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LARGEST CIRCULATION IN EDGEFIELD COUNTY.

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A miser grows rich by seeming poor; an extravagant man grows poor by seeming rich.—SHENSTONE.

The investigation into the recent murder of New York's leading gambler reveals a condition of municipal graft and corruption almost equal to that of the old South Carolina dispensary.

It is quite unlike Senator Tillman not to take an open, active hand in South Carolina affairs when a crisis confronts our people. He seems to be heeding a wise old adage which runs something like this: "Never trouble trouble till trouble troubles you."

One of the knottiest problems that Gov. Wilson will have to solve is to reckon with the women voters in the six states where women, not satisfied with voting their husbands, have demanded and secured suffrage for themselves.

An entomologist from Cornell University who has been in Georgia for several months has just returned to the North with a large collection of fish, birds, snakes, lizards and other animals. Wonder why he didn't take some of Georgia's Toms along with him—Tom Felder, for instance.

If there ever was a time when South Carolina needed MEN, men of convictions and the courage to stand by their convictions, it is right now. In the crisis that confronts our people we need men in public life who are actuated by principle rather than policy, men who place public duty above personal ambition and private interests.

No Personal Animosity.

The political friends of Governor Blease in this county (and there are some good men, our personal friends, among them) should not get the erroneous impression that The Advertiser in opposing his re-election is actuated by personal reasons. The fact is, the editor of this paper does not know Governor Blease personally, never spoke a word to him in his life.

We are opposing Gov. Blease's re-election because his administration has been a miserable failure, one of conspicuous misrule which has brought shame and disgrace upon South Carolina, both at home and abroad.

What has been stated in these columns from time to time concerning Governor Blease applies to him as chief executive, his official acts, and not to Mr. Blease, the citizen. Like every other public official, his is a dual personality. On the one hand he is a citizen of Newberry county, on the other he is Governor of South Carolina, and whatever reference The Advertiser makes to him applies only to his official acts as governor.

We have deemed it necessary to make this statement because Governor Blease, in the hope of counteracting their influence, has raised the cry that the newspapers of the state are abusing and persecuting him. This newspaper never abuses or persecutes anyone. Those who know its editor, who alone fixes its policy, know that the "one increasing purpose" of The Advertiser is to be perfectly fair to all, the high and the low, the rich and the poor; any statement to the contrary is without foundation in fact.

Let it be understood, however, first, last and always, that The Advertiser does criticize the official acts of public men. To fail to do so would not only be a cowardly shirking of duty, but would render the writer unworthy of being the editor of a reputable journal.

God forbid that the day will ever come in South Carolina when newspapers fail to spread upon their pages (or criticize, if you please) the official acts of the servants of the people who fill positions of honor and trust! Worthy and honest officials invite investigation and criticism; unworthy and dishonest men do not want the light turned on.

Why did an eminent divine and literatus say, "The newspaper is a greater treasure to the people than uncounted millions of gold"? Because it is a faithful sentinel upon the watchtower,

Unworthy of Support of Edgefield People.

The first duty of a governor is to obey the law himself, and the next highest duty is to require others likewise to obey the laws upon the statute books. Has the chief executive of South Carolina obeyed the law? No; on the contrary, he has FLAGRANTLY VIOLATED laws which he is honor bound to respect, obey and enforce. Let us see where in he has violated the law, and this is not what a detective, a political opponent, or a dictagraph says, but a recital of that which OUR OWN PEOPLE KNOW TO BE TRUE.

Edgefield county has but few towns, and they are all small; consequently the vast majority of our people reside in the country districts where there is no police protection. The children of the rural districts, many of them young girls, who walk several miles to school over secluded roads have no protection; the ladies are unprotected in the homes while husbands and sons are in the field at work or have gone to market not to return until after dark; vagrants are on the increase, because of the lack of some one specifically charged with enforcing the law; pistol toting among negroes of the younger generation is increasing, because there is no one who feels it his duty to report and prosecute them; rowdism and disturbances at negro gatherings, particularly hot suppers and at churches, is increasing, because the lawless element know there is no officer constantly on the alert to make arrests. As a result of this lawlessness and general demoralization farm labor grows less reliable and less profitable.

Having carefully studied conditions in the country, where our people have practically no protection (magistrates and their constables are not paid enough to give their entire time to apprehending and punishing the violators of the law), Senator Thomas H. Rainsford decided that a mounted rural police, such as many of the counties have, would greatly improve conditions. Mr. Rainsford therefore introduced a bill in the senate providing for a rural policeman for Edgefield county, and with the co-operation of the other members of the delegation secured its passage by both Houses.

In compliance with the terms of the law, some time after the legislature adjourned, the delegation met and UNANIMOUSLY recommended that Mr. J. F. Atkins, a representative citizen and successful farmer of the Ropers section, be commissioned as rural policeman for Edgefield county.

The action of the delegation was reported to Governor Blease who refused to issue the commission, notwithstanding the fact that the law plainly and specifically states that "it shall be the duty of the governor to appoint, upon the recommendation of the legislative delegation from Edgefield county." Does he refuse upon the ground that the delegation has not complied with the terms of the law? No. Does he refuse upon the ground that a worthy and capable man has not been recommended to him? No; but, mark you, he has refused to issue the commission and give our people what they want and need solely because Mr. Atkins, who voted for Governor Blease two years ago, is not now one of his supporters. Governor Blease stated at the campaign meeting at Edgefield that that was the reason; and, furthermore, he had the brazen effrontery to declare that he would not appoint any man to office who does not vote for him.

God save the country, when a man who has sworn to be the servant of all of the people and who has sworn to obey and enforce the law will thus disregard his oath, prostitute the high office of governor to the furtherance of base, selfish ends and willfully and flagrantly disregard the rights and trample under foot the interests of the people of a county. What, in Heaven's name, may we expect next?

The people of Edgefield need a rural policeman. The need is greatest at Christmas and at this season, when there are more idlers after the crops are laid by. "Sat an always finds mischief for idle hands to do." The very fact that a mounted officer was on duty in the county would now, this very week, prevent the rowdism that exists at some of the negro churches during their protracted meetings, the would-be violators of the law not knowing when the officer would pounce down upon them.

This system of enforcing the law and providing protection for the taxpayers who reside in the country is no experiment. The county of Greenwood to the north of us and Aiken to the south of us have both with profit and entire satisfaction employed this means of enforcing the law for several years.

A rural officer is no expense to the county. The fine, together with the increased number of convicts sent to the chaingang through his efforts, more than reimburse the county for the salary paid. As a result of Mr. Atkins' work, had Governor Blease commissioned him six months ago, the county chaingang would doubtless be larger and be doing more effective work on the public roads, and in addition to that, rural communities would have had indolent negroes and criminals removed from their midst.

First, it must be admitted that the people of this county have suffered from the lack of a rural officer, and, second, it must be admitted that Governor Blease is alone responsible. If he violates his oath and lets our interests suffer in one instance, he will in another. Can men who have the well being of their country at heart afford to cast their ballots for him?

Has Governor Blease any right to expect the support of the people of this county? Is he worthy of it? The record is against him, and speaks for itself in unmistakable tones: HE IS NOT.

We need a man for governor who honestly and conscientiously endeavors to promote the interests of the people and not one who will deliberately let their interests suffer in order to further his own political interests. We need a man who will do his DUTY, jeopardizing not only his temporary political interests but his future political career, if needs be.

Truly, the words of Solomon spoken nearly 3,000 years ago are applicable to the present situation in Edgefield county and in South Carolina: "When the wicked rule, the people mourn."

safeguarding the people's interests by commending and encouraging the deserving and exposing and condemning the undeserving.

When Governor Blease meets his downfall which now seems inevitable, he should NOT charge it to alleged persecution by the newspapers, but rather to maladministration and to the fact that he has been WEIGHED BY THE PEOPLE of South Carolina and has been FOUND WANTING.

He and She.

He sang to her:
When I am dead you'll find it hard said he,
To ever find another man like me.

And then she sang to him:
What makes you think, as I suppose you do,
I'd ever want another man like you?

Stewart & Kernaghan Local Agents.

Our readers have no doubt noticed the advertising of the Cortright Metal Roofing Company, 50 N. 23rd Street, Philadelphia, Pa., which has been appearing in our columns for several months with a change of cuts each week, and we hope that those of our subscribers who have been in need of such material have been interested and profited by these advertisements. The System of Roofing supplied by this Company possesses every point of superiority, weather-tight, fire-proof, beauty of appearance, durability, ease of application and low first cost. Messrs. Stewart & Kernaghan are handling these goods locally and are always glad to show samples and quote close prices on any quantity.

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Johnston No 2—A M Clark, W L Derrick, W M Wright.

Long Branch—G W Scott, A S Herin, D G Derrick.

Meriwether—Walter Cheatham, H D Strom, John Cooper.

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Moss—R C Griffiths, H H Williams, D D Brunson.

Pleasant Lane—Butler Williams, J P Hagood, L H Hamilton.

Plum Branch—George Rearden, H C Sanders, J M Garnett.

Red Hill—E L Quarles, H H Smith, J H Bussey.

Rehoboth—T B Culbreath, J E Strom, R T West.

Ropers—Charlie Hammond, D E Lanham, S W Gardner, Jr.

Shaw—P J Coleman, I A Webb, W M Leppard.

South Hibler—W M Corley, A G Cheatham, E M Whatley.

Washington—J P Nixon, Warren McDaniel, G D Blackwell.

The managers are required to have a separate box for ballots for Magistrate at each of the polling precincts, and the managers are to keep a separate poll list of those voting for magistrate at each polling precinct, and no vote for magistrate will be counted by the managers unless it be cast for one of the candidates for magistrate of the district in which the polling precinct is located, and no one will be allowed to vote for magistrate in a district except a resident of that district. Separate ballots will be printed for the candidates for magistrate of each district, and any voter who has been voting at a precinct out of his magisterial district had best put his name on a club roll of a precinct within his magisterial district at least five days before the primary, so that he can vote for magistrate of his district in this election.

B. E. Nicholson,
County Chairman.

The following information is published at the request of the County Chairman for the information of the public:

A registration certificate and tax receipt are not necessary to vote in the primary. The registration certificate and tax receipt are required for general elections.

The requirements to participate in the primary election are:
Residence in South Carolina one year.

Residence in the county 60 days preceding the next general election. Any party whose residence is in another county, is not entitled to vote in this county.

No person shall be allowed to vote, except his name be enrolled upon the particular club list at which he offers to vote at least five days before the first primary.

Copies of the constitution and rules will be mailed to the managers of each club with the tickets.

The managers are required by law to take an oath before a notary public or other officer authorized to administer oaths; but if no such officer can be conveniently had, the managers may administer the oath to each other. This oath is to be taken before entering upon the discharge of their duties, and the oath is that he will fairly, impartially, and honestly conduct the same according to the provisions of the laws of this State and the constitution and rules of the Democratic party. Such oaths shall, after being subscribed by the managers, be filed in the office of the Clerk of Court within five days after such election.

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News From The Prescott Community.

As you haven't heard from Prescott's in a long time I will write a few dots.

We had a lovely rain Thursday and Friday. The farmers are very much overjoyed. The crops are good considering the dry spell.

Last Sunday the Prescott family gathered at Mr. Elam Prescott's spring for a family barbecue. About 12 o'clock a large crowd had assembled. As you know the Prescott family is right large any way, and they announced dinner and such a spread you never saw. They had barbecued chicken, pork, hash, pickles, salads, ice tea and lemonade. Mr. Irvin Holmes cooked the cue and so you may know it was fine. They all spent the afternoon playing games. We had the pleasure of having our sister, Mrs. J. H. Stalnaker, son and grand-daughter, from Tampa, Fla., at the cue.

Mr. L. I. Prescott and family have moved to Edgefield. We regret very much to give them up. Our loss will be your gain.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Miller attended the meeting at Antioch and report a fine meeting.

The protracted meeting at Red Oak Grove has been postponed on account of so much sickness. Miss Leila Kemp has been quite sick but is improving. Mr. Alva Hammond is still quite ill indeed.

Mr. Eddie Cheatham made a flying trip off a few days ago. I guess he made Springfield his headquarters. His best girl is visiting Miss Jumper Modoc, S. C. School Girl.

A Clod Breaker From Flat Rock.

Dear Mr. Mims: I find that the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, but the direction in which we are moving. We must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it. Hard work? yes, it is hard work. "Every noble crown is, and on earth will forever be, a crown of thorns" but nothing worth having can ever be acquired without a hard, desperate struggle. The upward path is hard to climb, then let us not forget when the dark days come it is well to keep in mind, though we cannot see, why such hardships should come to us, yet our Heavenly Father knows, and if we will but ask, he will give us the strength we need hour by hour.

Mr. Mims, I know it is all well with you, but I will ask all the boys and girls, will you allow me to say a few words on "Obedience."

Children should obey their parents. There is nothing that will please father and mother more than obedience. The child that consults his parents before taking a doubtful step will always be on the safe side. A father or mother will not advise their children wrong. You all know a wise son maketh a glad father. To become wise, be obedient. We all should obey our teachers. If you obey your teacher they will do all in their power to teach you and will speak good for you everywhere. You should not only obey your parents and teachers, but older people. If you obey your parents the other will not be hard to do.

Not long ago one of my teachers told me when she bade me good bye, while holding my hand in hers, "Tee I do some day expect you to be a great man. The same day my Sunday school teacher said to me the same. My neighbors love me. When I get sick Mr. Mims, so many beautiful flowers and nice waiters are sent me.

There has been a number of social affairs during the past week. A very delightful one was given by Miss Mamie Bussey, at 5 o'clock, Friday afternoon, but oh, my I was sick and could not go.

Mrs. Mattie Kenrick and children came Sunday. We all love these good neighbors.

Tee Bailey.

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An Appeal to Young Men.

Mr. Editor: In the present political upheaval the papers are full of appeals to thoughtful men, appeals to the laboring class, appeals to Christian men, appeals to reason, appeals to the press, and appeals to everybody to appeal to everybody. They knew and so on and so forth but I have failed to note one single appeal to that portion of our citizenship which is to set things straight and keep them so hereafter; and that is to say I have seen no special appeal to the young men.

It is my honest opinion if the old men and the middle aged men had stayed away from the polls two years ago we would not now be appealing to everybody to help save the state. It was a case of the young man following his mother's advice and the old man "standing by his principles," and no man has a higher regard for the man who votes his convictions than I, but Lord help the man who is afraid to bring his "convictions" to the light of truth, and too, a man sometimes looks on the side of a question he wants to be on and is at once seized with convictions on the subject and he goes to the polls and votes those convictions and we know the result.

As a young man to young men I say it is a thing unworthy a citizen of our country to vote for any man without first finding out what he stands for and as much as you can about his record, and to find out his record don't go to his enemies; for would you care to be judged by your enemy?

It is a reflection upon your intelligence to be compelled to ask some voter at the polls, who probably doesn't know any more about the men than you do, who the best man is for such and such an office.

And one of the greatest aids to intelligent voting is the reading of newspapers. Be not deceived by political crooks when they tell you the newspapers are edited by liars and thieves. To the man who tells you the newspapers are telling lies about him, tell him to go into the courts and sue for slander.

Sharp, shrewd, designing men know human nature and they know how to make wonderful use of that word persecution, they know how to appeal to the sympathy of every honest man for they know every honest man is in favor of every other man having a "square deal," but be an impartial judge as it is for you to say whether he is being persecuted or whether he is only getting his just deserts and prison stripes are none too severe for the man who would use the public's confidence for private gain.

Finally, let's pledge ourselves to vote for the best man for every office, from district magistrate to the governor of the state, and let's say to our fathers we are going to clean up things a bit, and ask them to help, and if they will not, then let's do it anyhow, for there are more of us than there are of them.
H. F. M.

North Augusta, S. C.

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Contract For Bridge To Be Let.

The board of county commissioners will let contract on Saturday, August 31st, to build a bridge across Log Creek at George Broadwater's mill, the said bridge to be of following dimensions: 66 feet in length; span over creek 30 feet; span on east side 18 feet; span on west side 18 feet; four benches with mud sills in the ground and weighted down with heavy rocks; four posts to each bench, and tendered in cap sill and mud sill, and bolted in with heart two-inch pin; outside sill to be bolted to cap sill with inch and quarter rods with iron washers and taps screwed down tight; floor to be nailed down with 400 nails; railing to be on each side of bridge and braced on each side, brace to extend from outside long floor plank and nailed at each end with 20d nail.

The county will furnish all material delivered on the ground and contract will be let to the lowest bidder at bridge site on date named above.
W. G. Wells, Supervisor.