

STATISTICS OF INQUESTS

GIVEN BY THE SHERIFF AND CORONER

New Developments at the Campaign meeting at McColl

A campaign meeting at McColl Friday was held in McLaurin hall, and about 300 people were present. They cheered nearly everybody, but the lion's share of the applause went to Sheriff Green and Adamsville's three candidates for the legislature. Messrs. Bunch, Northam and Whittaker.

An incident which amused the audience very much was, when H K Covington was making his speech, Mr. Northam quietly walked up to the stage and offered Mr. Covington a small vial. Mr. Covington refused it, and the audience broke into a storm of laughter and applause. After the noise subsided, Mr. Northam explained that it was nothing but some vinegar for Mr. Covington's sore throat.

The meeting was presided over by H. L. McLaurin, who introduced E. D. Graham as the first speaker. Mr. Graham said that he was fifty years old, which he thought was old enough and young enough for a supervisor. He thought his age and experience fitted him for the work.

If elected would give the people an economical administration and do good work. In beginning his speech, Mr. Graham said that he had made his speech at Clio before he knew that Mr. Manning was not at the meeting, and he had given Mr. Manning the privilege of replying to him at McColl by speaking first, when he would have come last in the regular order.

Frank Manning Jr. simply thanked the people for the votes they gave him before, and said that if he is re-elected he would give them roads during the next four years that they would be proud of.

SHERIFF.

W F Rogers, E J Woodley and C. F. Covington announced their candidacy in a few words. Mr. Covington said that Sheriff Green had quit preaching rotation. Sheriff Green, after discussing several matters, gave some interesting statistics in connection with his office. He said that he had been called to attend 120 inquests since he had been in office. In 50 of these the jury decided that nobody was responsible for the deaths. Of the remaining 70, 35 were tried and acquitted, 12 sent to the penitentiary, 10 to the chain gang, and four hanged.

In 1785 John Andrews was elected sheriff, and since then there have been 26 sheriffs. They have all hanged 18 criminals, and I have hanged six, or one-third, of these. Capt. Hinshaw announced his candidacy.

J. H. Thomas announced his candidacy.

CLERK OF COURT

J. A. Drake said that honors had been heaped upon Col. Hamer in the legislature, Mr. Thomas had been treasurer five terms, and Mr. Edens' father served three terms in the legislature.

J. D. Edens said he had never asked for any office, and never held any except such as school trustee, mayor and chairman Democratic club. None of these officers paid anything but was honors given him by his neighbors.

T. C. Hamer said that he had been given a committee clerkship in the legislature by the late Col. C. S. McColl, who saw him struggling

to get an education and wanted to help him get through school. He been clerk of the house ten years and quit without being run out, and now asks for clerk of court.

CORONER

P. P. Meekins said he wanted to get 150 votes at McColl, and be elected on the first ballot.

J. F. David said the coroner's office was going begging in 1888 and he took it and worked it up by holding all the inquests instead of letting the magistrates hold them. He said Mr. McGilvray was too afraid of a corpse to be coroner. Once he was sitting up with a corpse when the wind blew up a paper from over the corpse's face, and McGilvray went out at the window. Was defeated for coroner in 1900 by Mr. Covington by only 1 1/2 votes.

G. N. McCall said he had attended 40 inquests, and missed only four, with good excuses.

J. F. McGilvray said he was one of the three Clio babies another candidate told about. There are thirteen from Bennettsville, and that is an unlucky number. Would not even attempt to drink thirteen bottles of Northam's vinegar. David told he truth about my running from a corpse. When I go to hold an inquest, the jury and sheriff will be there. I will

am happy when I will

when he took charge of the supervisor's office he found the county in an embarrassed financial condition, but when he went out he left it out of debt. Got an average of \$766 a year and had no clerk. At the last settlement the comptroller general highly complimented my work. I hope Mr. McGilvray did not count me in the thirteen from Bennettsville, for I do not claim to be a Bennettsville man.

Mr. McGilvray replied that there were really fourteen, but he did not count Meekins.

Mr. Coward, continuing, said that Smithville was entitled to some recognition. A Smithville man had twice been a candidate for legislative honors, but got only a few votes. The Smithville people are feeling this and are wanting to be cut off from Marlboro and become part of a new county with Cheraw as the county seat.

J. P. Campbell said that he was among friends at McColl. He had lived five years in that township and got a magnificent vote there two years ago. Had fulfilled every pledge made.

TREASURER.

N. B. Rogers said he had expected to make his big speech here, but the crowd had got so small he would not attempt to speak.

C. W. Crosland asked the people to vote for Rogers if they were satisfied with his administration, if not vote for Crosland.

J. P. Evans said he hoped to be the one taken, and not one of three left.

A. H. Odom said he had six years experience in bookkeeping, and would serve to best of ability if elected.

SUPT. EDUCATION

A. L. Easterling thanked the people for their support and promised the best service possible.

The meeting adjourned about one o'clock.

Pain anywhere stopped in 20 minutes sure with one of Dr. Shoop's Pink Pain Tablets. The formula is on the 25-cent box. Ask your Doctor or Druggist about this formula! Stops womanly pains, headache, pains anywhere. Write Dr. Shoop, Rasine, Wis. for free trial, to prove value of his Headache, or Pink Pain Tablets. Sold by Jno. T. Douglas.

DOGS, LIENS AND LIQUOR

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED BY J. L. COVINGTON

He Would Help put "the Devil's Business in the Hands of a Receiver"

Editor Pee Dee Advocate: As we are in the midst of the campaign and several are at the bat working for legislative honors, I beg space in your paper to let them know some of our political needs.

I will say in the outset, that we need some improvement on the dog law in this state. I claim there is enough untaxed dogs, in S. C. properly managed to place a nice sum of money to the school funds, or wisely managed to give the buzzards the finest picnic, since hog cholera was epidemic in the land; or indifferently managed, as at present, to cast a gloom over the state as dark as Egypt was the night the destroying angel passed over.

I will say just here that only yesterday one of S. C. four legged baby do's came near biting me in the streets of Clio. Not content with biting my child, it like they want to pester her. The sacred writer must have said something about dogs ar

when he wrote that scripture about letting Ephraim alone for he is joined to his idols. Now gentleman, if you want me to dance to your music: play the right kind of a tune.

AGAINST LIEN LAW

I want to see the lien law repealed because I believe it does more harm than good. For every ounce of virtue, it has a pound of vice. That it has been of benefit in some cases I admit, but the general working of the law is to make Lazaruses out of the masses and Dives out of a few, and while it sorter eases my conscience to know that it is the creature and child of the Republican party; I am sorry to know that all these years the Democratic party has been such a kind and indulgent step-father.

The claim that the lien law is for the benefit of the poor white man does not hold good to my judgment, and in support of my contention, I claim that many of our poor white farmers have been forced to leave the farm, and look for other employment: because they could not compete with the negro in the item of high rents; and the way things are going it won't be long before most of the poor white tenants will be moved from the farm, while Mr. Cuffie will be able to visit hen-houses on moon-light nights in second handed automobiles.

FOR PROHIBITION

I am in favor of doing by the dispensary like the managers of it seem to have done with the money, clean it up. The question of prohibition was submitted to the people of the state several years since, and to their everlasting credit they carried prohibition by a large majority, and we had a right to expect that the will of the people would be the law of the land.

What was the result? It gets in hands of the politicians and instead of getting prohibition we got the dispensary. That is one time we went to the polls and asked for a fish, and received a serpent. I don't pretend to say that I never tasted a drop of strong drink but I try never to take on more under my shirt than I can shoulder and

I am no prophet nor son of prophet, but I believe if my ideas were part of the law's of our state it would go a long ways towards putting the Devil's business in the hands of a receiver. J. L. Covington, Ch. S. C. R. F. D. No. 1.

ENTERED MILITIA AS 18

Further Developments in the Gilchrist Fowler Case

J. W. LeGrand, attorney for D. N. Fowler, who was indicted by A. C. Gilchrist for selling cigarettes to his son, Henry Gilchrist, has received from Assistant Adjutant General Brock a certified copy of the Record and Report of Co. E, filed by Capt. W. H. McIntyre with the adjutant general. This report shows that Henry Gilchrist entered the company on Sept. 7, 1907, at the age of 18.

It will be remembered that young Gilchrist and his father testified at the preliminary hearing in the case against Fowler that Henry was only 16.

It is unlawful to sell cigarettes to a person under 18.

It is unlawful to join the army as a soldier under 18.

Negro Escaped from Chaingang. Tuesday Aug 11 Dave Williams, colored, escaped from the chaingang while working on a road in Adamsville. He was cutting bushes by the roadside and slipped off into the woods. He carried his axe with him and probably cut his legs after

he was off on a vacation, and there was a new guard in his place. Williams was convicted of attempting to kill his wife, and was sentenced last spring to ten years in the gang. He had the longest term to serve of anybody in the gang.

Sheriff Green and supervisor Manning have been doing their best to recapture him, but have not yet succeeded. It is said that Williams has traveled extensively and has been as far as Boston. It is thought that he is making his way north again.

To Be Consolidated.

After this week the Pee Dee Advocate and the Marlboro Democrat will be consolidated and will be published as one paper. The price will be \$1.50 a year, payable in advance.

The advertising rates will not be advanced for the present at least. They will be the same for the consolidated paper that they have heretofore been for each paper, so that advertisers will get the advantage of the combined circulation at about half the price they have heretofore had to pay to reach the subscribers of both papers. The Advocate has often been complimented by advertisers who assert that it was the best advertising medium in all the Pee Dee section. With the subscription list of the Democrat added to its already large circulation, it cannot be excelled anywhere as a means of getting publicity in this section to anything that an advertiser wishes to make known to the public. The subscribers of the consolidated papers will be especially valuable to advertisers, as every one is paid in advance.

While both the Advocate and the Democrat have large circulations in the county, there are very few people who take both papers. Those who are taking both can have their choice of the following propositions:

1. They can receive two papers one of the subscriptions expire.
 2. They can have one of the papers sent to a friend anywhere they please.
 3. They can have the time which they paid in advance for each paper divided together and the subscription moved up far enough ahead to make up for both.
 4. They can get the money back for the portion of the subscription to the Democrat which is unused.
- Each subscriber who has paid in advance for both papers will please notify us as soon as possible which of these propositions he prefers.

FIGURES BY SUPERVISORS

CONTROVERSY ABOUT EXPENSES OF COUNTY

Other Incidents of the Boykin Meeting—A Recess for Dinner

The candidates spoke longer at Boykin last Wednesday than usual. At the other meetings they had all finished by one o'clock, but at Boykin only 12 of the 30 candidates had finished by that hour, when a recess was taken for dinner, which the citizens of the community served on the grounds. A. C. Green presided.

Most of the speeches were about the same as at other places. Below is a brief mention of some of the new incidents.

While Mr. Drake was speaking Col. Hamer asked him the meaning of rotation.

Mr. Drake replied that it had two or three meanings—One of them was revolving and might mean "revolving me and Col. Hamer and Mr. Thomas around in the offices and leaving the young man out." (Laughter.)

D. D. McColl Jr. took his time discussing biennial sessions and the lien law. Voted for biennial sessions when it was before legislature, but thought it was a mistake and will now vote for annual sessions. The vote in Marlboro was 399 for biennial sessions, and 206 against. Opposed to appeal of lien law, but it should be voted on by the people.

H. C. Northam made the biggest speech he had yet made.

D. L. Whittaker advocated a marriage license law but opposed divorce law.

T. A. Bristow said he wanted ladies to fill all the offices. Somebody asked, "How about sheriff?"

J. P. Bunch said only five states have annual sessions of the legislature. When the biennial sessions bill was submitted to the people of the state, the vote was

For 25,256.
Against 14,461.

J. C. Campbell discussed the finances of the state, and said the state was a year behind.

H. K. Covington devoted about all his time to a splendid argument for prohibition and temperance.

J. P. Gibson reviewed his legislative record. Said he got before 150 of the 169 votes cast at his home precinct, with seven in the race.

J. F. McGilvray said he wondered what the old broken down horses would do if they did not have Jim David to brag on them.

M. E. Coward said that the upper part of the county had been discriminated against. There are only one or two candidates from above Bennettsville.

Frank Manning Jr. said that he wished to correct a mistake which Mr. Graham had made at Tatum. Mr. Graham stated there that the county had already paid out \$25,000 this year, and that the income would be only \$31,000, leaving only \$6,000 for the balance of the year. This was a mistake. \$8,400 of the amount spent was for money borrowed last year. Only \$14,000 had been spent this year, and the estimated income is \$35,000, which would leave \$21,000. Grand jury had congratulated him on the price paid for supplies.

E. D. Graham said that Mr. Manning had been talking about his good work but this is the first time he has told anything about the cost of it. Mr. Manning's books are public property and anybody has a right to examine them. I have the figures, copied from the

record of the office. He asked the legislature for about \$31,000, and the tax was levied to raise that amount. Mr. Graham exhibited the following statement, showing the amount paid out at each meeting this year:

Jan 3	\$146.73
Jan 17	45.08
Feb 8	1538.84
Feb 15	442.90
Feb 21	694.81
Mar 5	10,607.97
Mar 20	1367.99
Apr 3	2496.73
Apr 17	1367.36
May 1	1968.21
May 15	1474.26
June 5	2584.06
June 19	1149.42
July 3	2414.55
July 17	976.54
Aug 7	3893.81
Total	\$33,574.06
Less amount paid Mar 5 for borrowed money	\$8,400.00

Balance, paid for expenses 1908 \$25,174.06

Mr. Graham said that this had been taken from the records, and anybody could examine them and see if it is correct. He said that \$3,893.81 had been paid out at the last meeting. Of this, \$1469.18 had been paid to individuals for work in Brownsville.

Mr. Graham compared the corresponding meeting last year, and said that only \$1308.45 was paid out at the meeting of Aug 16, 1907, when it was not a campaign year. The county has borrowed \$14,000 this year. There will not be enough money to pay the officers salaries, court expenses, etc the balance of the year.

C. F. Covington said that Sheriff Green will not be the one to be elected unless he is voted out.

J. B. Green said that Mr. Covington had already had a piece of public pie.

Mr. Covington replied, "It was a mighty little piece." (Laughter.) "You got all you asked for," said Sheriff Green, amidst laughter and applause.

All the other candidates announced their candidacy briefly. Chairman Green urged all to register and enroll their names.

To The Voters of The Sixth Congressional District;

There are five men running for Congress from this district: one of them in my judgement preeminently qualified for the duties of the office. A man of genuine modesty, calm sane judgment, pronounced convictions, inflexible integrity, great energy and ripe experience, he has the courage to do what he believes is right and resist what he believes wrong.

In early life this man made up his mind to get a college education, and, though handicapped by insufficient schooling and a lack of funds, he kept bravely at his task, until he finally left the South Carolina college with a splendid record, carrying with him the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws. Few men ever ended a college career with higher regard and respect from students and teachers, and his business career of sixteen years has only confirmed the opinion of his early associates.

As a lawyer, the schemes of the trickster and shyster have been conspicuously absent from his practice and his verbal promise is as good as any man's bond to those who know him. As a member of the state legislature he showed conspicuous ability, earning the high regard of the best men in both house and senate.

This man has conducted his campaign on a high and dignified plain, never overstating his own qualifications or the deficiencies of his opponents.

At a time when politics seems to be degenerating, it should be grateful to those who love truth, justice and right to have an opportunity to vote for such a man.

The candidate I refer to is James R. Coggeshall of Darlington, who does not know that I have written the above.

This is written because I owe him a debt of gratitude for his advice and example during my college days, and because I want the voters of the sixth district to honor themselves by placing a man of his splendid qualities in Congress. (Signed) David R. Coker, Hartsville, S. C., Aug. 18, 1908.