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The more bread goes up the less goes down.

Greenwood has an Edgefield avenue. Wonder if McCormick will honor her old mother in like manner?

Many persons may be glad the campaign is nearing the end but nobody is glad the watermelon season is over.

As a rule, rapid early opening of cotton presages a short crop. But let us hope that 1916 will be an exception to the rule.

Don't be a bootlick. Nobody has any respect for a bootlick. Even the man whose boots you would lick would hold you in contempt.

Will the farmers of South Carolina vote to keep a farmer as governor, or will they vote for one of the two lawyers who are candidates?

Do not allow anybody to put a collar around your neck next Tuesday and vote you. Do your own thinking; cast your own ballot.

We are not losing any sleep over the price of gasoline. It's the steadily advancing price of foodstuffs that makes us restless.

Did you ever stop to think that Cupid has one great advantage: It is never too hot or too cold for him to do business.

Do not absent yourself from the State next Tuesday. On that day all good citizens should cast their ballots for the BEST MEN.

Avoid political controversies. There is but one thing that should be shunned more and that is a religious controversy.

If it were not so patent that some of these election prognosticators were partisans, greater weight would be given their figures in the papers.

To vote against Governor Manning will be voting with those "furriners" in Charleston who do not want to see the State properly governed.

Follow your conscience and deliberate judgment in voting next Tuesday and you will have nothing to regret, let the result be what it may.

The first bale of the 1916 cotton crop was brought to Edgefield Saturday, and if Old Sol continues with undiminished fury, it will not be long before the last bale will be on the market.

The two governors who preceded Governor Manning were lawyers and they were given four years, two terms, each. Why not give a farmer who has made good an equal show with the lawyers? Let's be just and fair to Governor Manning.

With which side will you ally yourself next Tuesday? With those who stand for good government, law, and order, or with the blind tigers and lawbreakers generally? It is safe to say that not a blind tiger will vote to keep Governor Manning in office.

Will you vote with the blind tigers of Charleston next Tuesday, by voting to defeat Governor Manning, or will you vote to endorse his overthrowing of these same blind tigers in Charleston? It appears to us that there is but one course for every good citizen to pursue.

When Senator Tillman recently declared that he is ready to bury the hatchet and henceforth stand for a united country—no North, no South, no East, no West—he reflected the sentiment of a large and constantly increasing number of Southern people.

Columbia is like most other cities and towns. It has among its citizenship all classes of men—good, bad and indifferent. Monday a Columbia man extended his hand to receive some money which was owing to him and instead of the cash, a lighted match was dropped into his palm. Had that occurred in Edgefield, some of the country's old-time history might have been repeated.

One Dr. Adams of war-like proclivities who is a candidate for lieutenant governor will receive what he deserves next Tuesday. Something like four-fifths of the voters will give him a good scratch.

It appears that the Germans were prepared for only a two years war. For the past few months they have been on the losing side and the indications are that their losses and reverses will grow greater and greater.

Hot Times in Anderson.

The mercury has been steadily advancing, politically, in Edgefield county, but we are yet in the arctic regions as compared to some counties, Anderson, for example. In the goody town of Anderson there have been four street fights, a la fisticuff, since last Saturday, and there is no telling what the six days before the primary will bring forth.

There are a good many brands of fools, but the biggest fool in the world is the man who falls out with his friend or neighbor over politics and provokes a fight. There was never a more unprofitable business than arguing and fighting over politics.

We shall be glad when the first and second primaries are over and the people have returned to the even tenor of their ways.

Shoes and "Booze."

The constables who are at work in Charleston suppressing blind tigers have a difficult problem on their hands, but they are discharging their duty fearlessly and faithfully, which is more than any liquor constables have ever done in Charleston in the past. In addition to watching shipments by rail, the officers have to keep a close watch on the merchandise shipments by water. Tuesday seven large boxes reached Charleston by Clyde line steamship from New York marked shoes. The unusual appearance of the boxes aroused the suspicion of the officers and after they were loaded on trucks to be delivered to the consignee they were seized and carried to police headquarters. On being opened it was found that the boxes contained about one thousand pairs of shoes that were packed around 25 gallons of whiskey. In due season the shoes will be sold at public outcry and the whiskey poured in the gutter.

Yes, it is something new under the sun to see whiskey poured in the street in Charleston, but under the Manning administration it is being frequently done.

People Should Say "Well Done."

While it is impossible to forecast the result of next Tuesday's election with absolute certainty, it is conceded that there will be a second race, and everything points to Governor Manning as being one of the two leading candidates. He has given the people of South Carolina a successful, business-like administration and they should say "Well Done" by endorsing him at the polls.

Probably not since the days of Reconstruction has a governor entered upon the duties of the office under more unfavorable conditions than Governor Manning. For four years prior to his inauguration the lawless element in every section of the State were in power, in that they had the ear of the chief executive and generally had their requests granted. In the campaign two years ago he pledged himself to an improvement of conditions by a strict and impartial enforcement of the law. Relying upon this pledge, a majority of the people of South Carolina elected Mr. Manning governor. No unprejudiced man who is informed as to conditions now existing will say that he has not made good his campaign pledge. Will the people repudiate him next Tuesday by electing another to this important office or will they reward him by re-election?

Mt. Zion Church.

The good people who compose the membership of Mt. Zion church came together some time ago and completed plans by which they were to have a new and commodious house of worship. Under the leadership of Mr. W. A. Pardee, assisted by other members of the church, the work on the building has progressed rapidly and it will be ready for the annual protracted meeting which will commence Sunday next. It is probable that a large number of people will gather at Mt. Zion on that day especially. Rev. P. B. Lanham, the pastor, will be assisted by Rev. T. H. Posey of Ward. The corner stone of the new church will be laid with Masonic ceremonies Saturday afternoon at five o'clock. It is hoped that a large number of person will also attend this service.

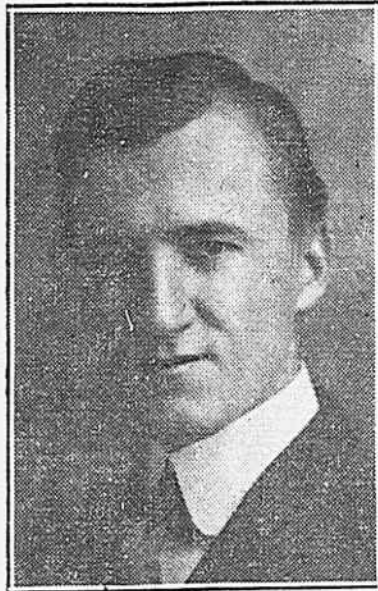
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My Fellow Citizens:

Owing to sickness in my family, my official duties and the size of the circuit, it has been quite impossible for me to make a house to house campaign, or even address the voters in all the communities of the circuit. I am, therefore, taking this opportunity to repeat largely what I have said in the speeches made by me.

A CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

I started my campaign upon a high plane; I propose to end it that way. I have made no assault upon the character of any competitor, nor have I any secret agent doing work of that kind. And I am frank to say there is no office in the gift of the people that I would have if I had to get it by a resort to dirty politics, by a resort to disreputable methods. And any man who gains an office by corruption will be corrupt in it. As I run my campaign so will I run the office.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

I am making this race squarely upon my official record. At the age of twenty-three I was elected Solicitor. I appreciated the honor then. I appreciate it now. I made but one promise then. I make but one now. It is: "An honorable campaign and a faithful and fearless discharge of the duties of Solicitor."

It is with embarrassment that I speak of myself, but in politics it seems to be necessary. My official record is an open book, and the book has not been kept by me, but by the clerks of court in the several counties of this circuit. It speaks for itself, and I invite all good citizens to inspect it. Do not take the word of some political enemy working behind my back. Look for yourself and back your own judgment. Mr. Cox has been kind enough to say of my record that I am as good a solicitor as there is in the State or the United States, but that he wants a chance to set a new standard. I do not claim quite so much for myself as he gives me, and I greatly fear he is covering most too much territory for both of us.

In this connection, I desire to call attention to the fact that all of the duties of a solicitor are not performed in the local court houses. He has a wider field of usefulness, and he should have the capacity to measure up to the requirements. During the present term I have not only been called out of my own circuit to represent my State, but I have been called into other States to fight her battles. I need only to call your attention to the long, tedious and successful fight I made to bring Joe Grant from the State of Pennsylvania back to South Carolina for trial. I made that fight without any paid legal assistance in a distant State. I was opposed by three lawyers. Some people have asked me what kind of lawyers they were, and I have told them that they were negro lawyers, a black negro lawyer, a yellow negro lawyer

and a white negro lawyer. I refer to the last one as a negro lawyer because he must have had a black heart to bring the slanderous charges he did against my people and my State. I could mention other important legal matters that I have handled outside of my regular territory, without extra compensation, but space will not permit. I simply want you to know that I have been on the job, and that I have not failed to answer when duty called me.

ANSWERS CRITICISMS.

So much for my record. I now desire to take up and answer such criticisms of my record as have been made in the open, either directly or indirectly. I cannot hope to answer all the evil reports that may have been circulated behind my back. We all know that the responsible authors of evil reports are hard to locate; and, also, that ill rumors spread much further and a great deal faster than good.

Have I had the office long enough? That is for the people to say, not my opponents. I received this office at the hands of the people, and if I receive it again it will be at the hands of the people. I have nothing to offer them in return, except faithful, honorable, efficient service. And it strikes me that is what the people are interested in. You are not looking to pension some one. This office is a working office, and you need in it, as in all other offices, men who have the capacity and disposition to render efficient service. I cannot believe that there is any force in the argument that, because I have served you faithfully for a number of years and have proven my ability to attend to your business as it ought to be attended to, I should, therefore, be discredited and turned out just to see how some one else will do. I repeat, what you want is efficient public service. If I have not proven, by my official record, that I can and will give you that kind of service it is your right and duty to put some one there who will. That is where I stand on the question.

Mr. Asbill has made the suggestion that I think the office belongs to me, and that I am the only man who can fill it. I have never made any such contention and he knows it. I have stated repeatedly on the stump that it was the people's office, and that they should place it in the hands of the man best capacitated to fill it. I have gone further and said, I believe that every officer should have opposition after he has been in office for awhile in order to give the people an opportunity to look into his record and measure his fitness by that of other men. I have also said repeatedly that I thought there were plenty of lawyers in this State and circuit just as good as I and better, but I was not talking about him. Maybe that is the reason he continues to harp on it after he knows my position to be

opposite to that he represents it to be.

I have been referred to by Mr. Asbill as King George, and he has intimated that I belong to the silk stocking crowd, to the aristocrats. I hate to take up time answering anything so silly. I am surprised that a man who claims to think himself good timber for the solicitor's office should resort to such stuff. The people of this circuit know my people. They know my father, the late Dr. W. H. Timmerman, and I am proud to say that he was one of the best men that ever served his country and his God. They know the Timmermans, the Padgetts, the Dorns, the Williams, the Geigers, the Onzts, the Bells, the Edwards, and others too numerous to mention, who are related to me either by blood or marriage. Who ever heard of their being aristocrats? It is enough to make one laugh. If all these are aristocrats so am I, and if they are not ashamed of me I certainly am not of them. It is too bad for one to have to bring up such stuff as this to try to get into office.

Mr. Asbill has also stated that the solicitor's office has been in my law firm for twenty years, tacking my term of service on to that of Mr. Thurmond. What are the facts? I was born in 1881. Mr. Thurmond was first elected in 1896. I was then fifteen years old, a young country lad. He was next elected in 1900. I was then nineteen years old and going to school, trying to get an education. Those are facts that cannot be denied. Then what think you of Mr. Asbill's charge?

He also insinuated that I have to be called at the court house door and promises to always be on time. I admit that I have been late at court a few times, but it has usually been due to circumstances that I could not foresee. It is also a fact that I have numbers of times given the period allowed for dinner to the service of my State, and gone without anything to eat in order to expedite the business of the court.

Mr. Asbill says he will always be on time, but actions speak louder than words. Mr. Asbill served one term in the legislature from Lexington county. I guess he told the people, when he was running for that office, he would be on time and attend strictly to their business. Lets see how well he did it. During the session of 1897 he failed to answer to his name at 21 record vote roll calls. During the session of 1898 he failed to answer to his name at 38 record vote roll calls. I ask you, therefore, who has shown the greater disposition to attend to the business he has had in hand for the State, he or your humble servant?

Speaking of records, I will tell you something else about his legislative record. He was elected on an issue. It was this: He promised the farmers that if they sent him to the legislature he would put

the State in the business of manufacturing fertilizers, that he would use State convicts for that purpose, claiming that the result would be to deliver the farmer from the power of the fertilizer trust, and thereby greatly reduce the cost of fertilizers. Are you surprised that the farmers voted for him and elected him? Well, what did he do? The record fails to show where he did anything. He didn't even try. I have not only tried to carry out my one campaign promise, but I feel that I can truthfully say I have done so.

WARNING.

I want it understood that what is in this article has been said in substance by me before this. I am springing nothing new at the last moment. I simply want to give all the people an opportunity to know where I stand. Just here I want to warn the people, especially my friends, against any eleventh-hour campaign lies that may spring up. I have been warned to look out, and I am simply passing the warning on to you. It will be impossible for me to go everywhere on election day and answer everything that may come. I will have to leave that matter in the hands of my friends and kins people to look after. There will be nothing of that sort coming from me. I am unalterably opposed to such methods. What I have to say, I either say from the stump or put it over my signature.

CONCLUSION.

I desire to repeat that I regard this office as belonging to the people, and I recognize their right and duty to give it to whomsoever they may think best qualified to fill it. If I am elected again, it will be by the people, just as I was elected before. And it will be to the people that I will owe allegiance, and it will be the people whom I shall serve. If I am re-elected, I shall do as I have done: know no class or faction, know neither friend nor foe, when it comes to the discharge of my public duty. In the discharge of that duty I shall bring into full play all of the capacities of both my head and my heart.

In closing I want to say that I expect to end this campaign as I commenced it—without the slightest tinge of bitterness toward any opponent and without any feeling toward any voter who may see fit to cast a ballot against me, but with a heart full of gratitude for every friend now standing by me. And I shall endeavor to prove my appreciation of their confidence by giving a full measure of public service, by so attending to the duties of the office that both friend and foe can truthfully say the office is being well and honorably filled.

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