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WALHALLA, S. C. WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1912.

COLE L. BLEASE, GOVERNOR.

By the action of the investigating committee yesterday in Columbia Governor Coleman Livingston Blease is the nominee of the Democratic party for Governor of South Carolina.

Two years ago, after standing squarely opposed to Mr. Blease in his race for Governor, we were disappointed in the result of the election, but acquiesced, we think, with good grace, expressing our belief that Mr. Blease was amply able to make a good Governor—or, as Senator Tillman recently so aptly put it, that he was "eminently qualified so far as brains go"—and expressing the hope that he would use his recognized ability wisely and for the best interests of the State.

We are again disappointed in his selection as the head of our State Government for another two years. Nevertheless we bow again to the will of the majority, reaffirming our faith in Mr. Blease's ability, and hoping that the next two years will record for him an administration of which not only The Courier, but every other opponent of the Governor throughout the State, can be justly proud.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

The fact that Mayor Gibbs of Columbia, refused to join in the expedition to Mr. Roosevelt's possible nomination during the latter's campaign for the Presidency has created some considerable comment in not a few quarters.

It would have been very much better had Mr. Gibbs, objecting as he does to Mr. Roosevelt's visit, said plainly that the Ex-President and his views, politically and socially, are so repugnant in the main to the people of the South that his proposed visit would tend toward discord rather than harmony, at this gathering, which will be somewhat national in its scope.

A visit from Mr. Roosevelt, we believe, would lend strength to the Democratic nominee rather than work toward the political advantage of the former. The past of Mr. Roosevelt is entirely too close to the present to be so soon forgotten or laid aside.

The protection that we need in the South against new parties invading our domain must be internal in its nature. The Republican Elephant will never gore the Democratic Mule to death in South Carolina, nor will the Moose rip his hide with his antlers.

A French countess was last week killed in a wild boar hunt near Paris. She probably preferred to die in a wild boar hunt in the country than to be bored to death in Paris.

We don't know if the editor of the Gaffney Ledger is as sporty as he once was, but we've got an idea that it was none other than Ed DeCamp who put the gaff in Gaffney.

"The National Gas Men" are to meet in Atlanta in December. Somehow this seems mighty dangerous. Let us hope for the best, however. It may be that mixing National Gas with Natural Gas will not make either more combustible.

Answer to Inquirer: Yes, the letters "S. O. S." are used as a danger signal (wireless) at sea. They are never flashed, however, (so far as we know) as a warning against Standard Oil Sharks.

If an "I for an I and a tooth for a tooth" held as great significance now as it did some years ago when Moses was the Big Cheese as a world factor, wouldn't Teddy by the Loud Noise in our national politics?

We are of the firm belief that we are approaching that delightful condition known as international peace. If the governments known as world-powers continue experimenting with army aviation we will have no "fighting men" left to carry on a war.

We have seen lots of reasons given recently as to why the South is Democratic, but the excuse generally handed out by the small boy covers the ground admirably—"Just cause." And really, in view of the past political experience of the South, the "nigger in the woodpile" constitutes the just cause.

SOLICITOR BONHAM INJURED.

Slipped on Wet Steps—J. P. Carey, Jr., Acting Solicitor.

(Pickens Sentinel, Sept. 26th.) Proctor A. Bonham, the popular Solicitor of the Tenth Circuit, met with a painful accident at the Hia-watha Hotel Monday night, when he fell down the steps of the hotel, bruising his back and chest and cutting a gash in his chin.

Mr. Bonham made the speech for the State in the Cantrell case Tuesday morning and suffered so intensely that he asked the court to excuse him so he could go to a Greenville hospital for treatment, as he thought he was hurt internally. He was excused and went to Greenville Tuesday afternoon.

James P. Carey, Jr., was appointed to act as solicitor for the balance of this term of court.

Fell Three Stories; Loses Teeth.

Savannah, Ga., Sept. 26.—Little Robert Kent, the nine-month-old child of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Kent, who fell out of the third-story window of his parents' home on Park avenue and Barnard streets yesterday, is getting along well today.

Bounty Land Notes.

Bounty Land, Sept. 30.—Special: Miss Sallie Davis returned Saturday from a pleasure trip to Chattanooga, Tenn., and Atlanta, Ga.

Paul Gillison is operating a grist mill at his home here, which supplies a long-felt need to the people of the community.

Joe Davis, of near Walhalla, was a recent visitor here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Davis, of Seneca, were guests at the home of John Sanders a few days ago.

Another Jones man arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Berry a few days ago—too late, however, to cast a ballot.

Mrs. J. B. Tarrant, Jr., is spending a few weeks with her mother, Mrs. A. C. Stone, at Newry.

Mrs. Rachael Auld and son Rob, of Elberton, Ga., spent a part of last week with her sister, Mrs. John B. Pickett, returning Wednesday.

Jasper Doyle and son Oscar attended the meeting of Presbytery at Walhalla Wednesday.

Claude Tarrant is attending school at Newberry.

Broadus Bagwell, of Seneca, is at home recuperating from a spell of fever.

Julius McDonald, of Newberry, is spending a few weeks with his uncle, W. J. McDonald.

Louis Rankin visited his brother, C. K. Rankin, at Jordania, the weekend.

Paul Morris, of Sandy Springs, was with homefolks recently.

REIS POISON DRINKING WATER.

A New Menace Added to the Mexican Revolution—Soldiers Excited.

Mexico City, Sept. 28.—Death by poison is a new menace added by the rebellious Indians about the City of Oaxaca, capital of the State of the same name, where residents now fear to take a drink of water, and where chemists are engaged in making tests for traces of cyanide of potassium.

A group of rebels is declared to have entered the Natividad mining camp, in the Ixtlan district, and demanded strychnine, declaring their intention of poisoning the drinking water in the regions which are not under their control.

The rebels said they would first use the cyanide to poison the springs at San Felipe, from which much of the water used in the City of Oaxaca is piped.

MATTERS OF NEWS AT SENECA.

Once-a-Week Club Resumes Its Work. Brief Bits of Chat.

Seneca, Oct. 1.—Special: The Sunday school of the Presbyterian church held Rally Day exercises on Sunday last. A varied program was rendered and the occasion was one of great profit and pleasure to the members of this flourishing Sunday school.

Wyatt Aiken was in Seneca Sunday morn'g with his friends, his visit partaking of the nature of a thanksgiving, since he has not had an opportunity, since the recent election, to see his friends here and elsewhere.

Miss Sue Thompson, of Charlotte, is spending the week with Miss May Hamilton.

The following clipping from The State in regard to foot ball at Clemson will prove of interest to the friends of J. W. Stribling, a Seneca boy: "The biggest problem that Coach Dobson has on his hands is to select a running mate for Lewis, last year's light but aggressive end. At present four men seem to have the inside track in the race—Stribling, Magill, Mellette and Schroder. The final selection will not be made for some time."

Miss May Schillely, of Charleston, is visiting her friends, Mrs. Ruskin Anderson and Miss Dora Dumas.

Mr. and Mrs. Rust are spending several days in Seneca en route from their wedding tour in the North to Birmingham. They are with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Marett, at whose home the nuptials were held several weeks ago.

Miss Louise Farmer entertained the following young people charmingly at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hunter last Friday evening: Misses Norma Gignilliat, Lucile Hamilton, Florence Reid, Marguerite Adams and Verna Stribling; Messrs. Francis Adams, Carl Moore, Rupert Nimmons, Charles Lawrence and Whit Holleman.

Miss Helen Fant spent Monday in Seneca on her way to Montgomery, Ala., Pensacola, Fla., and other points, where she will spend a vacation of two weeks.

Your correspondent is reliably informed that there will be one dozen weddings in and around Seneca before Christmas. And this is not a good year for weddings either!

Mrs. Joe Lawrence, of Toccoa, was in Seneca on Monday.

Miss Lella Doyle, of Calhoun, was a recent attractive guest in our town.

Mrs. Burris, of Richland, spent Saturday shopping in Seneca.

Joe Byrd's (Jr.) friends are glad to see him out again after a recent illness.

A peculiar death occurred here on Monday when a young child (colored) was poisoned from drinking an overdose of whiskey. It is said that another child gave the whiskey to the victim, of which he drank freely, death resulting from alcohol poison.

Mr. and Mrs. Elias Earle were in Seneca last Thursday, Mrs. Earle coming over for the opening meeting of the Once-a-Week Club.

P. S. Holloman visited Chattanooga, Tenn., last week.

Mrs. M. S. Stribling spent several days last week in Atlanta.

T. S. Stribling visited his parents, and Mrs. S. Y. Stribling, at Kosswell, Ga., last week.

Miss Carrie Hunter is visiting in Anderson.

Miss Asa Dickinson, of Charleston, is visiting Mrs. W. S. Hunter.

Mrs. J. C. Cary, of Greenville, was in Seneca for a few days last week.

Miss May Hamilton spent the past week-end with Miss Pearle Verner at Richland.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Holloway are moving into their attractive new home on First North street.

The missionary society of the Presbyterian church will send over a strong delegation to the Union at Westminster.

The opening meeting of the Once-a-Week Club was held with the president, Mrs. Luke Verner, on Thursday afternoon last. This being an open meeting a number of friends of the hostess were invited. As the year's study will be taken from France, the hostess arranged a program fitting the occasion. The music was selected from French compositions, and the contest was in the nature of a drawing of France's greatest general, Bonaparte. In the decision the judges agreed that Mesdames M. R. Kirkpatrick and O. F. Bacon and Miss Margaret Morrison tied, the draw giving the prize to Mrs. Kirkpatrick. The president had previously put into readable shape a dream, which she requested Mrs. Leslie Stribling to read, detailing somewhat the possibilities of club work in the Once-a-Week Club. An original poem, with Napoleon as the theme, was read by Miss Kittle Shigh, which was also greatly enjoyed by the members. Punch was served by Miss Verna Stribling, and later a delicious sweet course.

Sick headache is caused by a disordered stomach. Take Chamberlain's Tablets and correct that and the headaches will disappear. For sale by all dealers.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS.

All persons indebted to the Estate R. C. Strother, deceased, are hereby notified to make payment to the undersigned, and all persons having claims against said estate will present the same, duly attested, within the time prescribed by law or be barred.

MRS. F. C. STROTHER, Executrix. West Union, S. C. Oct. 2, 1912. 40-43

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT AND DISCHARGE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will make application to D. A. Smith, Judge of Probate for Oconee County, in the State of South Carolina, at his office at Walhalla Court House, on Friday, the 25th day of October, 1912, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, or as soon thereafter as said application can be heard, for leave to make final settlement of the estate of H. M. Harbin, deceased, and obtain final discharge as Administrators of said estate.

M. L. HARBIN, W. A. HARBIN, Administrators. September 25, 1912. 39-42

TAX NOTICE.

COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE, Walhalla, S. C., Oct. 1, 1912.

The books for the collection of State, County, School and Special Taxes for the fiscal year 1912 will be open from October 15, 1912, to December 31, 1912, without penalty, after which day one per cent penalty will be added on all payments made in month of January, 1913, and two per cent penalty on all payments made in the month of February, and seven per cent penalty on all payments made from the first day of March until the fifteenth day of March, 1913. After that day all taxes not paid will go into execution and be placed in the hands of the Sheriff for collection. Taxpayers owning property or paying taxes for others will please ask for a tax receipt in each township or special school district in which he or they may own property. This is very important, as there are so many special school districts. The tax levy is made up as follows:

Total tax 15 1/2 mills Special and Local School Taxes.

Table with columns: School Dist., High School, Special School, Bonds, Total Extra. Lists various school districts and their respective tax rates.

Poll Tax, \$1.00 Dog Tax, 50c. Every male citizen from 21 to 60 years is liable for Poll Tax, except Confederate soldiers, who do not pay after 50 years of age, and those excused by law.

Parties wishing information from this office (by mail) will please enclose postage. W. J. SCHRODER, Treasurer Oconee County, S. C.

Immediate Sale of Indian Lands Government Plan

DISPOSAL OF UNALLOTTED PORTION STARTS IN NOVEMBER AT CHICKASHA, OKLA.

ALL TO HIGH BIDDER.

SEGREGATED MINERAL AND TIMBER LANDS FOLLOW--2,900,000 ACRES.

(Advt.)

Muskogee, Okla., Sept. 14.—Special: The unallotted Indian lands in the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations comprising approximately 900,000 acres will be placed on the market within the next sixty days and sold at public auction to the highest bidder. Immediately following the sale of the unallotted lands, the surface of the segregated coal lands, 445,000 acres, will be placed on the market, then comes the sale of the timber lands in small tracts about 1,500,000 acres, and before the next fiscal year ends, on June 30, 1913, it is expected that the United States government will have disposed of practically all the unallotted land in the Five Civilized tribes.

The first big sale or series of sales scheduled to take place is that of the unallotted Chickasaw and Choctaw lands, which starts at Chickasha, in Grady county, on November 12, and closes at Idabel, in McCurtain county, on December 23. The greatest acreage is in Pittsburg county, 118,398, and the smallest in McClain county, 9,809 acres. The unallotted lands in the different counties is divided into various sized tracts, ranging from ten to 640 acres to the tract, and it comprises every kind of land, including farming, grazing, coal, timber, asphalt and mineral.

The land is to be sold outright and a title in fee simple given by the government. Residence is not required, and immediate possession is given after the initial payment is made. On some of the land there are good deposits of coal and asphalt, and in the western part of the Chickasaw nation gold, silver and vast deposits of gypsum have been located. Up to the present time, however, the geologists who have examined into the land say that the gold and silver cannot be mined in paying quantities. This is not true, however, of the coal and asphalt deposits in the Choctaw nation.

Wright to Supervise Sale.

The sale of the land is under the immediate control of J. Geo. Wright, Commissioner of the Five Civilized Tribes, and he will be present at each sale in person if it is found convenient. The government has prepared booklets giving by counties an exact description of the land, acreage and appraised value, and these booklets are now ready for free distribution. Blue prints of the different counties can also be obtained at the Muskogee office. The sales will take place on the days designated, and those who bid in the land will be required to put up a deposit of 10 per cent on the spot if they are the successful bidders. Bids will also be received by mail if they are accompanied by check, but they must be up to the appraiser. The time and place of the different sales follow:

Table with columns: County, Sale Date, Acreage. Lists various counties and their respective sale dates and acreages.

Choctaw—Hugo ... Dec. 20 32,441 McCurtain—Idabel ... Dec. 23 45,496

Sale of "Lost Sections."

On November 11 sixteen sections of timber land will be offered for sale at Hugo. There are more than ten thousand acres of valuable timber land to be sold at this time, and it is considered the most valuable land of its kind ever offered in Oklahoma. Numerous attempts have been made to buy this land at private sale, but the government declined to consider any proposition and the land is offered as the result of a special act of Congress passed during the closing days of the recent session. It is claimed that this land was purposely passed by the first appraisers of the timber lands. They are known as the "Lost Sections."

Commissioner Wright stated Wednesday that while the coal land appraisers had until December 1, 1912, to complete their work, the probabilities were that the appraisers would make a partial report to the Department of the Interior, and that some of the land will be offered for sale at once. It is expected to advertise this land for about forty days, and it is expected that the first sale will take place early in December if the work of the appraisers is approved in Washington. While only the surface of the segregated coal land is to be sold, the government retaining the mineral rights for the Indians, it is conceded that the parties getting the title to the surface will have the advantage in the event that the government places the mineral rights on the market.

Big Timber Sale.

It is also the intention of the government to again offer for sale the timber lands of the Choctaw nation. These lands were offered about six months ago, but the regulations were in such a shape that small bidders were completely shut out, and when the time came for the opening of the bids the lumber trust, or its representatives were the only bidders. News of the combination was flashed to Washington, and the government refused to confirm the sale, and all bids were rejected. The regulations were changed, and in the new sale it will be possible for the small lumber and mill men to submit bids and buy in the land.

By the way of preliminary for the big sale, which starts in November, the government will sell several hundred small parcels of land in the Five Civilized Tribes on which restrictions have been removed. These are known as "remnant" sales, and is made up mostly of fractions. The Indian has no use for the land, and he makes a formal request of the Interior Department to sell it and when the request is granted the land is sold by the district or field agent and the money deposited to the credit of the Indian. There are about twenty-five thousand acres of land to be sold, only forty of which are in Muskogee county. The sale starts October 14.

With several million acres of Indian land soon to be placed on the market on this side of the State, and the school lands being disposed of on the western side of the State it looks very much as if this is to be a prosperous year for Oklahoma, and that the population of the State is to increase considerably by January 1st next. Some of the big financial interests of the East have their eyes centered on Oklahoma, for the opening of the Panama Canal means that the coal and timber lands of Southeastern Oklahoma will prove very valuable by 1914. It also means millions of dollars worth of land made taxable by the State.

Advertisement for BYRD & CROMER, Seneca, S. C., featuring shoes. Text includes 'OCTOBER, 1912', 'GO TO BYRD & CROMER, Seneca, S. C. FOR SHOES.', and 'THEY APPRECIATE YOUR TRADE.'

Advertisement for Ford THE UNIVERSAL CAR. Features the Ford logo and text: 'ANNOUNCEMENT The most remarkable price change of the automobile epoch will come into operation October 1st, 1912. It has been made possible by the gigantic increase in Ford production. And it brings the matchless Ford well within reach of the average income. Runabout - - - \$525 Touring Car - - - \$600'.