, the guest of her mother, Mrs. E. H. Harper.

Miss Gertrude English, teacher of the local school, has returned from her home in Demorest, Ga., and has again entered upon her duties.

TO HOLD POULTRY SHORT COURSES AT WILLISTON AND BARNWELL JAN. 13-14

Some time ago an announcement was made that there would be held in the county special meetings in the interest of better poultry. These meetings will be held at Williston January 13th and at Barnwell on the 14th. The Kennedy Hall at Williston and the Court House at Barnwell will be used for these meetings.

Those folks in the county that are interested in poultry should attend one of these meetings by all means, as the important points in poultry production will be discussed by Specialists, Miss Neeley, of Winthrop College, and Mr. Hall, of Clemson College. How to judge a good layer, the kinds of feeds for laying hens, and growing chicks, candling eggs, and marketing of poultry products are some of the subjects that will be discussed at these meetings.

The recent increased interest in poultry has caused us to feel that these meetings will be of great value and a large attendance is expected at each place.

The meetings will begin promptly at eleven o'clock. Everybody is welcome to attend these meetings and a great many of the folks of the towns as well as the country are expected.

- Lula Chriesman, Home Dem. Agent.
- H. G. Boylston, County Agent.

Negro Dies in Jail.

William Knight, colored, died in the Barnwell County jail Saturday night, after an illness of several days. He had been working in Denmark and came home for the holidays. A short time after his arrival, he became ill and as his mind was apparently affected, he was placed in the county jail until arrangements could be made to send him to Columbia. He grew worse and passed away Saturday night. It is alleged that he had been poisoned, and in view of this statement a post mortem examination was made and his stomach sent to a chemist for examination. The result of the chemist's findings has not been made public and until this has been done the coroner's jury cannot return a verdict.

A Prostrate Mother's Appeal.

The People has been requested to assist in the search for Howard Conrad, age 21 years, who disappeared from Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 26, 1924. He was supposed to have been in an automobile when wrecked. On account of his mental condition, the young man is said to be unable to hold a position. Conrad is 5 ft. 10 1/2 in. high; weight, 160 lbs.; small blue eyes; medium brown hair, very thick; size shoes, 8 to 8 1/2; small hands; fair complexion; very small scar at outside corner of right eye.

His mother is failing fast from strain and a reward of \$200 is offered for information leading to his return. His father's address is H. C. Conrad, 2225 Madison Ave., Memphis, Tenn.

More New Subscribers.

The People continues to add the names of new subscribers to its mailing list. Those to whom the paper begins its weekly visits with this issue are as follows:

- Miss Ada Sanders, Ulmers.
- Joe D. Creech, Ulmers route 1.
- Leland Ready, Ontario, Oregon.
- W. M. Cook, Smelling.
- Miss Marguerite Shea, Chicago.
- B. F. Anderson, Dunbarton.

MASTER SELLS SEVERAL TRACTS OF LAND HERE SALES DAY AT AUCTION

Several tracts of real estate were sold at public auction in Barnwell on Monday by Master H. L. O'Bannon, as follows:

P. F. Henderson vs. J. Grover Sanders, purchased by C. F. Rizer for \$100.00.

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company vs. Lessie B. Easterling, et al., four tracts of land, purchased by Brown and Bush, attorneys, for \$1,000.00.

N. Blatt vs. Carrie Cherry, et al., purchased by Solomon Blatt, attorney, for \$1,500.00.

T. Jeff Grubbs vs. Peter Reid, et al., three tracts of land, purchased by G. M. Greene, attorney, for \$500.00.

American Agricultural and Chemical Co. vs. J. M. Killingsworth, 400 acres purchased by T. M. Boulware, attorney, for \$1,250; one half acre purchased by J. O. Patterson, attorney, for \$1,200.00.

BUDGET OF INTERESTING SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS FROM WILLISTON

Williston, Jan. 3.—Mrs. W. G. Smith of Orangeburg is visiting Mrs. D. I. Merritt.

Mr. Q. A. Kennedy has returned from a business trip to St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Munn of Pamlico are visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Merritt.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Grubbs of Laurinburg, N. C., are visiting relatives in Springfield and Williston.

J. A. Latimer has returned from Belton and Greenville.

Miss Myrtle Johnson of Aiken is visiting Miss Lucille Scott.

Dr. and Mrs. John Blank and Mrs. A. J. W. Sears of Jacksonville were holiday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Black. They returned to Jacksonville Sunday, making the trip by motor.

Mrs. A. M. Sanders and children spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Wolfe.

Mrs. W. M. Jordan and children, Clarence and Annie, of Greenville, were holiday visitors of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Grandy.

Messrs. M. M. Player and E. D. Lay of Elliott were visitors in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hankinson of Greens Cut, Ga., were holiday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hankinson.

Mr. T. B. Quattlebaum of Graniteville was a holiday visitor.

Mr. P. S. Quattlebaum of Trenton, Mrs. Dan Kemp of Johnston, Mrs. Eva Mitchell of Clover, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rushton, Messrs. Duane and Smith Rushton of Johnston, Mr. Arthur Rushton and Miss Nan Nora Rushton of Johnston were called to Williston this week on account of the death of Miss Miriam Quattlebaum.

Mr. F. D. Quattlebaum of High Point, N. C., was a visitor here during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Davis and family of Barnwell were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Wise during the holidays.

Mr. Burdelle Ussery of Atlanta spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Ussery.

Prof. Isadore Ussery of Blacksburg spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Ussery.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. White and John H., Jr., of Columbia spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Mellichamp.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hair spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Bracey in Augusta.

Mrs. Annie Weathersbee spent the

MANY FAMILIES MAKE CHANGE OF RESIDENCE WITH ADVENT OF 1925

Moving has been the order of the day in Barnwell with several families, who made changes of residence with the coming of the New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Plexico have moved into their new home opposite the local high school building, which they purchased a short time ago from Mr. L. P. Wilson, of Ocala, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McAllister have moved into the residence on Burr St. just vacated by Mr. Plexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Prevonga and Mr. and Mrs. McLaurin Brooker will occupy the residence on Marlboro Avenue recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Terry, who are now operating "The Circle Inn."

Mr. John B. McNab, who accepted a position as assistant cashier for the Home Bank some time ago has moved his family into the handsome new bungalow recently erected by Mr. Arthur Owens on the Brown hill. Mr. McNab's many friends in Barnwell are glad to welcome him "back home."

It is also understood that Mr. J. W. Walker contemplates moving his family to Cave. Their many friends here will give them up with regret but wish them much prosperity in their new home.

Emancipation Day.

Quite a large crowd of negroes from various sections of the county gathered in Barnwell Thursday to celebrate "Emancipation Day." A band from Orangeburg supplied the music for the occasion and led the "parade," which was headed by a negro in uniform and consisted of other negroes in various forms of regalia astride ribbon-bedecked horses, followed by automobiles. The program of speaking was held in the Court House.

Barnwell County's Hotels.

That the hotels of Barnwell County are well kept is shown by a recent report of J. H. Woodward, State hotel inspector. The Hotel Diamond at Barnwell has a score of 900 out of a possible 1,000 points; the Shamrock at Blackville, 950; and the Williston Hotel at Williston, 950.

holidays in Salley.

Miss Christine Faust spent Christmas in her home at Kitchings Mill.

Mrs. Norman Snelling of Atlanta was a holiday visitor of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bennett.

Mr. Bryant L. Weeks, of Florence spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Harris of Spartanburg spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Weathersbee and Mrs. Rosa Matthews are visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Bolick in Hickory, N. C.

Miss Jean Riley and Mr. Ted Riley of Barnwell were holiday guests of Miss Martha Dixon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Altman and children of Charleston are visiting Mrs. J. A. Rountree.

Miss Martha Dixon has returned from a visit to Miss Jean Riley in Barnwell.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Munday have returned to Lanford after visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Williams at White Pond.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Woodward of Spartanburg are visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hair.

Misses Ollie Parker and Nina Frederick have returned from Davis station, where they are teaching, to spend the holidays here.

Miss Vivian Parish of Charleston returned with Miss Clothilde Weathersbee.

BARNWELL LANDMARK THREATENED BY FIRE WEDNESDAY MORNING

An old Barnwell landmark was threatened by fire yesterday (Wednesday) morning, when a blaze was discovered shortly before three o'clock in the residence of the late Congressman J. O. Patterson, on Burr Street. Residents in that neighborhood were aroused by the sound of a muffled explosion and gave the alarm. When the volunteer fire fighters arrived, a dense volume of smoke was pouring from the top of the building and the fire was making considerable headway. They fought stubbornly for more than an hour before the blaze was brought under complete control.

The fire, which was of unknown origin, seems to have started in a closet on the first floor and quickly spread to the rooms above. When subdued at one point, it would break out afresh at another and it was finally necessary to cut holes in the roof before it was finally conquered. Damage from fire, smoke and water is said to amount to about \$4,000.

The house was occupied by the families of Messrs. Angus and Robert Patterson—the former on the second floor and the latter on the first—all of whom were out of the city at the time of the fire.

The members of the fire department are to be commended again for the efficient manner in which they handled the situation.

CITY FATHERS REJECT CONTRACT OF EDISTO PUBLIC SERVICE CORP.

At a meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen of Barnwell Monday night, the city fathers rejected the contract of the Edisto Public Service Corporation, of Denmark, which concern had submitted a proposition to buy the local electric light plant and furnish current to this city on a twenty-year franchise. Five Aldermen were present and it is understood that their vote for rejection was unanimous.

The Denmark company has a contract with a power company in Augusta to furnish them with current, which will be supplied to Blackville, Williston and other towns in this section under contracts made with them some time ago. A power line is being constructed from Augusta to Williston to supply the "juice."

In this connection, it is interesting to note that Mr. L. M. Calloun, who was elected as a Commissioner of Public Works last summer, stated at the meeting Monday night that the Commissioners are making excellent headway in the reduction of old debts and are now on a cash basis in the operation of the plant. He urged that the Town Council pay \$150 a month for street lights, which, it is understood, is 60 per cent of the amount that would have been paid under the terms of the Denmark company's contract. If this is done, he said, the indebtedness of the light plant can be retired in a few years.

Charged With Larceny.

Nick Hutto, a white man, who drove an automobile for hire here several years ago, was arrested during the holidays by Sheriff-elect B. H. Dyches and lodged in the Barnwell County jail on the charge of stealing an automobile. The arrest was made at Neeces, where Hutto was visiting. He claims that he bought the car from an unknown party in Augusta. The motor number, car number, etc., are said to tally with those of a car stolen in this county a short time ago. Hutto has been making his home in Georgia recently.

MICKIE, THE PRINTER'S DEVIL

By Charles Sughroe
Western Newspaper Union

Boil 'Er Down, Boss!

