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WALHALLA, S. C.:  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 1914.

WELCOME TO THE BAPTISTS.

The Courier joins with the citizens of Walhalla in extending to the Beaverton Baptist Association a most cordial welcome to our town.

This association is, we believe, the largest religious organization of the county, and its annual sessions wherever held are the source of great good. The body is composed of 150 delegates and officers and the attendance ranges between 75 and 125. We hope that every officer of this body and every delegate chosen to represent the churches of Oconee (and those in Anderson county, too,) will be present at the Walhalla meeting. All who attend will be most cordially received by our citizens.

The 1914 session will be held in the First Baptist church of Walhalla, the meeting to be opened next Tuesday. The body as a rule requires from two to three days to complete the business before it. It has been almost 25 years since the body honored Walhalla with its session.

MEETING NEXT FRIDAY.

We call the attention of the voters of Oconee to the fact that during this week there will be three campaign meetings in the county, as follows: Congressional campaign at Walhalla Friday, July 31st.

County campaign at Seneca on Saturday, August 1st. This is the opening meeting for the county candidates, and at night on the same date the county candidates will be heard at Newry.

There will be an "intermission" of one week for the county candidates, the next meeting being scheduled for Saturday, August 8, at Double Springs.

Citizens should bear these dates in mind and if possible attend the meetings, giving each candidate and speaker careful attention and respectful hearing.

WAITS AND HUNDERS OF WAR.

London to World Correspondence. Service—Austria Preparations.

London, July 28.—Austria-Hungary to-day declared war on Serbia. The announcement came almost immediately after Germany and Austria had notified Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign minister, of their refusal to join in a mediation conference.

It is assumed here the efforts of the European nations now will be directed toward localizing the area of hostilities.

The actual cause of Austria-Hungary's declaration was the reply sent by Serbia to the former's note demanding that the latter take steps to put a stop to the Pan-Serbian propaganda on Austrian territory, and also punish those Serbians indirectly concerned in the recent assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne.

In a semi-official communication made public yesterday the Austro-Hungarian government said Serbia's reply was "filled with the spirit of dishonesty."

Germany Balked Peace Plans.

Italy and France had consented to join their efforts to those of Great Britain in a mediation conference. Germany's refusal was in support of her ally, in the contention that it would be undignified for a great power like Austria to appear before a tribunal of the European powers on the same status as the little Balkan nation.

Austria-Hungary meantime had proceeded rapidly with the mobilization of her great army. The entire railroad system was utilized for the movement of troop trains, the telegraph system was virtually monopolized for government business and a strict censorship was imposed.

Serbia had also mobilized her forces and had withdrawn the garrison of Belgrade, the capital, to the interior, as the chief city of Serbia occupied a position too vulnerable to be held.

All Europe Prepares for War.

Every war office and admiralty in Europe is occupied in preparations for eventualities, even the smaller countries, such as Holland, Belgium and Switzerland, taking precautionary measures.

The attitude of Russia was watched carefully to-day. The firm belief was expressed that Russia would enter the fray in support of Serbia as soon as fighting started in earnest.

Prices collapsed on all the European stock exchanges to-day. England's battle squadrons have been mobilized in readiness for eventualities and the publication of official news as to the movements of British warships has ceased.

News Affects Markets.

New York, July 28.—Austria's formal declaration of war against Serbia was followed by a violent decline in quoted values on the local stock exchange to-day, preceded by convulsive disturbances at leading financial centers abroad. Prices here

dropped from 5 to 15 points in many of the high grade commercial issues. Selling for foreign account was incalculable. Of the more than a million shares that changed hands here, it was estimated that fully \$200,000 represented foreign offerings.

War was not declared until after the bourses of Europe had closed, but in London, Berlin and Paris pacific conditions and severe declines in securities anticipated the announcement. At all three capitals bonds of European governments, which have been dropping steadily, registered further losses.

In Vienna the bourse had been closed since Saturday, but there was a heavy run on the Austrian Savings Bank, the most important in the dual monarchy.

In Paris the commercial exchange suspended all dealings in grains, sugar and other commodities and exchange on London and private discount for the first time in years were not quoted.

LOOKED LIVELY AT LEXINGTON.

Pollock and Blease Had Difficulty in Making Speeches.

Lexington, July 24.—The voters of Lexington county to-day heard the candidates for Senatorial honors. After the invocation by Rev. L. A. Thomas, Geo. B. Timmerman, county chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:30 o'clock.

Before the meeting to-day the farmers of Lexington gave Senator Smith a demonstration. The Senator was seated on a bale of cotton in a wagon and a procession of a number of wagons filled with farmers paraded around the town.

W. P. Pollock was the first speaker, and he was heckled by a portion of the audience, but he met each attack with quick repartee.

In referring to the attempted assassination of Dr. McIntosh a member of the audience cried that Dr. McIntosh shot himself. "You dirty coward you, you know you lie when you charge Dr. McIntosh with shooting himself," Mr. Pollock retorted.

He charged that the incendiary remarks of the Governor and the Chief Executive's followers belief that Blease will pardon them were the causes of the attempted assassination of the Columbia physician.

Smith Predicts Victory.

Senator E. D. Smith, the second speaker commenced by launching into his regular cotton speech, which was well received.

"Hurrah for Coley!" said a voice. "He will go back to Newberry after August 25 and Smith will be sent back to the United States Senate," replied Senator Smith.

After explaining his record in the Senate, particularly the amendment to the banking and currency bill, Senator Smith concluded amid an ovation. Senator Smith was presented with several bouquets and a stalk of corn decorated with a miniature "Stars and Stripes."

A Blease Demonstration.

When the Blease wagon for Governor Blease was in a wagon loaded with a party of beautiful girls. The vehicle was decorated in red bunting, Confederate flags, cotton and corn stalks. Following the wagon were about 500 of the Chief Executive's followers.

When Governor Blease commenced his speech there was an attempt made to howl him down. The Chief Executive paid his respects to the hecklers in characteristic language. He told his disturbers that he intended to make his speech even if it took a day. He called the hecklers "hounds," etc.

Governor Blease announced that he had an organization of which Senator Sharpe is the chairman. Around Senator Sharpe, he said, is a man from each county of South Carolina composing a central committee. Also in each county there is a committee composed of from one to two men out of each club in the county.

"You newspaper men take that down," said Governor Blease as he advanced to the press table, thumping it with his fist. "We know what we are doing and we are going to beat the devil out of you."

When the Governor concluded his speech he was presented with several bunches of flowers and he was given an ovation. When he drove off in his wagon the vehicle was followed by over 50 of his admirers.

Jennings is Bitter.

L. D. Jennings, the last speaker, with a militant air and verbiage stripped of generalities, almost immediately began one of the most savage attacks yet delivered during the campaign.

He said that the record of Governor Blease is the "filthiest that South Carolina has had since the time of Chamberlain and Moses," saying that "Moses had never debauched the Governor's office as Blease has done in the past three and one-half years."

Estimating the "Complexion."

The crowd to-day numbered approximately 1,500 people, and the speakers, with the exception of W. P. Pollock and Governor Blease, were given respectful attention. It looked for a time like the Chief Executive would not be allowed to make his speech.

The anti-Blease men said that the vast majority of the crowd was for Senator Smith; that the Blease men were imported.

Geo. B. Timmerman, county chairman, said that 65 per cent of the audience was for Blease.

Cansler, or Tirzah, in Hospital.

Columbia, July 24.—The many friends throughout of the State of James Cansler, of Tirzah, will be sorry to learn that he has not improved since he was forced to leave the campaign after the second meeting at Manning a month ago. It is reported from the hospital that he will probably undergo a second operation to-day. Mr. Cansler is a candidate for Railroad Commissioner, and has thousands of friends, having stumped the State several times.

Little David Conger Dead.

(Toccoa Record.)

The funeral of little David, the 19-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Conger, was held yesterday at noon, death having resulted Tuesday afternoon from a severe illness of ten days. David was an unusually bright little fellow, and his death brought sadness to the hearts of the host of friends of the bereaved parents. Rev. C. I. Stacy, pastor of the Presbyterian church, conducted the services. The little form was laid to rest in the family burial plot in the City Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Conger have numerous friends in Oconee who will learn of their bereavement with deep sorrow. We join with others in extending sympathy in their bereavement.

Two Men Die in Camp.

Savannah, Ga., July 25.—A special to the Savannah Press from Augusta gives an account of two deaths of soldiers in Camp Wheeler. Private Ben R. Williams, of Savannah, a member of the Oglethorpe Light Infantry, died at midnight following an illness of three days. He had not been well during the entire encampment. Private Owen Baxter, Company A, First Regiment, of Augusta, died in the field hospital at Camp Wheeler this morning.

\$5,000 Reward is Offered.

Columbia, July 24.—A reward of \$5,000 for the arrest and conviction of the man who shot and wounded Dr. James H. McIntosh, well known physician, was offered by J. W. Norwood, a Greenville banker. Citizens of Columbia launched a campaign to raise \$1,000 for the arrest of the assailant, who is supposed to have escaped in an automobile. Mr. Norwood is a kinsman and life-long friend of Dr. McIntosh.

Clubs in Columbia Closed.

Columbia, July 24.—Acting under orders issued by Governor Blease in his speech at the Columbia Theatre yesterday morning, Chief State Constable Eugene L. Kibler yesterday afternoon closed the buffets at the Ridgewood, Columbia and Metropolitan clubs. Chief Kibler stated to a reporter that the orders he left with the management of the clubs were that the buffets were to remain closed until further orders. He said he had served notice that if the buffets were opened without further instructions he would seize the stocks and furniture.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR JUDGE OF PROBATE:

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Judge of Probate for Oconee County, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary. V. F. MARTIN.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the House of Representatives from Oconee County, subject to action of the voters in Democratic primaries. W. P. MASON.

The friends of JOS. W. SHELOR hereby announce him a candidate for the House of Representatives from Oconee County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary elections.

At the solicitation of friends, I hereby announce myself a candidate for the House of Representatives from Oconee County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the ensuing primary elections. J. H. BARNETT.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the House of Representatives from Oconee County, subject to the action of the voters in the Democratic primary elections. JAS. H. BROWN.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the House of Representatives from Oconee county, subject to action of voters in Democratic primary election. FRANK H. SHIRLEY.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the House of Representatives, subject to the will of the Democratic party in the primary election for the nomination of said office. M. R. McDONALD.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for election to the House of Representatives of South Carolina from Oconee County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary election. HARRY R. HUGHES.

FOR CONGRESS.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Congress from the Third Congressional District, subject to the rules of the Democratic party. JOHN A. HORTON.

FOR AUDITOR:

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Auditor of Oconee County, subject to action of the Democratic voters in the primary elections. HUGH P. HOLLEMAN.

I respectfully announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Auditor of Oconee County, subject to action of the Democratic voters at the primary elections. DRESDEN A. SMITH.

FOR TREASURER:

With appreciation for past support, I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of County Treasurer, subject to the action of the Democratic voters in the ensuing primaries. R. H. ALEXANDER.

On the same platform advanced by me in 1912—thorough competency for the duties of the place—I hereby announce myself a candidate for the position of Treasurer of Oconee County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary elections. JOHN H. BROWN.

IF YOU RIDE, RIDE RIGHT. We have received a carload of Buggies, genuine Leather Quarter Top, genuine Leather Upholstering throughout, in both Steel and Rubber Tires. We are going to sell them at a price at which everybody can buy a buggy. While this carload lasts I am going to sell Steel Tired Buggies for \$55, and Kelley Springfield Rubber Tired for \$70. These Buggies will give you satisfaction and will save you from \$10 to \$25 on your Buggy. Our Harness is the best. We invite you to call and look over the line before you buy. We will save you money on Buggies, Harness, Wagons, Whips and Lap Robes. Farming Implements of All Kinds. MAIN ST. W. M. BROWN, WALHALLA

Please Take Notice.

August being "campaign month" all persons having business with the Probate Court during that month are requested not to come to Walhalla especially to see the Judge of Probate, without first making an appointment with him. V. F. MARTIN, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE OF SALE.

On Wednesday, August 5th, at 11 o'clock a. m., we will sell to the highest bidder, Red Hill School Building at Red Hill School House. Terms—Cash on day of sale. M. G. HOLLAND, J. W. COX, T. B. EADES, Trustees Red Hill School District, July 29, 1914. 31-

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION.

Pursuant to an order of the County Board of Education of Oconee County, South Carolina, notice is hereby given that a Special Election will be held at the school house in Picket Post School District, No. 47, on Saturday, August 8, 1914, for the purpose of voting upon the question of levying an additional extra two-mill tax for school purposes in said Picket Post School District, No. 47. At said election each elector favoring the proposed levy shall cast a ballot containing the word "Yes" printed or written thereon, and each elector opposed to said levy shall cast a ballot containing the word "No" printed or written thereon. At the said election only such electors as return real or personal property for taxation, and who exhibit their tax receipts and registration certificates as required in general elections, shall be allowed to vote. Polls will be opened at 7 o'clock a. m. and will close at 4 o'clock p. m. PAUL C. ALEXANDER, J. N. TODD, S. H. SNEAD, Trustees of Picket Post School District No. 47, Managers of Election. July 29, 1914. 30-31

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Pursuant to an order of the County Board of Education of Oconee County, South Carolina, notice is hereby given that a Special Election will be held at the school house in West Union School District, No. 27, on Tuesday, August 11th, 1914, for the purpose of voting upon the question of levying an additional two mills tax upon all the real and personal property of West Union School District, No. 27, for school purposes. At said election each elector favoring the proposed levy shall cast a ballot containing the word "Yes" printed or written thereon, and each elector opposed to said levy shall cast a

FOR SALE!

218 acres, 2 miles from Salem, S. C.; 40 acres in cultivation, 1.8 acres in timber, 50 acres good land to be cleared; one 4-room house; good barn and out-houses; old house on place; some branch bottom. PRICE \$6.00 PER ACRE. We have land in all parts of Oconee and Pickens Counties for sale.

JOHN W. WICKLIFFE, W. I. HUTCHISON, J. F. MORTON, Trustees of West Union School District, No. 27, Managers of Election, July 29, 1914. 30-31

CALL FOR BIDS.

Sealed proposals will be received by the Commissioners of Public Works of Walhalla, S. C., until 12 o'clock noon, August 12th, 1914, for furnishing all material and constructing a Pole Line Distribution System in and for the Town of Walhalla, South Carolina. Plans and specifications may be seen at office of Town Clerk or the engineers—The J. B. McCrary Co., Engineers, 1408-28 Third National Bank Building, Atlanta, Ga. Satisfactory bond will be required of the successful bidder. Right reserved to reject any or all bids. G. A. NORMAN, Chairman, Commissioners of Public Works, Walhalla, S. C. July 22, 1914. 29-31

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS.

All persons indebted to the Estate of Henry A. Wilson, 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 to be heard. DAVID W. WILSON, Administrator of the Estate of Henry A. Wilson, deceased. July 15, 1914. 28-31

THE HAMMOCK SEASON IS MOST GONE. We have several Hammocks that we are going to close out at a considerable reduction. If you have failed to get one it will pay you to see us. We have an attractive and most satisfactory Oil Stove to be found on the market. This hot weather makes it more necessary that you have one, We shall only be too glad to show you the line. Ballenger Hdw. and Furn. Co., Seneca, South Carolina.

SWEEPING! REDUCTIONS NOW IN SUMMER GOODS. A LITTLE MONEY GOES A MIGHTY LONG WAY. AT "Hunter's," SENECA, S. C.