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MASS MEETING CITY HALL TODAY AT 11:30 TO DISCUSS ANOTHER MILL

Mr. W. B. Moore, Experienced Mill Man of Greenville Will Make Attractive Offer to Citizens of Abbeville. Large Attendance Desired.

Today at 11:30 o'clock in the City Hall, there will be held a mass meeting for the purpose of putting under way a movement for the building of another cotton mill at Abbeville.

and has been quite successful in the mill business. Several attempts have been made looking to the establishment of another mill in Abbeville, but for some reason or other the project has fallen through.



Photos of Creelman, Crosey and Hedges by American Press Association. News Snapshots Of the Week. Job E. Hedges was nominated for governor by the New York state Republicans in convention at Saratoga. William Marconi, the inventor of wireless telegraphy, was injured in an automobile collision. For a time his sight was deprived of. A son was born to Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt in England. Baron von Bieberstein, Germany's present day diplomatic "iron man," was born in Baden. Joseph A. Walker was nominated for governor by the Republicans of Massachusetts. James Creelman, civil service commissioner, and James C. Crosey, former commissioner of police, were called to testify before the Aldermanic investigation into the graft conditions in New York city. They denied that police captains were forced to buy their promotions.

MEETING OF COMMITTEE IN SPARTANBURG WAS DECIDEDLY TURBULENT

(S. E. Boney in News and Courier.) Spartanburg, September 24.—Amid a great deal of noise and confusion the sub-committee appointed by the State Democratic executive committee to investigate the charges of irregularities and fraud in connection with the primary election of August 27, held its opening session here this afternoon. Gathered in the court house, in which the committee met, was a crowd of probably six hundred persons, most of whom were evidently ardent supporters of Governor Blease, the contestee in the proceedings now being held. Throughout a good part of the session the demonstration kept up by the auditors interfered seriously with the transaction of business, and at one time the audience became almost riotous. Matters finally got to the point where Chairman Stevenson declared that he had made his last request for order and that unless order were had the committee would hold secret sessions, much as he disliked the idea.

The committee heard reports on Spartanburg, Greenville and a number of other counties and numerous affidavits were filed. Governor Blease was in Spartanburg, but not present at the hearing. Judge Jones was represented by attorneys, but they took almost no part in the proceedings. Detective Reed did not appear, and it was stated by Chairman Stevenson that whatever work he may have been doing was not at the behest of the sub-committee.

W. O. BRADLEY DIED IN WASHINGTON

Native of Abbeville and Well Known Here—Prominent Lawyer at Abbeville Buried at Cold Springs. Mr. W. O. Bradley, formerly of Abbeville county, late of Washington, D. C., died at his home, Saturday, Sept. 28, 1912, of a stroke of apoplexy. He was fifty-five years old on the day of his death, having been born on Sept. 28th, 1857.

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EXPERT WILL JUDGE POULTRY AT FAIR

But three weeks now remain until the Abbeville County Fair will be held. Preparations are still going to make this a great fair and the various committees are hard at work making the necessary preparations.

siderable number will avail themselves of the privilege. Of course the Airship will be a big drawing card. The people of this section have never had an opportunity to see a real airship in charge of an expert aviator and this is a chance you cannot afford to miss. To see the ship and examine it and see how it gets off of the ground is the interesting part of the exhibition. No additional charge will be made into the Fair on account of the ship although the Association is spending considerable to get the exhibition. Thornwell Adams, the world famous aviator, who had made many records in this and other countries has been secured to give the exhibition here. The machine will arrive here a day in advance of the exhibition in charge of a number of machinists and doubtless many people will want to see the machine set up ready for use.

REPUBLICANS WILL PUT OUT CANDIDATES

The State executive committee of the Republican party, with 29 counties represented, meeting here yesterday adopted a resolution indorsing President Taft for reelection and issued a call for district conventions to be held when candidates for congress will be named in every district in the State. A subcommittee of nine members was named to prepare a list of electors, to be approved by the entire committee. The committee decided not to call a State convention at present and not to put out a State ticket. The committee met here yesterday upon the call of J. R. Tolbert, the State chairman, and the names of "the fine citizens who are all worthy, upright men," who are to be on the electoral ticket will be made public.

in the interests of the people as a whole without regard to party, creed or class. No man ever sary in the White house who has shown such an interest as he has shown in the welfare, the progress and happiness of the South. No candidate for president has had greater right to ask or expect the suffrages of the citizens of the South than has the present incumbent, who at all times and in all seasons and circumstances has been the president of a reunited country and maintained that the South was entitled to receive the same fair and impartial treatment as that accorded other sections of our common country.

Therefore, the Republican party of South Carolina appeals to all citizens of South Carolina, without regard to previous political affiliations, who believe in fair play and a square deal, who believe in progress on safe and sane lines, who believe in maintaining our constitutional and representative form of government, who believe that the people of this State should be politically free and no longer bound in the east iron straight-jacket of the Southern Democratic party to cast their votes for President Taft.

"The Republicans of South Carolina have placed in the field as candidates for the electoral college nine citizens who are all worthy, upright men, and who command the respect of the communities in which they live. An opportunity is now offered for every man in this State to vote in a presidential race his honest convictions.

MR. VERMILLION ELECTED

Mr. R. F. Vermillion was elected magistrate for Long Cane township over Mr. W. B. Bowie. A third primary was necessary to decide the choice.

The Two Factions

The meeting today served to emphasize the committee's factions. The meeting was held in the court house, in which the committee met, was a crowd of probably six hundred persons, most of whom were evidently ardent supporters of Governor Blease, the contestee in the proceedings now being held.

Governor Not at Court House

Another matter of interest was Governor Blease's presence in the city to-day. By some it was expected that he would attend the meeting of the committee, and that his non-appearance was a disappointment.

A Stormy Passage

The near-riot today occurred when Mr. J. M. Greer, of Union, vigorously assailed what he termed the arbitrary action of Chairman Stevenson in calling a meeting of the committee in Charlotte. Mr. Greer questioned the right of that procedure and accused the chairman of employing Czar-like tactics. It was not Mr. Greer's actual words so much but his agitated manner, his violent gesticulations and the tones employed that excited the crowd to open participation in the proceedings.

The Evidence Submitted

Notwithstanding the fact that the meeting was largely a talk fest, tangible evidence in the form of affidavits was submitted for consideration of the probers. Possibly the most specific allegations and the most nearly complete report comes from Aiken county, where each precinct in question is taken up and the charges made and sworn to in affidavits. By motion it was decided to take up the counties of the western division of the State, those under the direction of Mr. Park, and hear the reports from these. Beginning at Spartanburg, the counties of Abbeville, Aiken, Anderson, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Cherokee, Edgefield, Greenville, Greenwood, Hampton, Jasper, Laurens, Lexington, Newberry, Oconee, Pickens, Saluda, and Union were heard from.

Irregularities in Spartanburg

As specific allegations, the charges from Spartanburg County may be cited as an example. The citizens committee appointed by County Chairman E. L. Archer, reported that a canvass of a little more than half the votes of the county revealed the fact that there were about three hundred and fifty names on the various poll lists of persons who had apparently voted twice, at different polls, of minors and negroes, and of citizens of other counties who had no legal right to vote.

Fraud Charged in Greenville

Charges of fraud in Greenville county were contained in a report from the committee headed by Mr. Avery Patton. While very general in its allegations, the report states that specific proof will be produced. The committee desires it. It is confidently believed here that the probe in Greenville will be productive of more sensations than any other county, and that the committee in that county has quite a good deal of information to submit. In today's report it is stated that one box alone in Greenville, the Greenville Central Club, there was every reason to believe that a considerable proportion of the 750 votes were fraudulent. The use of fictitious names and the voting of "dead men" were pointed out. Many who heard the Greenville report were

GARY POPE

Chief Justice and Mrs. Eugene B. Gary have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Marie Gary, and Dr. Thomas Harrington Pope. The marriage will be solemnized at Trinity Episcopal church, this city, on the evening of Tuesday, the 15th of October, at half-past eight o'clock.

THE FRENCH SPY.

"The French Spy," a splendid vitagraph picture, will be the attraction at the moving picture show next Thursday night. In addition, there will be three other pictures. Prices will be the same, 5 and 10 cents.

WAGON SALE

Attention is called to the half-page announcement of the Abbeville Motor Car company in this issue. They are offering some bargain prices in the famous Columbus wagons. If you will need a wagon, better see them at once.

LARGE ADDITION TO WAREHOUSE

Will Have Storage Capacity of 6,000 Bales.

REPAIRS TO THE OLD PORTION

Roof And Platform Have Been Renovated—Fire Protection is Ample.

As an evidence of the increasing importance of Abbeville as a cotton market, the Farmers' Warehouse has undertaken to increase its storage capacity to a considerable extent. The large addition to the warehouse which has been under construction for some time is now well under way, though work has been temporarily suspended for lack of material.

When the addition to the warehouse is completed, the building will have a storage capacity of 6,000 bales of cotton, stored on end.

In addition to building this annex, which is a two-story brick building, built according to the most approved warehouse plans, the old plant of the company has been thoroughly renovated, and put in good shape for the present season.

New platforms have been built, the roof has been overhauled and the buildings generally put in first-class condition.

A double system of water supply affords ample protection from fire. The warehouse facilities are now ample for the needs of the county.

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Mr. Blake has been in Abbeville since 1892, and his stay here has been marked by all of those traits that go to make a good citizen. He is one of Abbeville's most liberal and public-spirited citizens.

By fortunate investments, Mr. Blake has built up an estate worth well around one hundred thousand dollars, and he has not done this by any niggardly policy. On the contrary he has already been a liberal and cheerful giver.

An example of his foresight is well worthy of mention. When Greenwood was a small railroad station, Mr. Blake bought 550 acres of land running up to the corporate limits at \$3.00 per acre. He was then a poor school teacher and borrowed the money for the land at a rate of 10 percent per annum. That land to-day is selling for more than \$100 per acre. He with Mr. R. E. Cox of this place, bought lands and other property in and near the city of Abbeville, that in the last ten years have increased fully three times in value. Mr. Blake has sold out his Abbeville property to Mr. R. E. Cox at the advanced price and now holds property only in Greenwood. For this reason, and for the educational advantages afforded by the Woman's college at Greenwood, Mr. Blake has decided to move to that city.

Mr. Blake is secretary and treasurer of Abbeville-Greenwood Mutual Fire Insurance company, and was one of the original organizers. Before this company was organized, only a few farmers in either county could secure fire protection and these at excessive rates. This company has put insurance in the reach of every man and at a rate much less than that charged by old line companies. The offices of the Abbeville-Greenwood company will be retained at Abbeville, as heretofore.

The removal of Mr. Blake from Abbeville is a distinct loss to the town, financially and socially. There is one consolation, however, his heart is with us, and the friendships made here will not be affected by a change of time or place.

FORMER ABBEVILLE BOY HAS ROMANTIC MARRIAGE

The Anderson Daily Mail contains the following account of the marriage of Mr. T. Edgar Link. Mr. Link is well known in Abbeville, his former home. He has many friends here who will wish abundant happiness.

Following is the notice: Miss Marie Gaines and Mr. T. E. Link, of Belton, were very romantically married at Greenwood Thursday evening. Miss Gaines, who was a milliner at Anderson, left for her home consolation and her friends to Greenwood. They journeyed together.

After a short honeymoon trip, they will make their home at Florence where Mr. Link will be employed with the Florence Times.

Miss Gaines is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Gaines and a very attractive and prominent young society girl of Belton, about 19 years of age, and her runaway marriage came somewhat in the nature of a surprise to her friends. She made a number of friends during her residence in Anderson. Mr. Link was formerly employed with the Belton News and is a promising young newspaper man.

REGISTRATION BOOKS WILL NOT BE OPEN

In The Press and Banner of last week it was stated that the books of registration would be open again on the first Monday in October. This was an error, as the law requires the books to be closed 30 days before the general election. The books will not again be opened, and those who failed to secure certificates can not do so now.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS

Those of our subscribers who are in arrears are urged to come forward and make us a payment on their subscription at the earliest convenient time. We have not troubled them during the dull season, but now that the crops are being gathered we wish to urge those who are in arrears to let us have the amounts due at once.