

OCONEE BEFORE PARDON BOARD

Solicitor Bonham Will Not Oppose Freedom of Gaines.

The Anderson Intelligencer Tuesday of last week contained the following information relative to the work of the State Pardon Board:

"The Charles M. Gaines case of Oconee has excited much interest in Anderson county. At the November term of court, 1910, Gaines was tried with Angel and Cantrell for the killing of Robert Emerson. Judge Gary recommends a pardon.

"Solicitor Proctor A. Bonham writes of the case: 'This was a case dependent upon the testimony of one negro man, supported by circumstantial evidence. I thought the evidence sufficient, as did the jury. If, however, the judge who tried the case, the jury and a large number of the fellow-citizens of Gaines feel that he has had sufficient punishment, I will not oppose his pardon.'

"Ten of the jury recommended the pardon or parole. Among those active in the presentation of the Gaines case to the board and the Governor was Major Wm. J. Stribling.

"Dock Moore, of Oconee, sentenced to five years for seduction in March, 1912, was refused a pardon by the board."

Pardon was recommended for John Jones, who killed Abe Pearlstein at Branchville. It is stated that the Governor will not grant the pardon. J. W. Ray and T. B. Ray, of Anderson, convicted of forgery and sentenced to two years, received a recommendation at the hands of the Pardon Board of reduction of sentence to fine of \$100.

Joe Hilliard, of Anderson, assault and battery, with intent to kill, (sentence of five years). Petition for pardon refused.

Action was refused in the case of Tom Jackson, of Pickens, convicted of violation of dispensary law.

The board recommends pardon in the case of J. M. Center, of Greenville, convicted of assault and battery with intent to kill, and sentenced to imprisonment for one year or fine of \$300.

Pardon refused for Coleman Caudle, of Pickens, convicted of house-breaking and larceny in February and sentenced to nine months' imprisonment.

Henry Knight, of Beaufort, convicted in 1895 of burglary and sentenced to life imprisonment. All members of the jury that convicted Knight are dead except the foreman, who recommended pardon.

Albert Wallace, of Aiken, convicted of rape in 1907, and sentenced to serve twelve years' imprisonment, has been recommended for parole.

The Pardon Board had about thirty applications for pardon and parole, the petitions being refused in nearly all save the cases recited above.

Young's Parole Extended. Columbia, Oct. 10.—Governor Bleese stated today that he had extended the parole of J. Stobo Young until November 15. Young was convicted along with John Y. Garlington in connection with the old Seminole Securities Company and sentenced to one year in the penitentiary and was subsequently paroled by Governor Bleese until October 1 and this parole was extended until November 15th.

JURY SECURED TO TRY BECKER. Police Officer Accused of Murder, Calmly Listens to Arraignment.

New York, Oct. 10.—The jury which will try Police Lieutenant Charles Becker, charged with the murder of Herman Rosenthal, was completed this afternoon.

District Attorney Whitman began his address to the jury. He attributed the murder of Rosenthal directly to Becker, acting through Jack Rose first and then through Jack Zelig, the latter, while in prison, engaging the actual murderers. Becker calmly listened to his indictments. Justice Goff overruled a defense motion that the jury be instructed to acquit at once on the ground that the four gunmen actually charged with the murder had not been tried.

Want Strict Marriage Rules. Chicago, Oct. 11.—The interest of the State is paramount to that of the individual in the marriage relation, according to recommendations covering the subject adopted yesterday by the Rock River Methodist Episcopal Conference. Physical examination of candidates for marriage, Federal control of marriage and divorce and making wife abandonment a felony were some of the recommendations presented by the committee on marriage.

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BECAME THIEF TO ESCAPE MEN.

Young Mrs. Wilbur Says Low Wages Forced Her to Steal.

Chicago, Oct. 10.—Mrs. Maude Wilbur, brought here from Columbus, Ohio, by State's attorneys and detectives, told of robbing some of the biggest stores in New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Cleveland, Detroit and Chicago, according to State's Attorney Wayman. Although only 21 years old, the woman is said to have compressed into two years more daring exploits than occur to the average woman criminal in a life-time. She says she is a graduate of a Syracuse (N. Y.) high school, and received further education training in an Ottawa, Ontario, convent.

Mrs. Wilbur was arrested as she stepped from the doors of the Ohio penitentiary, where she had completed a ten months' sentence for stealing from a Cleveland store. She will be tried here on a charge of robbing a department store.

"They say the wages of sin is death," she said today, "but I have found that the wages of sin is hell. As a girl I had everything I wanted. I wanted to marry a young man whom I met on a train coming to my home in Syracuse on Ottawa for Christmas one year, and did so against the wishes of my parents. Within a short time I was cast arid and forced to earn my own living.

"I got work in a department store and discovered that either I had to steal to get presentable clothes, or accept the proffered friendship of men inside and outside the store. The wages I was able to earn amounted to a grim joke. As against the men I chose to become a thief, and while I am 'down and out,' as they say on the street, I prefer jail to some other things. I believe that I have a chance for better things when prison days are over.

"I have spirit and some honor, the best kind, left. No prison can take those from me. Of course the criminal life doesn't pay, and I think I have learned that lesson. With the valuable lessons of life learned in the last two years, I am planning to start anew when I have served whatever sentence is imposed on me in Chicago."

TWO ANNAPOLIS SCHOLARSHIPS Examination Will Be Held at Greenwood in January.

Two scholarships from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., will be awarded in January. This is a change from a former custom of awarding them in May.

Time for young men who can qualify for these positions. The requirements, however, are strict as to the physical examination. Congressman Wyatt Aiken sends out the following notice in reference to the matter:

An examination will be held at Greenwood, Tuesday, January 7th, 1913, for the purpose of selecting two principals and six alternates as candidates for appointment to two vacancies in the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. Applicants must be free from bodily defects; must be not less than 5 feet and 2 inches tall, between the ages of 16 and 18 years, and not less than 4 feet and 4 inches tall between the ages of 18 and 20 years. The minimum age limit is 16, the maximum 20 years. Candidates will be examined mentally in punctuation, spelling, English grammar, United States history, World's history, arithmetic, algebra through quadratic equations and plane geometry.

DIVIDE REV. WOLFE'S ESTATE. Spartanburg Minister Disappeared from Home Thirteen Years Ago.

Spartanburg, Oct. 11.—Suit has been brought in the courts of this county to have Rev. W. P. Wolfe, a minister, who disappeared from Spartanburg thirteen years ago, adjudged dead in the eyes of the law, that his estate may be divided among his children, whom he left, and who have not heard of their father since the day of his departure from home, saying he was going to Asheville.

When he left he owned three lots and two buildings at the corner of Wofford and Wolfe streets, the latter named in honor of the departed minister. From the day Mr. Wolfe left Spartanburg until now no word has come to his family, either directly or indirectly from the man. He has been completely swallowed up by the earth. The five children heirs want to divide the property and settle the estate.

Card of Thanks. Editors Keowee Courier: Please allow us space through the columns of your paper to thank the good people of Tamassee and surrounding community for their many words and deeds of kindness during the last illness and death of our beloved husband and father. May God's richest blessings rest upon them all.

Mrs. Sarah Reid and Children.

Many a married man feels the jaws of death are preferable to the jaws of life.

State and Federal Elections : Tuesday, November 5, 1912.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

State of South Carolina, County of Oconee.

Notice is hereby given that the General Election for State and County Officers will be held at the voting precincts prescribed by law in said County, on Tuesday, November 5, 1912, said day being Tuesday following the first Monday in November, as prescribed by the State Constitution.

The qualification for suffrage: Managers of election shall require of every elector offering to vote at any election, before allowing him to vote, the production of his registration certificate and proof of the payment of all taxes, including poll tax, assessed against him and collected during the previous year. The production of a certificate or of the receipt of the officer authorized to collect such taxes shall be conclusive proof of the payment thereof.

There shall be separate and distinct ballots at this election for the following officers, to wit: (1) Governor and Lieutenant Governor; (2) Other State Officers; (3) Clerks of the House of Representatives; (4) County Officers. On white ballots shall be the name or names of the persons or persons voted for as such officers, respectively, and the office for which they are voted.

There shall be separate boxes in which said ballots are to be deposited, and each ballot box shall be labeled in plain Roman letters with the name of the officer voted for.

Whenever a vote is to be taken upon any special question or proposition, a ballot shall be provided, properly labeled for that purpose, and the ballots therefor on such questions or propositions shall be deposited therein.

Before the hour fixed for opening the polls Managers and Clerks must take and subscribe the Constitutional oath. The Chairman of the Board of Managers can administer the oath to the other members and to the Clerk; a Notary Public must administer the oath to the Chairman. The Managers elect their Chairman and Clerk.

Polls at each voting place must be opened at 7 o'clock a. m. and closed at 4 o'clock p. m., except in the city of Charleston, where they shall be opened at 7 a. m. and closed at 6 p. m.

The Managers have the power to fill a vacancy, and if none of the Managers attend, the citizens can appoint from among the qualified voters, the Managers, who, after being sworn, can conduct the election.

At the close of the election, the Managers and Clerk must proceed publicly to open the ballot boxes and count the ballots therein, and continue without adjournment until the same is completed, and make a statement of the result of each office and sign the same. Within three days thereafter, the Chairman of the Board of Managers must deliver to the County Clerk, in plain Roman numerals, the poll list and boxes containing the ballots and written statements of the results of the election.

At the said election separate boxes will be provided at which qualified electors will vote upon the adoption or rejection of an amendment to the State Constitution, as provided in the following Joint Resolutions:

NO. 582. A Joint Resolution to Amend Section 7, Article VIII of the Constitution, Relating to Municipal Bonded Indebtedness, by Adding a Proviso Thereto as to the Town of Bishopville.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, That the following amendment to Section 7, Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, be agreed to: Add at the end thereof the following words: 'Provided, further, That no limitations imposed by this section and by Section 5 of Article X of the Constitution, shall not apply to the bonded indebtedness incurred by the town of Bishopville, in the county of Lee, when the proceeds of said bonds are applied exclusively to aid in the building and purchase of right-of-way of the South Carolina Water Railway, or other railroad or roads, under such restrictions and limitations as the General Assembly may prescribe, and where the question of incurring such indebtedness is submitted to the qualified electors of said municipality, as provided in the Constitution, upon the question of bonded indebtedness.'

Section 2. That the question of adopting this amendment shall be submitted at the next general election to the Representatives to the electors of the following: Those in favor of the amendment will deposit a ballot with the following words plainly written or printed thereon: 'Constitutional amendment to Section 7, Article VIII of the Constitution, relating to municipal bonded indebtedness, by adding a proviso thereto as to the town of Bishopville.—Yes.'

Those opposed to said amendment shall cast a ballot with the following words plainly written or printed thereon: 'Constitutional amendment to Section 7, Article VIII of the Constitution, relating to municipal bonded indebtedness, by adding a proviso thereto as to the town of Bishopville.—No.'

Section 3. The Managers of Election shall canvass said vote and certify the result as now provided by law, and shall provide a separate box for said ballots.

NO. 578. At said election the qualified electors shall also vote upon the question of issuing bonds not exceeding one million (\$1,000,000) dollars to carry out plans to relieve the congested condition of the State Hospital for the insane, as provided by Joint Resolution No. 578, Acts and Joint Resolutions of 1912.

Managers of Election. The following Managers of Election have been appointed to hold the election at the various precincts in said County: Cherry Hill—Henry Alexander, W. Orr, J. M. Ridley, Clemson College—H. C. Goodman, W. Miller, S. W. Cox, Danascus—M. H. Lee, T. J. Carver, J. A. Shed, Double Springs—Thomas Ramey, L. Phillips, I. W. Henry, Earle's—J. P. Ables, J. H. Gram, J. N. Grant, Fair Play—T. J. Dooley, W. R. Davis, E. B. Keese, Friendship—W. M. Campbell, M. Conwell, L. C. McCarley, High Falls—J. M. V. Clark, Edward Gantt, J. T. Patterson, High Falls No. 2—K. Henry Alexander, C. E. Patterson, W. L. Owens, Holly Springs—E. J. Blackwell, M. Smith, W. T. Burton, Jocassee—J. M. Patterson, T. E. Darham, James Burgess, Little River—F. G. Moody, J. I. Alexander, J. N. Holden, Long Creek—George Matheson, J. S. Watkins, J. B. Phillips, Jr., Madison—J. A. Cook, W. C. Duke, J. D. Hull, Newry—D. O. Chandler, R. C. Crenshaw, Paul Callas, Oakway—J. A. F. Hutchins, C. C. Myers, J. R. Snipes.

Constitution, to be known as Section 14a of said Article X, be agreed to by two-thirds of the members elected to each House, and entered on the Journals respectively, with yeas and nays taken thereon, and be submitted to the qualified electors of the State at the next general election thereafter for their Representatives, to Add the following section to Article X of the Constitution, to be and known as Section 14a: The General Assembly may authorize the corporate authorities of the cities of Charleston and Beaufort to levy an assessment upon abutting property for the purpose of paying for permanent improvements on streets and sidewalks immediately abutting such property; provided, That said improvements be ordered only upon the written consent of two-thirds of the owners of the property abutting upon the street, sidewalk, or part of either, proposed to be improved, and upon condition that said corporate authorities shall pay at least one-half of the costs of such improvements.

Section 2. That those electors, at the said election, voting in favor of said amendment shall deposit a ballot with the following words plainly written or printed thereon: 'Amendment to Article X of the State Constitution, by adding Section 14a, empowering the cities of Charleston and Beaufort to assess abutting property for permanent improvements.—Yes.'

And those voting against the said amendment shall deposit a ballot with the following words written or printed thereon: 'Amendment to Article X of the State Constitution, by adding Section 14a, empowering the cities of Charleston and Beaufort to assess abutting property for permanent improvements.—No.'

NO. 584. A Joint Resolution Proposing an Amendment to Article X of the Constitution, by Adding Thereto Section 15, to Empower the Towns of Gaffney and Woodruff and Cities of Chester and Georgetown to Assess Abutting Property for Permanent Improvement.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, That the following amendment to the Constitution, Article X, to be known as Section 15 of said Article, be agreed to by two-thirds of the members elected to each House, and entered on the Journals respectively, with yeas and nays taken thereon, and be submitted to the qualified electors of the State at the next general election thereafter for their Representatives, to wit: Add the following section to Article X of the Constitution, to be and known as Section 15:

Section 15. The General Assembly may authorize the corporate authorities of the towns of Gaffney and Woodruff and the cities of Chester and Georgetown to levy an assessment upon abutting property for the purpose of paying for permanent improvements on streets and sidewalks immediately abutting such property; provided, That said improvements be ordered only upon the written consent of a majority of the owners of the property abutting upon the streets or sidewalks, or part of either proposed to be improved, and upon the condition that the corporate authorities shall pay at least one-half of the costs of such improvements.

Section 2. That the electors voting at the general election in favor of the proposed amendment shall deposit a ballot with the following words plainly written or printed thereon: 'Amendment to Article X of the Constitution, by adding Section 15, empowering the towns of Gaffney and Woodruff and the cities of Chester and Georgetown to assess abutting property for permanent improvements.—Yes.'

And those voting against the said amendment shall deposit a ballot with the following words written or printed thereon: 'Amendment to Article X of the State Constitution, by adding Section 15a, empowering the towns of Gaffney and Woodruff and the cities of Chester and Georgetown to assess abutting property for permanent improvements.—No.'

Section 3. The Managers of Election shall canvass said vote and certify the result as now provided by law, and shall provide a separate box for said ballots.

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Picket Post—J. P. Allison, Rev. J. B. Tramel, W. N. Todd, Providence—Carl C. Harris, J. B. Ligon, W. D. Whitfield, Richard—Charlie Addis, Wade H. Armstrong, J. H. Denny, Salem—P. L. Green, Paul Littleton, B. P. Sloan, Seneca—M. B. Gaines, J. A. Pace, Matthew Davis, South Union—J. H. Brown, T. D. Maret, J. H. Allen, Taber—T. M. Adams, A. B. Hembree, E. O. Singleton, Tamassee—T. M. Kelley, J. H. Crenshaw, J. A. Rutledge, Tokeena—W. P. Mason, R. A. Reeves, C. A. Whitfield, Tugaloo Academy—J. T. Patton, W. Y. Smith, J. R. Hare, Walhalla—J. S. Abbott, Warren Smith, J. S. Rutledge, Westminster—J. C. Barton, Jr., F. E. Mitchell, S. F. Reeder, West Union—S. H. Snead, L. B. Shockley, A. T. Smith.

The Managers at each precinct named above are requested to delegate one of their number to secure boxes and blanks for the election on Saturday, November 2d, at Walhalla, S. C.

L. D. BEARDEN, Chairman, M. C. LONG, C. R. D. BURNS, Commissioners of State and County Elections for Oconee County, S. C. ARTHUR C. PHILLIPS, Secretary, October 9th, 1912.

NOTICE OF ELECTION. State of South Carolina, County of Oconee.

Notice is hereby given that the General Election for Presidential and Vice-Presidential Electors and Representative in Congress will be held at the voting precincts fixed by law in the County of Oconee on Tuesday, November 5, 1912, said day being Tuesday following the first Monday, as prescribed by the State Constitution.

The qualifications for suffrage are as follows: Residence in State for two years, in the county one year, in the polling precinct in which the elector offers to vote, four months, and the payment six months before any election of any poll tax then due and payable. Provided, That ministers in charge of an organized church and teachers of public schools shall be entitled to vote after six months' residence in the State, otherwise qualified.

Registration.—Payment of all taxes, including poll tax, assessed and collectible during the previous year. The production of a certificate or the receipt of the officer authorized to collect such taxes shall be conclusive proof of the payment thereof.

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Tugaloo Academy—J. P. Powell, H. B. Jones, J. M. Taylor, Walhalla—Joe C. Garrison, John P. Beatty, Joe W. Ivester, Westminster—J. R. Orr, S. A. Dillard, Ottaway S. Maret, West Union—Tobe Maxey, Robert Thomas, Clarence Duncan.

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R. H. BOYD, Chairman, G. B. WATSON, W. M. COBB, Commissioners of Federal Election for Oconee County, S. C. W. M. FENNELL, Secretary, October 9th, 1912.

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:

State tax 5 1/2 mills
Ordinary County 6 1/2 mills
Interest on bonds 3/4 mill
School tax 3 mills

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

School Dist. High School, Mills. Special School, Mills. Bonds, Mills. Total Extra Mills.

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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.

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 8th day of November, 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 C. W. N. Norman, deceased, and obtain final discharge as Administrator of said estate.

V. L. NORMAN, Administrator. October 9, 1912. 41-44

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS. All persons indebted to the Estate of H. M. HARBIN, 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.

M. L. HARBIN, (Westminster, S. C.) W. A. HARBIN, (Hodges, S. C.) Executors Estate H. M. Harbin. September 25, 1912. 39-42

If a man deserves praise, be sure that you give it to him, else you not only run a chance of driving him from the right road by want of encouragement, but you deprive yourselves of the happiest privilege you will ever have of rewarding his labor.—Ruskin.