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Cooper's Name Already Up For 1918 Governor

Columbia, Sept. 19.—There is little doubt but that Richard I. Manning will be declared the nominee for governor by the state democratic executive committee which meets in Columbia today at noon to canvass the returns for the second primary election.

C. L. Blease, the defeated candidate, has made no statement as to what course he will pursue. It is said by his leaders that a statement is to be made before the meeting of the executive committee.

Veiled charges as to alleged fraud and the purchase of votes are being made by the Blease people. Many current very morning. Well known citizens of South Carolina have been arrested for buying votes, according to rumors set in motion by the friends of Mr. Blease. Mr. Blease is keeping very quiet. He has not yet conceded his defeat.

There is already talk in Columbia of Robert A. Cooper for governor in 1918.

CELEBRATING THE 10th.

Last Saturday afternoon Miss Mary Shaw Gilliam celebrated her tenth birthday by inviting about forty of her little friends to a party. Pink was the color scheme of the afternoon and the house was made lovely with vases of cut flowers. In the dining room pink and white streamers were extended from the electrician to the corners of the table, the center of which was decorated with a lovely white cake, surrounded by ten pink candles.

Book and other games were played during the afternoon. On the arrival of the guests they were asked to register with Miss Frances Gilliam and on leaving each little guest was presented with a pink basket filled with pink and white mints, as a souvenir of the occasion.

Miss Lillie Clark served punch throughout the afternoon and at the close of the games cake, block cream, with the figure ten in pink on it, was served.

The occasion was a delightful one.

OUR GIRLS WHO ARE OFF TO COLLEGE

The following young ladies departed for Winthrop College Tuesday morning: Misses Marion Mabry, Marion Cason, Lizzie and Burch Clinkscales, Mary Lou Bowie, Ruth Calvert, Kate Haskell, Maude and Clara Lou Adams, Maude Hawthorne and Rebecca Jones. Misses Ruth McLane, Susie Stevenson, Annie Belle Little, and Georgia Wardlaw went to Due West College. Misses Lavinia and Eugenia Coleman, Mary and Sara Haigler and Caroline Reese were off to Coker College Tuesday morning.

Misses Marion Daniel and Margaret Cothran leave Thursday for the College for Women in Columbia.

SEEING HIS FRIENDS.

Mr. W. Hampton Jones was in the city for a few hours Monday seeing his friends and on business. Mr. Jones once made his home in Abbeville and he has many friends here who are glad to know of his success and prosperity.

THE CIVIC CLUB.

The first fall meeting of the Civic Club will be held at the home of Mrs. W. P. Greene Thursday afternoon at half past four o'clock. Rev. J. L. Daniel will speak to the ladies. The meeting will be an open one and the public is cordially invited to come.

DEATH OF SIMS HARRIS IN ATHENS

Mr. S. A. Harris died at his home in Athens last Friday after a short illness. An operation was performed in the hope of saving his life but he could not rally. He was buried at Winder, Ga.

Mr. Harris was the brother of Mrs. C. A. Haigler, Mrs. May Hill and Miss Emma Harris, who have the sympathy of a host of friends. Mr. Harris was an engineer on the Seaboard and was well known and liked in Abbeville.

He leaves a wife and two small boys.

CHIEF JUSTICE EUGENE GARY

Hon. C. J. Ramage, who some time ago published a digest of the South Carolina Reports covering Volumes 61-80 inclusive, is the author of another digest covering Volumes 81-100. The two digests were printed by the R. L. Bryan Company of Columbia. The last volume is just from the press and is being offered to the legal profession at the subscription price of \$7.50 per volume.

The second volume is dedicated to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of South Carolina in the following words:

To

EUGENE B. GARY

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of South Carolina, a Profound Lawyer, Able and Conscientious Judge and Fine Type of the Southern Gentleman. This book is inscribed and dedicated as a mark of my esteem and sincere admiration.

Mr. Ramage is a lawyer of the Saluda Bar. He is a close student not only in legal matters but in other matters as well. He has held a number of special courts by appointment of the Governor and Chief Justice and is regarded as a man of ability.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO PUBLIC.

As the winter months are coming on and fires will be built in fireplaces and heaters after standing idle during the summer, it will be well to keep a keen eye for fires that may arise from defective flues, etc.

Every one discovering a fire, whether large or small, will please phone to the telephone office and instead of asking for the fire department, tell the operators just what or whose house is afire. In so doing, they will give a better alarm and will get you better aid more quickly than if you simply ask for the department.

We get this phone and alarm service free and both the operators and firemen can best serve you if you will just tell CENTRAL—and then Mutt and Jeff will soon have the big white wagon loaded with the boys on their way to help you.

J. V. Elgin,
Chief Fire Department.

THE BOOK CLUB.

The regular meeting of the Book Club will be held at the home of Mrs. John Harris on South Main street this morning at half past ten o'clock.

A BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Little Henry Johnson Power entertained a few of his little friends last Saturday afternoon in honor of his sixth birthday. Amusing games were played during the afternoon, when ice cream and cake was served.

UP FROM GREENWOOD.

Messrs. Reed and Taylor and Carlisle Wharton and Walter Klugh came over from Greenwood last Saturday and visited their friends.

HERE FROM SPARTANBURG.

Mr. and Mrs. Aug. W. Smith and their family, and Messrs. W. B. Perrin and Lowry Blake came over from Spartanburg last Saturday and spent until Monday with the family of Mr. T. G. White.

A TEA PARTY.

Miss Maggie Brooks entertained the following young ladies Monday at a delightful tea party, Misses Mary Hill, Agnes Devlin, Alice Brooks, Julia Brice, and Miss Shear.

MOVING.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Graves, who have been living at the old Nance place on Lower Main street are moving into the Richey house on Greenville street. Miss Corrie Killingsworth, who owns this home, is going to tear it away and build a new house at once. Miss Corrie, with her sister, Mrs. Fannie Milford, will occupy the new home when rebuilt.

CLEMSON SCHOLARSHIP.

J. O. Cable of Antreville, has been awarded the one year agricultural scholarship at Clemson and will take up his studies along with the opening of the school. All of the Clemson boys left yesterday.

A REQUEST FOR SCHOOL BOOKS

The Benevolent Society is asking the people of Abbeville for school books to be distributed among the children of the Graded School. Books for the first and second grades are especially needed. Any contribution should be sent to Mrs. Sam Seal.

The Benevolent Society is closing a most successful year. The society is composed of members from all the church societies and the work is along charitable lines. Under the direction of Mrs. Seal, as president, the society has done much work for the good of the community.

ENTERTAINING HIS FRIENDS.

Master Franklin Nickles celebrated his eleventh birthday last Friday by inviting his friends to a party, was arranged with all the charming detail of a grown folks party. Misses Helen Cromer and Sarah Leslie being at the door to receive and register the guests, Misses Margaret Cox and Margaret Lomaax served punch in the hall. Each guest was given a souvenir of a heart which bore a number of figures which added together would give the hosts age. A pinder hunt was arranged for in the front yard while in the dining room, cake and cream was served, the cake with the eleven bright candles being the much admired centerpiece.

Blind Tiger Convicted in Mayor's Court Tuesday Morning

John Turner was tried in the Mayor's Court on Tuesday morning, charged with selling liquor contrary to the prohibition law of the city. He was found guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of one hundred dollars or serve thirty days on the gang.

He was represented at the trial by Sam Adams, Esq., while the prosecution was represented by D. H. Hill, City Attorney. The jury which tried the case was composed of R. L. Mabry, R. L. Dargan, R. L. McCantey, J. M. Anderson, and W. E. Johnson. The case was tried on Monday morning before a jury and resulted in a mis-trial making the second trial necessary.

OFF TO COKER.

Misses Lavinia and Eugenia Coleman and Miss Caroline Reese left Tuesday at midday over the Seaboard for Coker College, where they will study hard and enjoy such pleasure as school life affords. Miss Lavinia will specialize in music, and Miss Eugenia, in voice.

A FAREWELL DANCE.

A very delightful dance on last Friday night was given at the home of Mr. Wade Cothran. This was the farewell dance of the season for the college younger set and a delightful time was spent in dancing and promenading on the lawn. Delicious punch was served.

FAMILY REUNION AT IVA.

The children of Mr. Gordon R. Patterson, who lives two miles above Iva, planned a surprise party on his birthday, September 16, 1916. Each child had planned dinner and brought their father a present. The old table that all the children had eat upon, was carried out in the yard under a large apple tree. Mr. Patterson was sixty years of age on that day, has eleven children and eighteen grandchildren. The children are: Mrs. J. H. Ferguson of Antreville, Mr. Robert Patterson Elberton, Ga., Mrs. John Bryan of Asheville, N. C., Mr. Reed Patterson, Starr, Mrs. Luther Tate, Columbia, S. C., Misses Ophelia and Meta Patterson, Mack, Ford and Broadus Patterson. All are living, in good health. No death except Mrs. Patterson's, three years ago.

Grand-daughter,
Eunice Ferguson.

CHANGES AT OIL MILL.

Mr. Roddy Devlin has been promoted to the position of cashier at the Greenwood Oil Mills, succeeding Mr. Willie Parks, who resigned September the first.—Greenwood Index. This will be news of interest to Mr. Devlin's many friends in Abbeville, who are glad to hear of his success in his new home.

McLAUREN SAYS HE WILL RESIGN

Hon. John L. McLaurin has written a letter to Senator J. A. Banks of St. Matthews announcing his intention to retire shortly as Warehouse Commissioner in this state. He gives as his reason for this determination the statement that the Manning administration does not stand for the progressive development and management of the institution.

Mr. McLaurin was elected Warehouse Commissioner at the special session of the legislature called at the commencement of the war. Although he did not belong to the faction then in power his ability as an organizer and as a man of affairs was recognized and he was placed at the head of the institution. He has done good work in the position but unfortunately he has mixed politics with a strictly business proposition. By reason of his support of Mr. Blease in the recent race for Governor he placed himself out of sympathy with the Manning Administration.

His retirement has been all but demanded by that portion of the press of the state which is pro-Manning, and it is believed that his retirement is due in a great measure to this fact.

UP FROM FLORIDA.

The friends of R. E. Hill, Jr., were glad to see him in town last week. He came up from Florida to see his father, Judge Hill, who has not been well for some time. R. E. is looking well and prosperous, which gives pleasure to his many boyhood friends. He says the only drawback he has in life is the fact that he is getting too many gray hairs in his head. This is from the pious life he is living for he has many miles along life's highway before he will strike the mile post touched by the finger of time.

IN THE CITY.

Mr. W. E. Hill left Abbeville last Friday for Charleston, where he will spend sometime. He goes for the benefit of the sea and for the fish foods. His friends hope he will return soon. He will be greatly missed by the Methodist choir and a host of friends.

UP FROM GREENWOOD.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster McKissick and Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery came over from Greenwood Sabbath after church and visited friends for a few hours. They made the trip in their car and said the day was perfect, in fact one of the ladies said the day was so lovely that she felt like singing the song, "A Perfect Day."

GOING AWAY.

Messrs. Leslie and Paul Swope leave this week for the North, where they will enter school. Leslie will return to Harvard and Paul will go to Norfolk, where he is taking voice. These young men have proven themselves very attractive to the younger set and they will be greatly missed.

DEATH OF GEORGE A. CROMER.

George A. Cromer of Dead Falls, Greenwood county, died on last Saturday and was buried at Greenwood on Sunday. He was the son of the late Wesley Cromer of Abbeville county. He married a Miss Rhodes, and she with several children, survive him. He was a prosperous farmer and accumulated a good estate. The deceased was a cousin of S. F. Cromer of Abbeville, and W. O. Cromer, who lives near the city.

BENET LINK.

Benet Link was taken to Chester last week for an operation for appendicitis, and his many friends are interested to know that he stood the operation fine and will soon be home again.

A CHARMING VISITOR.

Miss Claudine Wannamaker of Orangeburg, visited Dr. and Mrs. G. A. Neuffer several days last week on her way back from Atlanta to Orangeburg. Miss Wannamaker is a lively and attractive young woman and her visit gave pleasure to all who met her.

NEW LONDON GETTING FAMOUS

New London, Conn., is getting famous. Last year Robert Coleman went there and started to teaching school, this summer he got himself happily married there, which put the town on the map for many in Abbeville. Mrs. Stillwell, who was Miss Maude McClung, and who is so well known in Abbeville, has a summer home in that town and now her further claims to fame are that the Germans spied around until they found a convenient port for the landing of the big merchant submarine, the Mexican commission is pursuing its deliberations there and the President's sister has just died in that town.

NEW OIL MILL.

Messrs. J. S. Stark, S. J. Wakefield and J. Allen Smith, who purchased the Antreville Oil Mill at a sale on August 31st, have applied for a charter for the Farmer's Oil Mill of Antreville. It is their purpose to form a new corporation to operate the plant at Antreville. The ginnyery there will be started very shortly and it is probable that the oil mill will be put into operation a little later.

The Secret of

The Submarine

A MUTUAL SPECIAL FEATURE
AT THE OPERA HOUSE ON
FRIDAY.

"The Secret of the Submarine," the sensational American-Mutual preparedness photo novel, promises to be the most interesting of the releases for this season.

Director Sargent has injected into this production a number of unusually startling situations, which complicate the plot to a great extent, and adds materially to the interest and tenseness of the story. Thomas Chatterton and Juanita Hausen, who have won nation-wide fame through their remarkable acting, are co-stars in wonderful photo-play.

Roosevelt's great Chicago speech, (April 29) was in effect a powerful endorsement for such a preparedness plan as suggested by "The Secret of the Submarine"! He said:

"We need beyond everything else a first-class navy. We cannot possibly get it unless the naval program is handled with steady wisdom from the standpoint of a nation that accepts the upbuilding and upkeep of such a navy as cardinal points of continuous policy!"

CONVICT LABOR LOWERS COST OF CALIFORNIA ROADS

The difficulties of building roads in the mountains are many. The transportation of supplies to the workmen, the construction of satisfactory quarters, and the execution of the work under the conditions of weather and topography existing in the mountains are so troublesome that contractors require stiff prices for such roads. In the mountainous counties of California, the State Highway Commission is now building highways very successfully with convicts. All through the snows and rains of last winter two gangs of 125 convicts, without armed guards, living in camps of unequal character and living on food of unsurpassed quality for such work, labored away on a very difficult road through a mountain canyon. When the bad weather ended, it was found that the eight miles thus built cost one fourth less than the engineers' estimated and a little more than half what similar work in the same locality had cost when done by contract. With the advent of good weather the cost became less. "There is no longer a question that convict labor is not only successful as a humanitarian measure," the Commission reports, "but that it will make possible the construction of many miles of mountain roads that otherwise could not be built."

TOWNSHIP ROAD PROBLEMS IN IOWA

The Iowa State Highway Commission has issued some very strong praise of the work done on local roads by the township trustees of the state, who spent about \$3,500,000 last year on such improvements. This is equivalent to \$40 a mile.

Abbeville Was Once Home of Important Silk Industry

Abbeville county was once the home of a somewhat important silk industry. The county was named by French protestants from Rochelle and Bordeaux, which are the famous portions of France for husbandry. There flourishes the grape as well as the silk mulberry and it was for Abbeville in France that this new settlement here was named.

Mills in his "Statistics," published in 1826, declares that "the manufacture of silk was carried on to some extent by these settlers (1764.) It is still carried on in a domestic way among their descendants." Later on in his remarkable book Mr. Mills refers to the mill built in Abbeville county about the year 1810 by a Mr. Gibert, descendent of the Rev. Mr. Gibert, who brought the settlers over from France. "He established a cotton factory on Little river, and had the whole work, castings, turnings, etc., executed on the spot, an instance of considerable ingenuity and enterprise."—Columbia Record.

OUR BOYS WHO HAVE GONE TO COLLEGE

Allen Haskell, Earle and Clyde Graves, Billy Bradley and Frank Lesley left Tuesday for Clemson College. Kempton Billings, Russell Thomson, Frank Thornton, Albert and Alpheus Lesley, Jim Mars, Floyd Graves and Percy Leach will be "rats" this year, so will not enter Clemson until the 26th.

Frank Gary went to Charleston Tuesday where he will enter the Citadel.

Francis Mabry has entered Erskine to take a special course.

McTye Daniel has gone to Wofford and Mims Cason has also gone to Wofford, where he will enter the Fitting School.

ARE CITIES CONCERNED IN RURAL ROADS?

There is an occasional complaint

that people living in cities, unless they own automobiles, have no concern in rural roads and should not be taxed for their improvement. An interesting light on this point is shed by an editorial in the "Daily Town Talk," of Alexandria, La., which reads as follows: "Attention has again been called to the almost impassable condition of the road to Marksville. One of the worst places in this road is the Bayou Marie swamp and the hill in that section, which is almost impassable for teams. Parties coming through there today state that the road is too bad for travel now, and that in the fall and winter it will be much worse. The condition of this road is injuring trade in Pineville and Alexandria, used as it is by a large number of farmers living in that section, who will go toward Marksville instead of traversing this road to come to Pineville and Alexandria. It is stated conservatively that as thousand bales of cotton will be diverted from here to Marksville this season on account of the condition of the road, unless it is improved at once." Every progressive town has a board of trade or its equivalent, which strives to attract rural trade to the town's shops. If the roads leading to the town are so poor as that described in the quotation, a check is not only placed on the trade from the farmers but the number of thrifty farms is kept down, for no intelligent man desires to isolate his family in lonesome solitude by living where conditions are like those on "the road to Marksville."

LEAVING US FOR THE WINTER.

Mrs. Frank B. Gary and young Frank, left Tuesday for Charleston, where Frank will stand the entrance examination for the Citadel in which enterprises every one wishes him great success. Mrs. Gary will spend the greater portion of the winter in Charleston, as Judge Gary will hold most of his courts in the low country. Her friends will miss her greatly but wish her a pleasant sojourn in the city.

OFF TO UNION

Mrs. Mamie Cox Wharton left Saturday for Union, where she is one of the popular teachers in the Union High School.