

## State Chairman Says Must Give Age in Signing Rolls

Edgar A. Brown, of Barnwell, state chairman of the Democratic party, rules that in order to qualify as a voter in the approaching primaries, the applicant must declare his or her age. This ruling conflicts with a recent opinion from Attorney General Wolfe, in which it was held sufficient that the applicant show that he or she would be 21 or older. Mr. Brown is a lawyer.

Mr. Brown said: "I have given some serious thought to the rules of the party referring to the age of applicants for membership in Democratic clubs, and for voting at a primary.

"At first blush I felt like concurring in the opinion rendered by the attorney general, to the effect that the rules only require women to indicate on the enrollment book that they are 21 plus. However, the more I read the rules and the more I think of the matter, I am convinced that his ruling is entirely contrary to the true intent and requirements of the party rules. Read carefully rule 6, and then read carefully rule 11.

"I am therefore, constrained to give it as my opinion that in order to qualify as a voter in the primary, it is absolutely necessary that the applicant shall write in person upon the club roll, his or her full name and immediately thereafter his or her age, occupation and postoffice address, etc.

"I hand you herewith a statement which I have prepared for publication. I hope you will see that it gets the widest publicity, in order that the women may have an opportunity to avoid improper enrollment in this respect."

### Ruling of State Chairman.

The formal statement follows: "In order to determine the requisites as to age of an applicant for membership in a Democratic club, and for voting at a primary, two rules of the party must be construed; rules 6 and 11.

"Rule 6, in part, is as follows: "The qualifications for membership in any club of the party in this state, and for voting at a primary, shall be as follows, viz: the applicant for membership, or voter, shall be 21 years of age, or shall become so before the succeeding general election."

"Rule 11, in part, is as follows: "Each applicant for enrollment SHALL in person write upon the club roll his (or her) full name and immediately thereafter his (or her) age."

"Rule 6, or so much thereof as is here quoted, simply attempts to describe, as a class, those who may become members of a Democratic club, and vote at a primary, while rule 11 states in specific terms that each applicant for enrollment SHALL in person write upon the club roll his (or her) full name and immediately thereafter his (or her) age, and post-office address. It does not say that the applicant 'may' supply this information, but 'shall' supply it as one of the requisites to becoming a competent voter.

"The rules of the party are the statutes of the party, and must be strictly construed, in the same manner as the courts construe our statute laws. Hence, I have no alternative other than to rule that in order to qualify as a competent voter, whether man or woman, he, or she, shall, in the wording of rule 11 'in person write upon the club roll his (or her) full name, and immediately thereafter (or her) age."

"I urge every woman in South Carolina, as a part of her duty to the state, to enroll and vote in the coming primary. At the same time I urge them to follow the rules strictly. To do otherwise may bring about innumerable contests, which can so easily be avoided by strict adherence to the rules."

### And Swore, Too!

An aggressive editor of a small town newspaper was dying. The doctor placed his ear upon his chest, exclaimed: "Circulation all gone."

The patient unexpectedly aroused himself and shouted: "You lie! We have the largest circulation of any paper west of the Mississippi."—Nokomis (Ill.) Free Press-Progress.

All staterooms of the liner Leviathan are to be equipped for radio receiving.

### ENROLL FOR THE PRIMARY.

Citizens of South Carolina should enroll in their township club in order to participate in the primary election next August. The books for enrollment are now open and will remain so until the last Tuesday in July.

According to the rules of the Democratic party of South Carolina, the qualifications for membership in any club of the party in the state and for voting at a primary election are as follows:

"The applicant for membership, or voter, shall be 21 years of age, or shall become so before the succeeding general election and be a white Democrat. He shall be a citizen of the United States and of this state. No person shall belong to any club or vote in any primary unless he has resided in the state two years and in the county six months prior to the succeeding general election and in the club district 60 days prior to the first primary following his offer to enroll: Provided, That public school teachers and ministers of the gospel in charge of a regular organized church shall be exempt from the provisions of this section as to residence, if otherwise qualified."

It is sufficient for a woman to state, in regard to the age requirement, that she is 21 years of age.

Women are ineligible to jury duty and even if they were liable, enrolling in a Democratic club would not in any way affect that matter.

### How Your Hootch is Made.

Editorial, Jackson (Miss.) Daily News.

This editorial is primarily for the benefit of the man who drinks moonshine liquor. Others who are not thus engaged in poisoning their bodies will find it of interest.

The most inveterate hootch hound in Mississippi, if he could but see how the stuff he drinks is made, would swear off forever.

Hardly a drop of the moonshine whiskey being sold in Jackson came from a place that bore any resemblance to sanitary surroundings.

On the contrary, the average moonshine still is a place of indescribable dirt, filth and squalor.

The Daily News has, with the permission of Prohibition Director M. H. Daily, examined some of the written reports submitted to the federal government by prohibition enforcement officers describing the stills they have raided during the past few weeks.

At one place not far distant from Jackson the officers found a dead blacksnake, about six feet long, badly decomposed, in a barrel of mash from which the liquid had been drawn.

At another still where the barrel of sour mash was buried in the ground, a decayed bullfrog was found floating on top.

At a still of large capacity the cap of the still was so filthy that it had been fly-blown and infested with maggots. The plant was in operation, and the "white lightning" was being filtered through the magots.

Up in Director Daily's office you will see scores of liquor samples taken from stills which showed, on chemical analysis, that concentrated lye was used in the clarifying process.

These liquors are manufactured by men who are ignorant of the first element of the laws of fomentation or the rules of sanitation. They concoct the deadly stuff by main strength and awkwardness, so to speak, the sole and only aim being to evolve something with a powerful kick in it, and they give never a thought to how dangerous or poisonous it may be.

### Why, Arthur?

One night the town's most popular young lady, dressed in her father's clothes, fled with her lover. The editor of the town paper hurriedly set the type for the astonishing news, and in due time his paper came out with this headline printed in bold letters, "Fleas in Father's Pants."—Capper's Weekly.

New York city has more than 500 women physicians and surgeons.

## Man is Killed at Liquor Still

Walterboro, July 12.—John Britton, son of Chief of Police Britton, of Branchville, was killed by Sheriff Ackerman at noon today while resisting arrest. Britton was operating a still in the Edisto river swamp and when Sheriff Ackerman attempted to place him under arrest, Britton shot at the sheriff and his deputies, G. C. Benton and Chief J. B. Ackerman. Fortunately they were near enough to take shelter behind trees and returned the fire. Several shots were exchanged on both sides when Britton in an unguarded moment exposed himself and was hit in the side. Sheriff Ackerman intended to shoot only to force him to give up but one shot went high enough to strike a vital organ and death resulted in an hour. The body was brought to Walterboro and Magistrate Pullum held an inquest, the verdict of the jury being in accordance with the above facts. Britton and Talmadge Edwards were together, having a 40 gallon copper still and eight 60 gallon barrels of mash. Violation of the law had been reported to the sheriff and he was armed with a warrant. Edwards denies complicity, stating that he was only a visitor to Britton. Sheriff Ackerman has reported the killing to Governor Harvey.

### Federal Aid.

South Carolina has received a total apportionment of \$5,007,854.84 of federal aid for roads and bridges to date, exclusive of the \$707,000 available July 1 of this year, according to figures announced by the state highway department. Of this total \$4,935,728.28 has already been allotted, leaving \$72,126.56 for allotment. These figures include all the aid supplied since the policy of federal aid was established by the government. If the \$707,000 to be available Jul. 1 is counted, the total apportionment to South Carolina will be \$5,714,854.84. Of the total apportionment \$821,374.77 has been allotted to major bridge projects of the state, not including \$250,000 to be given to the Ashley river bridge at Charleston out of the new appropriation available July 1. The Santee bridge of Murray's ferry heads the list with aid amounting to \$423,734.69. Charleston county takes first rank in the aid apportionment with \$251,184.55. These figures do not include allotments made out of the new appropriation available July 1. Some of the other larger amounts include \$174,155.09 to Anderson county, \$101,695.09 to Beaufort, \$104,900.54 to Florence, \$127,852.39 to Greenville, \$100,198.95 to Greenwood, \$109,840.60 to Lexington, \$160,689.18 to Orangeburg, \$205,259.21 to Spartanburg, \$138,804.16 to Sumter, \$104,617.04 to Union and \$115,032.07 to York.

### What Would Calhoun Say?

The Bamberg Herald says "the state is not running its affairs any more," and The Herald states in plain language a fact which many men have known for some time. If John C. Calhoun were to rise from his grave he would not live very long. There is no longer any such thing as state's rights. For the past decade or two the tendency has been to centralize power at Washington and so great has become that centralized power that legislative acts, judicial decrees and acts of commissioned bodies have become mere matters of form. This tendency toward a centralized form of government had its beginning probably in the great railroad mergers put into effect by the late E. H. Harriman. It is true, was a great empire builder, but as he built he swept aside as of no consequence not only the rights of individuals but the rights of sovereign states. Other big combinations of capital, not satisfied with exploiting the resources of their own individual states, followed Harriman's example, and before the nation was aware of what was happening the power to regulate railroad rates and the rates of all inter-state traffic was vested in the hands of a few men in Washington. A state law that conflicts with a federal law is null and void. A ruling of the state railroad commission that does not suit the interstate railroad commission is promptly set aside. In other words every official act of a legally constituted state body is subject to review and can be set aside by a higher body at Washington. That is why the state is not running its own affairs.—Dillon Herald.

## Make Advance to Cotton Growers

Washington, July 12.—Advances totaling \$24,000,000 to assist the marketing of cotton have been tentatively approved by the War Finance Corporation, it was announced today by Director Meyer. The two Carolinas are to share the major portion of the sum, the advances providing \$10,000,000 for the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association and \$10,000,000 for the South Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association. Of the other, \$3,000,000 will be allotted to the Alabama Farm Bureau Cotton Association and \$1,000,000 to the Arkansas Farmers' Union Cotton Growers' Association.

### Wants Bigham Tell of Wade Murder.

From J. W. Clopton, of Leslie, Ga., grandfather of Walter H. Wade, whom Edmund D. Bigham, now under death sentence for murdering his own brother Smiley and indicted for murdering their mother, their sister and her two children, was suspected of murdering. The Times this morning received a request to have its reporters ask Bigham of the Wade murder if they should interview him again. He hopes that Bigham, going to his death, may yet tell something, which will clear up more fully the murder of Walter Wade. The letter is as follows:

Leslie, Ga., June 28, 1922. Editor of the Florence Daily Times, Florence, S. C.

My Dear Sir: I have just read of Edmund D. Bigham's trial being denied. Edmund D. Bigham once lived in Leslie, Ga. I knew him well. He went to Americus, Ga., with Walter H. Wade, a grandson of mine on August 17, 1916, and Walter Wade was murdered that night and body thrown in Flint river. The detective I employed on the case suspected Bigham. In fact we all thought Bigham knew something of the murder until the parties were arrested and convicted. If you ever have another interview with Bigham and it is not asking too much of you, will you please ask Bigham if he didn't go to Americus, Ga., with Walter H. Wade the night he (Wade) was murdered. If he knows anything then he will tell all he knows. Very truly yours, J. W. CLOPTON.

Bigham is sentenced to execution on July 14 but an appeal now pending will stay the execution for the second time. Since the denial of the last appeal in circuit court for a new trial, Bigham's attorney is said to have discovered more evidence on which he will probably ask a new trial should the supreme court deny the present appeal.—Florence Times.

### Editor Keziah "Treed."

Whiteville, N. C.,—Monday night after he had partaken of his supper, Editor Keziah returned to the office to do some work which owing to the rush, he did not have time to do during the day. After two hours of hard work he decided to take a rest and stretched himself on the folder and promptly went to sleep.

Some hours later, he was awakened by a cold, clammy surface on his face and grasped it with his hand, and found it to be a large snake. He promptly knocked the snake off on the floor and started to get off the folder, when he remembered that he had slipped his shoes off. The thought struck him that the snake might be coiled just where he fell. Anyway, Editor Keziah stayed on the folder all night and was afraid to go to sleep again for fear of the snake's too friendly intrusion. The fact that the editor is a complete teetotaler is vouched for.

### York Man to Serve Life.

York, July 14.—Denying the motion for a new trial, Judge Frank P. McGowan this afternoon sentenced Albert Zimmerman, convicted last night of the murder of J. Pink Huggins with recommendation to mercy, to life imprisonment in the state penitentiary.

Motion for a new trial was based on the allegation that no evidence had been produced to show malice and that undue publicity had been given the case, resulting in prejudice against the defendant.

Zimmerman heard the verdict with the same composure and apparent unconcern that characterized his demeanor throughout the trial. He will begin serving his sentence as soon as the penitentiary authorities send an officer for him.

Farmers' wives of the nation have organized their own feminine agricultural block.

## Columbia Woman Bound and Beaten by Masked Men

### Denmark Items

Denmark, July 15.—The Barnwell Boy Scouts are enjoying a camping trip on the banks of the Edisto river this week.

Joe and Frank Wyman are visiting relatives in Hendersonville.

Misses Willie Dell Hutto and Virginia Hutto are spending several weeks in Hendersonville.

Francis Zeigler left for a military training camp in Alabama Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Hutto, of Hildebran, N. C., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Walker.

Mrs. Elmore Steadman has been visiting relatives in Charleston.

Mrs. James Guess and baby are back from a visit to relatives at Holly Hill.

Mrs. Robert Cox left last week for her home in North Carolina.

Mrs. Otis Sandifer has returned from a visit to Allendale.

Mrs. John M. Major, of Greenwood, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Wade Faust.

Members of the Young Married Woman's Rook club were entertained Thursday afternoon by Mrs. W. D. Mayfield at her country home in Lees, and after several games of rook were played, refreshments were served. About 20 club members were present.

Mrs. Wade H. Faust entertained with a lovely party Wednesday afternoon from 5 o'clock until 7, in honor of her guest, Mrs. John M. Major, of Greenwood. Several games of cards were played, and then a salad course was served with iced tea. About 20 guests were present.

Mrs. Winchester Graham entertained a number of guests Friday afternoon in honor of her guest, Mrs. Hennessey, of Chester. The guests were presented with clothes pins and crepe paper, and a contest determining the most efficient dressmaker was begun.

At the conclusion of this it was decided that Mrs. Malcolm Crum had won the first prize. She was presented with a box of tinted stationery. Following this contest the guests were busily engaged in another, which was the sketching of his "right hand neighbor." Much laughter was caused when the art exhibition took place, displaying the talent of each guest. Mrs. Algie Guess was awarded the prize for the most comical cartoon of her neighbor and a box of candy was given her. Twenty guests assembled for refreshments and sweet course afterwards.

Mrs. W. D. Mayfield entertained the Thursday Afternoon club at her home in Lees. After a series of games of progressive rook, an ice course was served.

Mrs. D. N. Cox is at home after spending several days in Rock Hill.

Miss Anna Goolsby is visiting relatives near Beaufort.

Mrs. Phelix Goudebeck, of Union, is spending several weeks with her mother, Mrs. R. L. Zeigler.

Misses Virginia and Willie Delle Hutto have gone to Junaluska for a few weeks.

### Unforeseen Sequel.

Willie had been instructed by his father to clean up the yard, and he had promised to do so to the best of his ability.

That evening, however, when his father returned from the office and took a look at the yard, he became very angry.

"Willie," he called, "I thought I told you to clean up that yard!"

"Well, dad, I did," said Willie, virtuously. "I fired everything over the fence as soon as I could; but the kid next door threw everything back when I went downtown for mother."

—Harper's Magazine.

### Forced Sprouts.

May—"I thought Jack was averse to wearing a mustache."

Belle—"He is, but he can't help himself."

May—"How is that?"

Belle—"He's been evading prohibition by drinking hair tonic."—The Dirge.

Believing it is the surest road to matrimony, many young women in Philadelphia have entered the nursing profession.

Columbia, July 18.—Attracted to the rear of her home, 2121 College street, by a rap on the back door, Mrs. Alethia Norman was caught by two unknown men, gagged, bound and beaten. The attack was made about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon when she was alone at the home and the alarm was given about an hour later when she was found by her little daughter, semi-conscious. Last night it was said at the Norman residence that, while she was severely beaten, the injuries are not thought to be serious.

The police are working on the case, but at an early hour this morning no arrests had been made. The principal clue is four anonymous letters, three of which were received by Mrs. Norman during last week and one of which was left by the two men yesterday afternoon. These letters threatened Mrs. Norman's life and cursed her vilely. The police have the letters.

### Rap on Rear Door.

Mrs. Norman said last night that she was in a front room when she heard a knock. She went to the rear to answer the rap and two men jumped from behind a door, having already entered the house and concealed themselves. One of the men threw a towel over her face and the two men bound her, after tying the towel securely about her head. The men twisted her dress about her body and began beating her, Mrs. Norman said. Severe bruises were made on her limbs and about her body.

After beating Mrs. Norman the men threw a handful of red pepper in her mouth, Mrs. Norman said, and left with the warning that "we are coming back and kill you," this sentence being punctuated by one of the men with a vile epithet. She has no idea who the men are, being unable to say positively whether they were black or white. However, Mrs. Norman said she believed they were white men.

Mrs. Norman was unable to give the alarm for nearly an hour, and when her little daughter returned home she told her to call Mr. Norman, who works for the National Biscuit company. Mr. Norman was the first to arrive after his little daughter. He found a switch about the size of a thumb in the bath room, but was unable to say whether or not this was the instrument used by the men.

The switch gave the appearance of having been worn out on something. Mr. Norman said he was at a loss to explain the attack and has no idea as to who the men were.

### Four Letters Received.

Mr. Norman said one of the letters was received last Tuesday and another Friday while the third was found Saturday morning as he went for the morning paper. The fourth letter was left by the two men yesterday afternoon. They were all threatening. One night last week some one threw a handful of sand through their bedroom window, he said.

Mrs. Norman is rather a delicate woman and said she had undergone 11 operations within the past few years. She underwent her last operation in February of this year and had not left her home except to walk to Valley park on one occasion and to go to Green Street Methodist church to services one time since then.

### Shortage in Cotton in Storage.

During the ten months ending May 31, 4,945,497 bales of cotton were consumed by American mills, or an increase of 924,884 bales over the corresponding period of last year. On May 31, 1,419,836 bales of cotton were held in consuming establishments against 1,280,723 on May 31, 1921; but there were reported held in public storage and at compresses on May 31, 2,561,007 bales compared with 4,738,267 bales May 31, 1921, a net decrease of 2,038,147 bales in the reserve supply.

The total quantity of cotton exported for the ten months ending May 31 was 5,451,800 bales compared with 4,701,671 bales exported during the same period of 1921.

Imports of foreign cotton during this period have been from 212,784 to 342,216 bales ending May 31.—Manufacturer's Record June 29.

Miss Charlotte Sharron, of London, now at the age of 90 years, is an expert typist.