

Enrollment Figures For State Show Big Gain

The total enrollment for South Carolina, as received from the different counties by H. N. Edmunds, secretary of the state Democratic executive committee, is 226,581.

Secretary Edmunds has not yet totaled the figures himself and there may be a slight change, but the total is very nearly correct. This gives an increase over the 1920 enrollment of 74,546 as the total then was 152,035.

Women are believed to number at least this increase and possibly more and the indications are that over 75,000 women will participate in the primary this year for the first time.

Oconee county is the only county in the state showing a decreased enrollment from 1920, according to the figures received by Mr. Edmunds. In 1920 this county enrolled 4,191 voters and this year only 3,790 have been enrolled.

Greenville leads the state with 16,131 with Spartanburg second with 14,787. Charleston is third with 12,841.

The enrollment by counties this year and in 1920 is as follows:

County	1922	1920
Abbeville	3,264	2,491
Aiken	5,412	4,404
Allendale	1,587	798
Anderson	11,250	8,086
Bamberg	2,080	1,474
Barnwell	2,766	1,882
Beaufort	1,172	763
Berkeley	2,279	1,356
Calhoun	1,469	1,045
Charleston	12,841	7,318
Cherokee	5,430	2,524
Chester	3,472	2,467
Chesterfield	5,383	3,886
Clarendon	3,896	2,823
Darlington	5,421	3,003
Dillon	3,256	2,140
Dorchester	2,756	1,768
Edgefield	2,043	1,689
Fairfield	2,225	1,458
Florence	7,087	4,431
Georgetown	2,393	1,856
Greenville	16,131	11,406
Greenwood	5,134	3,716
Hampton	2,704	2,025
Horry	6,595	4,447
Jasper	715	625
Kershaw	4,130	2,449
Lancaster	4,621	3,123
Laurens	7,106	4,227
Lee	2,932	2,132
Lexington	5,517	4,666
McCormick	1,303	1,190
Marion	3,230	2,142
Marlboro	3,807	2,456
Newberry	5,874	3,398
Oconee	3,790	4,191
Orangeburg	7,091	4,401
Pickens	5,641	3,633
Richland	12,669	7,172
Saluda	3,201	2,393
Spartanburg	14,787	10,509
Sumter	3,331	1,950
Union	5,554	3,406
Williamsburg	3,648	2,764
York	6,772	3,878
Total	226,581	152,035

Mittle Placed in Penitentiary.

Columbia, Aug. 14.—Edward N. Mittle was placed in the state penitentiary this afternoon. Governor Harvey called Sheriff Dukes of Orangeburg to Columbia Sunday and the sheriff, under the governor's orders, returned to Columbia this afternoon with Mittle. Mittle's home is in Greenville.

Solicitor Hydrick Saturday personally presented the situation growing out of the order handed down Friday to him from Judge T. J. Mauldin staying the judgment of the supreme court in the appeal case of E. N. Mittle and the solicitor was informed by the governor that he would take the matter under advisement.

The state supreme court refused Mittle a new trial and a rehearing and handed down a final opinion, which was filed with the clerk of court on August 4 which was that the sentence of nine years on the verdict of guilty of manslaughter for the killing of J. H. Patterson near Rowesville in November, 1920, be put into effect.

The order of Judge Mauldin filed with the solicitor Friday was that the judgment of the supreme court be stayed for 90 days and was issued on the petition of Mittle's attorneys announcing the intention to appeal to the United States supreme court. Solicitor Hydrick takes the position that a circuit judge has not the power to stay judgment of the supreme court.—Orangeburg Times and Democrat.

S. Carolina's Decrease In Automobile Use

Following is the report of registrations by states:

State	1922	1921
Alabama	87,687	77,076
Arizona	32,847	31,551
Arkansas	75,500	58,700
California	737,152	604,024
Colorado	139,727	121,502
Connecticut	122,846	122,695
Dis. of Columbia	53,031	55,000
Florida	213,027	90,829
Georgia	127,799	118,573
Idaho	47,794	46,730
Illinois	682,648	587,588
Indiana	426,650	351,297
Iowa	450,622	433,000
Kansas	290,456	268,558
Kentucky	129,100	108,668
Louisiana	80,000	70,000
Maine	78,830	67,341
Maryland	136,169	122,550
Massachusetts	378,350	311,747
Michigan	497,445	432,126
Minnesota	343,000	324,166
Mississippi	58,420	54,114
Missouri	338,428	308,883
Montana	53,032	51,873
Nebraska	218,297	213,350
Nevada	10,903	9,822
New Hampshire	44,076	39,064
New Jersey	287,859	245,634
New Mexico	20,450*	20,450
New York	843,631	658,438
North Carolina	164,391	149,444
North Dakota	89,303	86,986
Ohio	779,500	677,000
Oklahoma	203,300	180,000
Oregon	109,001	102,274
Pennsylvania	732,348	631,025
Rhode Island	42,239	48,098
South Carolina	84,985	85,272
South Dakota	111,929	113,700
Tennessee	120,000	102,800
Texas	452,268	444,541
Utah	81,965	41,945
Vermont	38,049	33,601
Virginia	152,200	132,300
Washington	191,520	170,470
West Virginia	90,450	85,916
Wisconsin	364,829	297,850
Wyoming	27,555	30,000
Total	10,863,744	9,434,971

*1921 figures.

KILLS STEP-FATHER.

Coroner's Jury Holds Barwell Youth For Deed.

Williston, Aug. 11.—About 6.30 o'clock this morning, about one mile east of Elko, three miles from Williston, Moies Hair, Jr., it is alleged, shot and instantly killed his step-father, D. S. Mims. The only eye-witnesses were Quincy Hair, fifteen-year-old brother of Moies Hair, and Jesse Hair, a distant relative.

From the testimony introduced at the coroner's inquest held at Elko this morning it seems that Mr. Mims made at him with a knife and was cursing him at the same time. Hair ran out of the house and Mims pursued him with the knife in his hand, the defendant said. Hair fired once and continued to run and was followed by Mims, it is alleged. He then fired twice and Mims fell. All three bullets took effect, one piercing the heart, one entering the stomach and the other striking the right arm of the deceased.

The verdict of the coroner's jury was that Mr. Mims came to his death in accordance with the above testimony.

Hair immediately surrendered to Sheriff Sanders and is in the Barnwell jail. Young Hair is about twenty-one years of age and bears a good reputation. The affair is very much deplored. Both parties are well known and have large family connections. Mr. Mims did not leave any children. His widow is the mother of young Hair.

Dr. Ray Moves to Barnwell.

In this issue we carry the professional card of Dr. Cecil Ray, of Olar. Dr. Ray is expected to arrive in Barnwell on Monday of next week and will establish his office in the Lancaster building. He is a graduate of the Charleston Medical college and has enjoyed a large practice in Olar and surrounding country for the past ten or twelve years. The people of Barnwell extend to him a hearty welcome.—Barnwell Sentinel.

There are 105 automobile factories in operation in this country.

There are 20,000 motor buses now in operation in the United States.

Killing Charged to Ralph Brown

T. L. Betterson, an aged resident of Beaufort, was killed Tuesday of last week, and the coroner's jury investigating the homicide charges Ralph Brown with the killing. Mr. Brown is a young man, the son of Barney Brown, a brother of Mrs. G. W. Garland, of this city. The young man is well known to many relatives and friends in Bamberg.

Very meager reports of the affair have reached Bamberg. According to the news stories of the homicide published in the daily papers, Betterson was killed while sitting in a chair. The first report was that he was killed by a blow on the head, while another report indicated that this may have been in error. It is alleged that the two men had words on the morning of the same day, and that Brown knocked him down then.

Young Brown was taken into custody by the sheriff, but because of the failure of the sheriff to put him immediately in jail, there has been a considerable stir-up in Beaufort, resulting in a mass meeting, presided over by Senator Niels Christensen, at which strong resolutions were passed demanding that charges be brought against the sheriff, and other resolutions calling on the city commissioners to resign for alleged leniency toward Brown for other alleged affairs in Beaufort.

Betterson was an old man without relatives in Beaufort, it is said. He has a brother in Allendale. The sheriff has denied that he has flagrantly defied the law, stating that Brown's wife was in a hysterical condition when taken in charge, and that it would probably have endangered Mrs. Brown to have carried the young man immediately to jail. He stated further that he kept him under guard at his (the sheriff's) home) during the night. When he was sent for to come to the mass meeting, the sheriff declined. The following Beaufort dispatch goes into further details of the affair:

Beaufort, Aug. 10.—A mass meeting, that crowded the court house tonight voted to instruct the chairman to appoint a committee of three citizens to collect, prepare and present evidence against Sheriff J. H. Bailey before the grand jury. This grew out of his refusal and failure to place Ralph E. Brown in jail as directed in the coroner's commitment, which found at the inquest yesterday that Brown killed T. P. L. Betterson. The vote was unanimous except for a brother of Brown.

The sheriff kept the prisoner at his home while the law requires he be put in jail. Early in the afternoon over 100 citizens met and sent a committee to the sheriff asking him to meet with them and explain his action. This he refused to do. Solicitor Murdaugh was on his way from Hampton and the meeting was adjourned to the evening. The solicitor was present then and advised with the meeting as to the sheriff's action. Just before the evening meeting the sheriff placed his prisoner in jail, but again refused to attend the meeting. Condemnation was expressed at the fact that the sheriff's attorney and advisor is the attorney for the defense in the case against Brown.

Condemnation of the city government for alleged leniency toward Brown in former difficulties was general, and a motion was carried, \$9 to \$38, asking for the resignation of the three commissioners, over two-thirds refraining from voting on this issue owing in part to the absence of the mayor. Many women attended and voted. Intense feeling was manifest in the applause and speeches but the best of order was maintained. The committee sent to the sheriff was Alan Paul, L. H. Hall and Gus Sanders, county treasurer. Niels Christensen was chairman of the meetings and Alan Paul secretary.

J. H. Bellamy and William Altman made the motions that carried. The solicitor has refused to consent to a request for bail for Brown.

In the news account sent out yesterday it was stated that Betterson was killed while seated. A further examination of the testimony shows that at the coroner's inquest no direct evidence was presented to that effect. Brown claims self defense in his request for bail.

The Beaufort Gazette of this week will say:

Simply the Facts. On Wednesday of last week, fol-

Seaboard Wreck Kills Engineer

Seaboard train No. 2, operating between Jacksonville and Washington, jumped the track at Dixiana, near Columbia, Sunday morning, as a result of which the engineer, John W. Preacher, of Savannah, was killed by scalding, and the fireman was badly injured.

The Seaboard traffic between Denmark and Columbia was blocked until Monday when train service was resumed over this line, the wreck being sufficiently cleared away to allow passage of trains. During this period trains were detoured to Denmark over the Southern railway.

An accumulation of sand at the public road crossing is said to have been responsible for the wreck. The engine jumped the track, followed by the express car and the combination negro and baggage car. Two other persons were injured besides the engineer being killed and the fireman injured, neither of which is said to be fatal.

Engineer Preacher was buried at Fairfax Tuesday, the Ku Klux Klan officiating at the funeral.

Grain for Planting.

Commissioner B. Harris of the department of agriculture, commerce and industries wishes to warn all merchants, farmers and others that every precaution should be taken in purchasing oats, wheat, rye and other grains for fall planting. When any grain is bought for seed purposes the buyer should see that all tags attached to the seed as well as the invoice should state plainly that it is for seed purpose. An inspector will be sent to any one upon request to draw an official sample to test for germination, and this should be done when the seed is received and before being planted.

In the past it has been found that quite a number of merchants and others who bought oats, wheat, rye and other grains for seed purposes, planted it and later found the germination was poor. Quite a lot of the grain was bought for seed purposes, but the shipper failed to brand it as such and when it was found that the germination was not of the best, the matter was taken up with the shipper and their reply was that it was not branded or sold for seed purposes. There is a state law requiring all grain sold for seed purposes to be tagged as such and the germination must be good.

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Following the partial failure of the council to hold a meeting the previous evening; owing to the absence of councilman E. S. Brown; an altercation took place between Mr. Brown and T. P. S. Betterson—an old citizen of Beaufort, regarding Mr. Brown's failure to attend the council meeting the previous evening, and which resulted in a blow being struck. Subsequently, the matter was taken up by Mr. Ralph Brown; when, as it is alleged, he knocked Mr. Betterson down. The latter then went to his home near by and was soon after followed by Mr. Brown, who entered the room; where he remained but a short time and upon coming out, said to Mr. W. A. McDaniel and Mr. R. V. Bray that there was a man inside of the room who needed their attention. They entered the room and found Mr. Betterson severely injured; so much so, that Mr. McDonald telephoned for Dr. Ryan. On arriving, the doctor took the usual steps looking to the care of his patient; but in spite of these attentions, Mr. Betterson almost immediately died; and a coroner's jury, which was subsequently empaneled brought in a verdict that Mr. Betterson was killed by being struck on the head with some blunt instrument by Mr. Ralph Brown, and the coroner, or Magistrate Cary, then gave an order for his arrest; which subsequently resulted in his being taken to the county jail, where he is now confined, awaiting the action of the court. Prior to Mr. Brown's arrest, and acting on the advice of his counsel, he surrendered to and was taken in charge by Sheriff Bailey; who placed him under guard in his own home. It is not the province of a newspaper to try an accused within the columns of its publication and The Gazette will endeavor to adhere strictly to this line of procedure.

Denmark Hears Candidates; Serves Barbecue Dinner

List Friday was a big day in Denmark. From what used to be a commonplace affair, the county political meeting was turned into a gala occasion. The Denmark folks treated their visiting guests royally in every respect, and particularly at dinner time, when more than one thousand persons—according to the genial Jabe Hutto, and we don't doubt it—took their turns and were served one of the finest barbecues the county has ever seen. Hogs, cows, and goats were pressed into service for the 'cue; and cooked to perfection, and there was plenty of it. In fact, it looked to this writer, who confesses to his inability to grasp as big a thing as a thousand people's appetite, like there was enough to feed almost another thousand.

It should be stated here, too, that the facilities for handling the big crowd were good. The big cotton platform of the A. C. L. station was fenced in, leaving entrances, one for the men and one for the women—we did not hear the reason for the segregation, but it was probably wise, as hungry men sometimes forget their good manners; and they were hungry. Two-thirty o'clock in the afternoon is late for dinner to country folks such as we and the rest of the crowd. The crowd was fed expeditiously, the whole operation requiring scarcely one hour, and they were well fed in every particular.

The best congressman in the United States, Hon. Jimmy Byrnes, graced the occasion with his presence. Jimmy knows everybody, and it is very interesting to just stand one side and see him shaking hands with his friends; he is friends, it seems, with everybody he meets, and he manages to meet them all. We have offered to wager a nickel cigar that he knows more people in Bamberg county than any one of our own citizens, and we are prepared to let the wager stand. There is no doubt about the fact that he is the idol of the people of his district; they have unbounded confidence in him, and all you have to do to get a big crowd is to say Jim Byrnes will be there.

Meeting in School House.

The meeting was held in the auditorium of the graded school. The people of Denmark have many good things, but nothing better than their school facilities. The auditorium is large and well ventilated, and seats some three hundred, maybe more, and every seat was taken with a good many standing. Right across the campus is the new high school building, completed only recently. Both buildings are a credit to Denmark. The crowd was composed of folks from practically every section of Bamberg county; and many from Orangeburg and Barnwell counties. Perhaps a third of the people in the auditorium were women.

J. Wesley Crum, Jr., presided. "Wes," as his friends call him, is a splendid presiding officer. He knows what to say and how and when to say it, and he does not bore his hearers. He cordially welcomed all the visitors to Denmark, and asked them to stay all day; to partake of the free dinner after the speaking and attend the base ball game between Olar and Denmark in the afternoon. Most of those present accepted the invitation. A very appropriate prayer was offered by Dr. W. C. Kirkland, of Latta, who was in attendance.

Magistrates to the Bat.

The first speaker was J. B. Gillam, offering for reelection as magistrate at Denmark. This is the second time he has offered, he said, being elected two years ago. Thanks the voters for electing him. Saw a lot of good looking voters in the house who had never voted before, and he hoped he would get them.

S. S. Ray, Mr. Gillam's opponent, said it was the first time he had ever run, and he had announced only at the solicitation of many friends. If elected he will conduct himself so that no one will ever regret voting for him. Will carry out law and order, and he will not wink at the law in favor of any man, no matter who he is.

J. F. Staley was called on for cotton weigher, but failed to respond.

Auditor and Treasurer.

W. D. Rowell, for auditor, appreciated the flattering vote given him four years ago when he had opposition, and for the unanimous vote two years ago. He discussed the land assessment matter, and related how the assessment was allowed to

stand. There is a total of \$178,000 due in taxes this year, of which amount \$47,000 has not yet been paid. His office had been officially audited and declared in perfect running order. He said that it has been reported his books were in bad shape, and the maker of the report he characterized as a falsifier.

Treasurer G. A. Jennings had a letter read, in which he stated that owing to the fact that the tax books are still open, it was necessary for him to stay in his office; but that he would have been delighted to have attended the meeting and especially would have enjoyed the dinner. He signed his letter "Uncle George." It looks as if the county might as well give "Uncle George" a lifetime job, and save him and the county of the expense of running.

Commissioners Come Next.

W. H. Collins was next introduced as a candidate for county commissioner from the upper district. He thanks God for the ladies; they are a blessing, and will be a greater blessing when they vote. He is no speaker, just a corn field boy, whose father was killed in the Confederate war. Has served one term and would like to serve another. He favors good roads, and favors keeping them up after they are built. It is not right to spend good money building roads and leave them to go to ruin. He promised to do his duty if elected, and will love the people just the same whether they vote for him or not.

J. S. Tant says is "back again." He was elected by a big majority, and he appreciated the vote. Folks can see him on the job any time. Welcomed the ladies to the club rolls, and knows they will do the right thing at the right time, which time is August 29th. He has served 19 months and believes he has done his duty. The commutation road tax has been invested in a road machine which is used all over the county. Said he had work done as cheap as anybody ever has, and he guarantees he will continue to do as much work as the next fellow. Mr. Collins had said at Olar he was at home and wanted every vote, and these were his sentiments at Denmark. He said all bridges had been repaired after heavy rains within a few hours.

J. B. McCormick, for lower district commissioner, promised if elected to do his duty to the best of his ability, and will show his appreciation by his services to the county. One of the audience asked him how he stood on the coal strike; he came back with a good answer, he stood with the majority.

J. W. Zeigler, who has missed several meetings, was present at Denmark. He said he felt thankful that he was able to be present. He is afflicted with rheumatism, he said, in the body, but his head was clear, and he was able to come to Bamberg and sign bills just as well as ever. He needs the office now, he said, more than ever, and he is unable to work, while his opponents are all able bodied and can plow and hoe. He has served four years and his supervisors have given him a good name. Some of his neighbors want to kick him out, but he is not out yet, he said. There is no fault to be found in him, he asserted.

George W. Hunter was the last speaker for lower district commissioner. Mr. Hunter comes to Denmark practically a stranger, he said, but the folks know his family. He has served as overseer under several supervisors, and knows road work. He plows everyday—in the summer time—and lives at home. He thinks he knows the duties of the office and will fill it acceptably if elected. He admitted he had a good head and a sound body, and will get along whether they elect him or not, but he will appreciate the votes.

Candidates for Supervisor.

G. Victor Kearsse was the first candidate up for supervisor. "My opponents are both good men," said Mr. Kearsse, "and I would not besmirch them. Before I would do such a thing I would withdraw from the race." He is a believer in good roads, and if elected, he will build every mile of good sand-clay roads possible, and then take care of them. He will endeavor to get a dollar's value from every dollar spent, and he will endeavor to fill the office in such a manner that none will ever regret voting for him. He has a

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