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GOVERNOR DISCUSSES CRIME WAVE

Militant Sentiment Against Crime the Remedy

STATE SUFFERS FROM IGNORANCE

In Address at Greenville Governor Cooper Says that a Militant Sentiment Against Crime is the Remedy for Prevalent Criminal Tendencies.

Greenville, June 26.—Declaring in his plea for a forceful and righteous public opinion that South Carolina suffers today more from ignorance than from any other one thing, and remarking that if the people of this commonwealth had the information and education that is needed it would be impossible to find a distillery here or anywhere else in the state. Governor Robert A. Cooper yesterday served as feature speaker before the Booster Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce, assembled at the Imperial hotel for its June luncheon.

"Our trouble," Governor Cooper said, "is that we haven't the moral courage to say to violators of the law, 'You cannot live in this community.' To do that is not the duty alone of the sheriff and police, but it is the duty of every good citizen. If we are to preserve our civilization, we must have in Greenville, and everywhere else throughout the state and nation, a healthy, militant public opinion, and our citizens must have the courage to do their duty."

At the outset of his brief address, Governor Cooper said that his physician had advised a complete rest for him, but that he could not resist the temptation to respond to the invitation to address yesterday's luncheon. Before he concluded, the governor took occasion to thank the people of the city for their hospitality to Mrs. Cooper and to him. "I cannot find words to express our appreciation," said he, "and I trust that as the years come I may show that I am not entirely unworthy of your confidence and your esteem."

"Recently, I have seen in a newspaper a criticism of our courts, of the manner in which jurors deal with cases and with criminals. Remember this: Judges are not indifferent to public opinion. Even governors hold their ears to the ground. And so it is with all of us. Public opinion is the most powerful thing that ever existed and it is for the people to make it."

In the course of his talk, Governor Cooper took occasion to take another rap at George Harvey, American ambassador to the court of St. James, and to impress upon his hearers the fact that Harvey was permitted to talk as he did and bring no serious consequences upon himself pure because of a lack of the right kind of public opinion.

"Has it sunk into your consciences," asked the governor, "that a man presumed to represent the American people uttered a most serious indictment against our soldiers of the late war and against our country? He has been criticized for his remarks, but no real storm of protest has come. If we had had the proper sort of public opinion, those words of his would never have been said."

Governor Cooper preached the doctrine of civic righteousness, saying that commercial growth and prosperity is sure to come to any community which progresses in the right way along these lines and has a strong, militant public opinion.

Words of welcome to the governor, who next week comes to Greenville to make his summer home on Paris mountain, were said by B. H. Peace, president of the Booster Bureau, and the state's chief executive was introduced by George P. Bryan, potentate of Hejaz Shrine temple here and, like the governor, a past grand master of the Masonic lodge in this state.

During the past 20 or more years, Mr. Bryan said, it has been his privilege to know intimately Governor Cooper, and the speaker praised the governor and his work in this state. "He has practically headed the political breaches that divided our peo-

REVIEWS WORK OF CIVIC LEAGUE

Civic League Desires Co-operation of City Council and Chamber of Commerce.

In a letter addressed to The Advertiser reviewing the work of the Civic League since it was revived several months ago, Mrs. J. S. Bennett, who was elected president of the league at its meeting Friday, says that it is the desire of the Civic League to have the co-operation of the City Council and Chamber of Commerce in the work which it is attempting to carry on.

Mrs. Bennett's communication is in the nature of a report to the public on the activities of the league and is as follows:

To the Editor of The Advertiser: In response to a call made by our mayor in March, several of our women met and organized a Civic League. These women, seeing the need of a more beautiful and sanitary town, wish to cooperate with the City Council and Chamber of Commerce in their efforts for the health and general improvement of our city.

At the first meeting of the League a committee composed of three members with Mrs. B. C. Crisp as chairman, was appointed to take charge of the court house square, and assisted by our county supervisor, this committee has made a beautiful park of this square.

As every one knows, work of this kind costs money as well as time, and as this is only a beginning of what we intend to accomplish it is the earnest desire of this Civic Association to enlist the interest and active support of every public spirited citizen of our town.

In April a "Clean Up Week" campaign was launched and in order to impress the importance of this on the mothers and housekeepers, prizes were offered to the pupils of the city school for the best essays on "Clean Up Week."

The following is the amount of money paid out since the organization of the League:

For Flowers for court house square \$ 6.25
For Seed for court house square80
Prizes to pupils of city school 5.00
Caretaker of court house square 40.00

Cost of expenses to date . . . \$52.05
Paid in for membership dues . \$120.00
Respectfully submitted,
MRS. J. S. BENNETT.

ROAD BIDS OPENED

Contractors Submit Bids for Construction of the Remainder of the Owings-Fountain Inn Road.

Four bids were submitted to the county highway commission and state highway commission yesterday for the construction of the short link of top-soil road which remains uncompleted between Owings and the Greenville county line. The lowest bid was submitted by L. C. Ashmore & Son, of Spartanburg, the next lowest bidder being J. M. Gregory, who has done the rest of the top-soil work in the county. His bid was \$1424 higher than Ashmore & Son. In view of the fact that his teams are already on the ground and that he gave valuable financial assistance to the county while building the other roads, it is thought likely that the state highway department will recommend that the small difference in the bids be overlooked and that Mr. Gregory be awarded the contract. If this is done the county highway commission will no doubt carry out the recommendations. The length of the link to be completed is approximately 2 1-4 miles.

The following bids were submitted: Williard, Boggs & Co., Spartanburg \$7,163.50
L. C. Ashmore & Son, Greenville 5,843.68
J. M. Gregory, Laurens 5,857.92
W. G. Lancaster, Laurens 9,761.22

Cotton a Little Stronger

After about a week of downward pressure in the cotton market, the staple took on a stronger aspect Monday and Tuesday, slight gains being noted in the contract markets. Local cotton was quoted at between -9 and 10 1-4 cents yesterday.

ple, and he has been a governor of all the people," said Mr. Bryan. "His earnest desire to serve God, his country, his people."

HIGHWAY COMMISSION MAKES REPORT ON TOP-SOIL ROADS

Submit Detailed Financial Statement of Expenditures and Receipts. Two and a Quarter Miles Yet to be Let.

Attached to the presentment of the grand jury to the court of general sessions last week was a detailed financial report from the county highway commission, giving the cost of the roads and bridges built under the direction of the commission thus far. About two and a quarter miles of road between Owings and Fountain Inn remain to be completed, so figures for that stretch of road are not given.

The grand jury also repeated its former recommendations as to rebuilding the county jail, recommended that speeding on the county highways be curbed and that rural policemen make written reports of their activities as required by law. The grand jury also took cognizance of the fact that dumb animals are being cruelly treated in some instances and recommended that officers enforce the law on the subject.

The presentment of the grand jury with the report of the county highway commission is as follows:

"We would respectfully recommend that the rural policemen of the county conform to the law as laid down in section one, No. 197 of the statutes of 1918, which refers to the making of written reports.

"We have inspected the county jail and find same in a very bad sanitary condition, utterly unfit for the confinement of prisoners, and we would again recommend the Jail Commission or any other body which has the legal authority, to take immediate steps to have a new jail building erected.

"Complaints have been filed by citizens generally of the County, as to the violation of the speed law, which endangers human life and property, and would recommend that all officers on which the enforcement of this law is incumbent, make diligent efforts to enforce this law.

"Mr. G. M. Wright, chairman of Laurens County Highway Commission appeared before this body, and submitted a detailed written report, showing how the funds placed in their hands had been expended, said report being submitted herewith. After investigating this report we feel that these funds have been judiciously spent, to the best interest of the county, we taking into consideration, however, the unusual conditions which have existed during the last two years.

"It has been brought to our attention that in some instances stock is being unmercifully and cruelly treated and would recommend that the officers enforce the law which prohibits the cruelty to animals. This matter should have immediate attention."

Statement of Laurens County Highway Commission
June 18, 1921.

Gentlemen of the Grand Jury: We beg to submit herewith for your consideration a condensed statement, showing cost of roads and bridges built by the Laurens County Highway Commission, together with a statement of funds available for this purpose. This statement covers the work of the Commission from April 22, 1919 to May 1, 1921, or a period of about two years.

COST OF ROADWAYS			
	Miles	Total Cost	Per Mile
1. Cost of road, Laurens to Princeton	18	\$116,139.67	\$6,452.20
2. Cost of road, Laurens to Newberry line	14-1-4	97,685.21	6,855.10
3. Cost of road, Laurens to Owings	10 1-2	55,194.92	5,256.66
4. Cost of road, Laurens to Cold Point	7 1-2	46,041.31	6,138.84
5. Cost of road, Cold Point to Spring Grove	11 1-2	53,496.43	4,651.86
6. Cost of road, Enoree to Lanford	1 1-4	10,199.61	8,151.69
	63	\$378,757.15	\$6,012.02

Included in the above cost are expenditures made for top soil, rights of way and crop damages amounting to . . . \$1,209.11
And Culvert pipes for farm entrances 3,471.60

7,680.71
COST OF CONCRETE BRIDGES AND CULVERTS
1. Three Concrete Bridges on Princeton Road \$48,678.29
2. Concrete Culverts on Clinton Road 19,217.16
3. Concrete Bridge on Road to Cold Point 6,947.85

\$74,843.30
OVERHEAD EXPENSES
Two Years April 22nd, 1919 to May 1st, 1921.

Salary of Chief Engineer \$ 6,150.00
Wages to Engineering Forces 7,966.80
Salary of Clerk 1,561.15
Office Equipment and Supplies 1,508.46
Office Rent 579.35
Engineering Expenses including all equipment, repairs, supplies 10,052.41
Per Diem Paid Commissioners 495.00

.. \$27,656.30
Included in the above amounts paid on account of Engineering, there are complete surveys and plans for about thirty-eight miles of additional roads not constructed, which surveys cost about \$5,000.00.

SUMMARY
Cost of Roadways \$378,757.15
Cost of Concrete Bridges and Culverts 74,843.30
Overhead Expenses 27,656.30

\$481,256.75
Cost of Maintenance of Roads Completed from September 1st, 1919 to September 1st, 1920, for labor supplies and equipment \$ 280.69

\$489,537.44
FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT
1st Issue Bonds—\$300,000.00 \$286,770.83
2nd Issue Bonds— 100,000.00 88,750.00
3rd Issue Bonds— 50,000.00 49,160.00

\$424,680.83
Allotted Federal Aid 82,375.62

Total Funds Available \$507,056.45
Respectfully submitted,
LAURENS COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSION,
Geo. M. Wright, Secretary.

To Hold Family Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. Aug. Huff have received an invitation to a reunion of the descendants of Isaac and Sallie Huff West, which is to be held at Standing Springs Baptist church August 10th. As the family has a wide connection in this and Greenville counties, a very large attendance is expected.

Infant Child Dead

Alice Taylor, the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. J. Arthur Taylor, died at the home of its parents Monday afternoon. The child was nine months old and had been sick for several days. The funeral was held yesterday evening at 7:30 o'clock, interment being in the Laurens cemetery.

LEGION POST IN NEW ROOMS

Much Activity in Local Legion Circles Since Club Rooms Have been Secured. Pool Tables Installed.

The Laurens Post of the American Legion had its opening meeting in the new club room or Legion Hall on Monday night. All the members were so well pleased with the splendid arrangements that more enthusiasm was displayed at this meeting than ever before. Quite a number of new members have enrolled since last meeting.

The Legion Hall is in the old armory over the Palace of Sweets. The entire hall has been worked over and is arranged in the most suitable manner for club rooms. The hall is already furnished with oak library tables and a number of leather cushioned rocking chairs, and is equipped with three shower baths. By voluntary contributions, enough money was readily paid to the finance officer to purchase four pool tables and yesterday the tables were brought to the hall and are now being put in shape for use.

Under the head of new business the Post unanimously elected the Rev. C. T. Squires, of the First Presbyterian church of this city, as post chaplain. Rev. Squires has heretofore taken much interest in matters of this kind, and the Post feels that the securing of such a chaplain will be an indispensable acquisition.

It appearing that so many good base ball players have become members of the Laurens Post, it has been decided to show the public how these ex-service men can play ball. Capt. Fred Fuller has lined up for Friday afternoon at 4:30 on the South Harper street ball park, a game of base ball with the Greenville Post. All ex-service men with their ladies and friends are coming out in full war strength to pull and shout for the home post. And the entire public is expected to fall in line and catch step for this game.

The next regular meeting of the Laurens Post will be held in the Legion Hall on Monday night, July 11th. Club rooms will be open at all times.

COTTON WAREHOUSE STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

Warehouse of L. M. Beacham Struck by Lightning and 95 Bales of Cotton Being Burned.

About ninety-five bales of cotton were being consumed by fire last night on the farm of L. M. Beacham, between Laurens and Cross Hill, as a result of a stroke of lightning which hit the warehouse in which the cotton was stored. Of the entire lot of cotton, Mr. Beacham owned about fifty bales and the remainder belonged to other parties who had stored with him. The warehouse was in the state warehouse system and carried the usual amount of insurance.

Mr. Beacham lives on the old Shaw place and the warehouse was one built by the late J. D. M. Shaw. For the past two years Mr. Beacham has been using it as a cotton storage warehouse, putting a new roof on it last year.

The lightning struck the warehouse between five and six o'clock. Soon after it occurred Mr. Beacham phoned to the city for help and chemical extinguishers were sent from the fire department. Later the city fire truck was carried out, Mr. Beacham thinking that a supply of water could be secured from a well. It was found that the truck would not be of any service either, so all hope of saving the cotton was given up. It was too hot for anyone to approach the building to roll any of the bales out.

The fire was still burning at a late hour last night.

TO CELEBRATE CENTENNIAL

Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church to Celebrate One Hundredth Anniversary.

A celebration in honor of the 100th anniversary of the organization of the Chestnut Ridge Baptist church has been planned by its members for Friday, July 1st, and an attractive program has been arranged by an executive committee. The church, as stated on the program, was organized December 29, 1821, the centennial celebration being held in the summer month on account of more favorable weather conditions. An invitation is extended to all former members and special friends. Baskets will be appreciated.

PEACE RESOLUTION IN FINAL STAGE

In President's Hands This Week

MAY BE SIGNED JULY FOURTH

Democratic Conferees Refused to Sign the Report and Said They Would Oppose the Republican Plan to the End, Overwhelming Republican Majorities.

Washington, June 28.—Establishment of peace by congressional resolution neared its final stage today when Senate and House Republican conferees agreed upon a compromise resolution, which they hope to have in President Harding's hands late this week.

The compromise embodies the House plan of declaring the state of war with Germany and Austria at an end and adds the Senate provisions reserving American property and other rights.

The Democratic conferees, Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, and Representative Flood of Virginia, called in for the final conference today after the Republicans had arranged their compromise resolution, refused to sign the report and said that with other Democratic colleagues they would oppose the Republican plan to the end. Overwhelming Republican majorities in both House and Senate, however, were said to leave no doubt of adoption of the conference draft.

Action on the compromise resolution tomorrow is planned in the House and finally in the Senate Thursday. The conference report was presented to both bodies late today. Democratic leaders on both sides said the final discussion would not be protracted and the Republicans said they hoped to have the peace measure sent to the White House by Friday, in expectation of its signature by the president by the Fourth of July.

Satisfaction over the compromise was expressed by both Senate and House Republican leaders. Chairman Porter of the House foreign affairs committee, was pleased that his plan for declaring the war at an end had been accepted instead of the Knox resolution repealing the war declarations. Senator Knox, however, gave out a statement declaring that both plans accomplished the same result. "Both the Senate and House formulas," Senator Knox said, "effect the repeal (of the war declaration) desired."

The Senate conferees in making concessions, gave away nothing of substance in their instructions, he said, adding that a resolution of congress that a state of war is at an end "necessarily repeals the prior (war) resolution."

DEATH OF W. A. TEAGUE

Well Known Mountville Citizen Passed Away Friday. Funeral Saturday.

Mr. W. A. Teague, of Mountville, brother of Dr. J. H. Teague, of this city, passed away Friday afternoon after a short illness. He was first taken sick Sunday and showed signs of recovery until a few minutes before his death Friday afternoon when he suffered a relapse. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon, interment taking place in the Universal church cemetery.

Mr. Teague was 59 years of age and is survived by his widow and seven children. Besides these he is also survived by his brother, Dr. J. H. Teague, and sisters, Mrs. J. M. Simmons and Mrs. W. J. Cluck, of Mountville, and Mrs. W. T. Langley, of Sanford, Fla. Mr. Teague was an upright and industrious citizen and will be greatly missed in his community.

Doll Contest to Close

The Doll Contest at the Minter Company Department Store is proving a big success, said Mr. E. P. Minter yesterday. A large number of children have called for the dolls, though there are still a few left. The contest closes Friday afternoon at five o'clock.

More Cotton Blooms

The Advertiser has been flooded with cotton blooms since the announcement of the first bloom in the last issue of the paper. Farmers generally say that the plant is much too small for the arrival of blooms to be encouraging.