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CITY POLITICS

In the course of a somewhat varied experience we have dabbled considerably in politics, both local and State. Those who have followed up our career in any political contest know that they were never at a loss to locate the candidates and issues favored by me in any contest.

We have been requested to give a brief resume of our opinion in the contest now on for the election of Mayor and Aldermen of our city; and while it is unpleasant, and perhaps impolitic, to express any opinion pro or con in the matter, we feel that we would be derelict in our duty to the city did we not make certain suggestions, or proffer certain advice in the premises that will aid the average voter in so voting that his ballot will be really an intelligent one, and not one, that without such suggestions and advice might be cast under the impulse of either factional, local or personal feeling, disregarding the real interests of the city because of being influenced by that feeling. This editorial will not, I think, reach the eye of any voter or citizen who will question for a moment our purity of motive in dictating and publishing it, for all know that we are Camden born, Camden bred, and that all our interests are centered here, so that what we say below as to the election of city officers now pending must be accepted as the frank and truthful expression of a citizen born and bred who loves his city rather than as the expression of an editor who from private motives attempts through the columns of his paper to vent his personal spleen and malice on a candidate, or candidates, whom he, the editor, does not happen to approve of.

As we stated in our salutatory, that we would not hesitate to speak freely and openly in the event that in our judgment the public interests would be endangered by silence, we want to say to the voters of Camden that grave questions will come up before you for settlement on the 15th day of this month. There is no use to mince words, so we say that on the result of the vote on that day depends the fact that our city will be either given over as a prey to visionaries and failures, or remain with the safely conservative form of government we now enjoy.

We have had several spectacular plays to the galleries during the campaign, but to every voter we say, do not be deceived. This advice is especially directed to the working man, the bone and sinew of every community. You all know that we are with you (hand and glove, heart to heart and soul to soul), and that we would not give you bad advice if we knew it.

As matters now stand with the city, we cannot see that the public interests are in the desperate danger that some would have us believe. Neither can we see that the election of failures to conduct our city government will conduce to better government, or tend to increase our bank account, but we do see that by electing men with considerable interests in the city, which interests will be enhanced by the pushing of public improvements, will increase that bank account, and maintain as well our standing with the outside world. This sounds rather harsh, and, as we previously stated, must be taken as much the expression of the individual as of the editor.

Reflect calmly, voters, before casting your ballots on next Tuesday, for on a single vote on that day may depend the progress or decline of Camden for the next ten years.

W. A. Schrock, Ed.

SOME THOUGHTS

As a matter of fact, the time has come when it should be "Food for Thought" instead of "Some Thoughts."

It is our purpose in the near future to give you a different paper than that which you are now reading. We propose to give you about eight times the reading matter that you now get, and at the same time not curtail a single line of local and general news that we have been giving you heretofore. This change is made necessary because of the fact that our subscription list is increasing so rapidly that we think it nothing but common justice to give you a larger if not a better paper for your money. In order to make this change, however, we must have help.

During the course of an active business experience of many years, we have never fallen out with any man for asking us for what was his, or soliciting new business from us, so we just want to say that if we make this contemplated change in our paper by which you will be more largely benefited than will we, we must have your help.

We tell you frankly that if you will stand back we will give you a paper within six months that will not only be pointed to with pride by the citizens of all degrees of our county, but will be taken as a model for others to follow in this and neighboring States.

This may sound like egregious egotism, but it is not. We hope we know our capacity, and we do know that the work previously by us in "The People" has met with approval, as several of our articles have been copied into other papers. We say, therefore, come forward with your subscriptions—merchants, come on with your advertisements, and let us all combine to make "The People" what it should be—the banner weekly newspaper in the interior of South Carolina.

Free Libraries for Ethical Schools

On our first page will be found the recent law enacted by our most august and wise Legislature providing for the establishment of free libraries for the rural public schools of the various counties. After a more or less careful reading of this law, we have arrived at the conclusion that it, with several other laws with which the honorable Legislature of South Carolina wrestled during its recent session, is a monumental fraud and a farce, and not worth the paper it is written on.

Section 1 of the law would of itself make it an absurdity. We who know the people as a whole know that there are not in twenty counties in the State patrons enough of any school who would go down into their pockets to fish up enough money to make this ridiculous scheme effective.

Section 2 of the law is not objectionable, as there is really nothing in it to either commend or to condemn, but in section 3 of the Act we do see a provision that, as we view it, should kill the whole business. What in the name of the rising rural generation does the State Board of Education know about the literary needs of the rural pupil when selecting this list of books for their delectation in their free libraries?

Answer: Just about as much as my house cat. The State Board of Education is supposed to consist of the most polished scholars within the confines of the State, principally urbanites, and cannot be expected to know what books are suited to the various schools to whom the list from which to select is sent. Had the framer of this silly law inserted the provision that local boards are authorized to make their own selection of the books to be used in these libraries, there could have been no objection found to this particular section, but as it is, it is humbug, pure and simple.

The remaining sections of the act are on a par with those mentioned and we, therefore, pass them by without comment.

Ask for the White Knight, the best smoke on the market. For sale by the Camden Drug Company.

Be content with honest toil. The man who is continually playing on the get-rich-quick schemes may have a full pocket-book to-day, but it will be gone to-morrow.

Society Notes

Wednesday night, the 10th inst., a very interesting evening was spent at the Hobkirk Inn. The program being given up to the continuation of the tennis tournament. Mr. and Mrs. Barstow winning out in doubles. In the afternoon the fortunate few who enjoyed an "at home" given in honor of Mrs. Henry Smith. Among the visitors to Camden present were Mrs. Kerr, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Smith, of Spencer, Ind., as well remembered here as Miss Edna Fowler, and Mrs. Sage.

The followers of the chase met on Wednesday afternoon, also at Hobkirk Inn, it being Mr. Eldredge's time to play host, and were led helter skelter through the mazes of the forest by Mr. Krumholz, a most undaunted Robin Hood.

In spite of blasting March winds, quite a crowd gathered on Friday afternoon at the polo fields to see the Blues again wrest victory from the redoubtable Reds. The ground was soft, however, and the game, though spirited, was not as exciting as usual. The Blues were Barstow, Kennedy, Team and Vaux. Reds, King, Whistler, Smith and Henderson. Rumors were afloat on Friday to the effect that Gov. Heyward would honor Camden to witness the polo, but they were not true.

One of the largest polo teas of the season took place under the auspices of Mrs. Eldredge and her niece, Mrs. Smith, on Friday, at the game, and guests from all the hotels, besides herds of home folks partook of her genial hospitality. The center table was a thing of beauty—adorned with dainty china and silver, and a center piece of most magnificent roses, transported from Boston for the occasion.

Mr. Harry Loomis, an ardent admirer of Camden, has gone to Florida for a few weeks fishing, but will return next month.

The guests of Hobkirk Inn enjoyed an impromptu dance on Saturday night, the music being furnished by the Italian band from Wilmington.

The supper tendered the Polo Association on Saturday night by Mr. Krumholz, at the Kirkwood, was a great success, and jollity reigned supreme for several hours.

The "fairer sex," especially those who make a specialty of dainty handiwork of embroideries and laces, enjoyed a treat in being allowed to inspect the superb collection of art novelties exhibited in the coffee room of the Kirkwood by the Art Club of Baltimore Md. The accommodating young ladies in charge explained that the Club was formed to help young women to support themselves by their own work, and the workers are paid fixed sums per week.

After many postponements, the dedication of the Roman Catholic Chapel took place Sunday afternoon, Bishop Northrop, of Charleston, officiating. A special train came over from Columbia, and about 75 persons took advantage of it to pay Camden a visit. The services at the Church were most impressive and interesting. Mass was also held at 7 o'clock on Monday morning.

This week will be given up to golf enthusiasts, and a tournament will be played by Camdenians and guests. The next Wafer Tea given by the ladies of Grace Church will be eagerly looked forward to when it is known that the lovely old ante bellum home at Cool Spring will be thrown open to the visitors on that occasion, (Wednesday, March 10th.) and Mrs. T. J. Kirkland bids all a warm welcome.

Aiken will have to look to her laurels for enticing notables within her borders, for Camden will not be left in the van, and at present can boast, among other guests of fame, the presence of ex-Governor of Massachusetts and ex-Secretary of the Navy, Long, who is at the Hobkirk Inn.

An excursion will be run from Columbia on Friday next in time for our sister city's citizens to witness a game of polo, and quite a large crowd is expected.

From Lugoff.

Mr. Editor: Please give me space for a few dots from West Wateres. Farm work has commenced, notwithstanding the scarcity of labor. March has come in fine, hope it will continue so.

The Pine Grove school taught by Miss Lillian Smith, of Wellford, S. C., is doing fine. Miss Lillian came here a stranger, but has since made many friends.

We have preaching at Pine Grove twice a month by Rev. C. D. Peterson, of Ionia, S. C. This is his fourth year as pastor of this church. He is held in high esteem by the church and the community.

Messrs. Rabon and Brother are sawing lumber for us and will soon be making shingles for us too.

Well Mr. Editor I don't know what we will do with the agents and candidates. We have an average of two agents per day. What shall we do?
More soon. FARMER.

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NORTHWESTERN RAILROAD OF S. C.

Time Table No. 4. To take effect Sunday, January 10, 1904, at 12.01 a. m. superseding Time Table No. 4, dated November 2, 1903.

BETWEEN WILSON'S MILL & SUMTER.

TRAINS GOING SOUTH.	
No. 77	No. 78
Lv Sumter	4:50 p m 5:20 p m
Lv N. W. Junction	4:58 p m 5:28 p m
Lv Tindal	5:20 p m 5:47 p m
Lv Packville	5:50 p m 6:00 p m
Lv Silver	6:25 p m 6:28 p m
Lv Millard	6:40 p m 6:35 p m
Lv Millard	6:50 p m
Lv Summerton	6:50 p m 6:15 p m
Lv Jordan	7:15 p m 6:35 p m
Lv Wilson's Mill	7:30 p m 6:15 p m
Ar Wilson's Mill	5:00 p m 7:00 p m

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

No. 78	No. 77
Lv Wilson's Mill	8:40 a m 6:00 a m
Ar Jordan	9:00 a m 6:20 a m
Ar Davis Station	9:45 a m 6:45 a m
Ar Summerton	10:15 a m 7:15 a m
Ar Millard	10:20 a m 7:20 a m
Ar Millard	10:45 a m
Ar Silver	11:00 a m 7:45 a m
Ar Packville	11:20 a m 8:15 a m
Ar Tindal	11:55 a m 8:45 a m
Ar N. W. Junction	12:27 p m 9:12 a m
Ar Sumter	12:30 p m 9:15 a m

BETWEEN MILLARD & ST. PAUL.

No. 78	No. 78
Lv Millard	4:35 p m 10:20 a m
Ar St. Paul	4:40 p m 10:20 a m

BETWEEN SUMTER & CAMDEN.

TRAINS GOING SOUTH.	
No. 68	No. 70
Lv Camden	4:15 p m 7:00 a m
Sou. Ry. Junction	4:25 p m 7:10 a m
Ar Ellerbe	4:28 p m 7:20 a m
Remberts	4:43 p m 7:40 a m
Ar Borden	4:58 p m 8:00 a m
Ar Dalzell	5:13 p m 8:25 a m
Ar N. W. Junction	5:43 p m 8:58 a m
Ar Sumter	5:45 p m 9:00 a m

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

No. 69	No. 71
Lv Sumter	6:25 p m 9:25 a m
N. W. Junction	6:27 p m 9:28 a m
Dalzell	6:47 p m 9:59 a m
Borden	7:06 p m 10:10 a m
Remberts	7:23 p m 10:21 a m
Ellerbe	7:30 p m 10:31 a m
Sou. Ry. Junction	7:50 p m 11:00 a m
Ar Camden	8:00 p m 11:10 a m

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