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News From Within and Without the County.

CONDENSED FOR QUICK READING

Some Items of Fact, Some of Comment and All Helping to Give an Idea of What Our Neighbors Are Saying and Doing.

Lancaster News, Jan. 13: About 250 farmers came to Lancaster yesterday to attend a meeting at the courthouse for the purpose of making plans for the coming year such as growing cotton under boll weevil conditions, marketing the cotton cooperatively, etc. R. C. Hamer was the first speaker on the programme. His subject was along the lines of cooperative marketing. John T. Roddey, of Rock Hill, made an interesting talk and N. E. Winters, of Clemson College, outlined the plans for working cotton under boll weevil conditions. After these talks a bountiful dinner, compliments of the business men of the city, was served to all attending the meeting. Miss Ada Roberts and Henry Roberts, both of the Primus section, were married last Wednesday night by Rev. J. M. Neal, at his home in Kershaw. Coroner W. Q. Caskey sustained a painful injury Wednesday, when coming out of the door of his feed room at his home in the East End he made a misstep and fell against the end of a plank, breaking a small rib and straining several ligaments in the left back. He was able to be up and about again yesterday. A meeting of Lancaster Post, American Legion, will be held at its rooms in the city Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. One of the features of the meeting will be a banquet, to which every member is invited and urged to attend.

Chester Reporter, Jan. 12: The annual boys' oratorical contest and track meet of the Catawba High School association will be held in Chester Friday and Saturday April 7th and 8th, the declamation exercises to be held Friday night and the track meet the following afternoon. The girls' contest in expression and on the track will be held at Winthrop college the night of April 21st and the following day. Heretofore, the boys' and girls' contests have been held together; but it was thought best to divide the program, especially as effort will be made to give girls' athletic events a place on the program commensurate with those for the boys, and the speaking contests with seven or eight boys and the same number of girls make too long a program. The Men's Bible Class of the First Baptist church enjoyed their annual banquet Tuesday evening at Hardin's hall, and a crowd of 150 and upward were in attendance. Interest and enthusiasm were in evidence at every stage of the proceedings, and the members are resolved that when the next January rolls around and they are gathered once more at the festal board there will be an even more encouraging report to render, and the work for the year, average attendance, etc., will register as marked improvement over the past year as 1921 was over the preceding year. Prof. D. M. Nixon, Jr., has been offered a contract to play ball with the Greenville club of the South Atlantic League, and has the matter under consideration. Prof. Nixon, who was a star on the Furman University team, was one of the main factors in winning the pennant for the Baptists in the Chester Sunday School League last summer, and is a player of fine ability. He plays in the outfield, and is a fast and sure fielder, a speedy base runner, and a cracking good hitter. One of the most important real estate transactions in Chester for a long time, not only on account of its magnitude from a monetary standpoint, but from what it promises to Chester, was consummated yesterday when Mr. H. L. Schlosburg purchased from Mr. Alex. Frazer the latter's two-story building on the corner of Gadsden and Wylie streets. The consideration was \$21,000 and unusual in this day of short crops and boll weevil talk is spot cash, which not only serves to give some idea of Mr. Schlosburg's financial status, but shows his faith in Chester and in business conditions in this part of the Piedmont. The city council held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday afternoon, those present being Mayor Byars and Aldermen Hamilton, White, Peay, Coln, Lee and Nichols. Chief of Police Grant's report for the month of December read as follows: Arrests, 46; fined 34; sent to gang, 1; sent to magistrate's court, 2; discharged, 19; fined, \$575.00. The annual meetings of the stockholders of Chester's four banking institutions were held Tuesday. All four institutions reported satisfactory business for the past twelve months, and the outlook good for the days ahead. The personnel of directors, officers, employees, etc., was practically unchanged.

Cleveland Star, (Shelby) Jan. 12: The three banks of Shelby held their annual meeting on Tuesday of this week, electing officers and directors for the ensuing year. The banks seem to have weathered the storms of distress last year in a splendid manner, making some money for their shareholders. One of the saddest deaths in No. 1 township recently was that of Mrs. Will H. Blanton which occurred Tuesday morning at 12:30 o'clock after an illness of only 30 minutes. The road from Shelby to Cleveland Springs is closed and will probably remain closed for two months while contractors are grading and preparing for hard surface. Travel to and from Shelby from the territory

east of Shelby is having to detour while this work is under way. The Cleveland Bank and Trust Co., Shelby's youngest banking institution moved into its handsome new building formerly the Martin building corner of LaFayette and Marion streets on Thursday evening of this week. Mr. Ezekiah, better known as "Carr" Dedmon died, Monday at his home on the Shelby-Fallston road at the age of 85 years, 9 months and 27 days. Since the advent of the new year about \$125,000 has been paid out by the cotton mills and bankers of Shelby in dividends to their stockholders. This has been a great help in a business year because their dividend money will be re-invested. The mills and banks have not enjoyed a good year because business suffered greatly and the business men consider themselves fortunate that they made nominal dividends in the face of conditions as they existed. Banks found collections poor while cotton mills found the margin of profit small and at times operated at a loss. Especially were the first six months of the year dull. What money was made came in the last half of the year when business was stimulated by twenty cents cotton which held the boards for only a few weeks. Bids of \$500,000 worth of street improvement bonds were open at the office of Mayor Gardner Wednesday of this week but no bid was satisfactory and all were turned down, although Mayor Gardner feels that a satisfactory bid will be received shortly and that the bonds will be sold so that the street work can begin by the time winter breaks. The hosts of friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Saunders will regret to learn of the painful accident which befell their young daughter, Miss Nell, a bright school girl, in the school room Tuesday at the noon hour. She had gone up to her teacher's desk where a pair of skates had been placed by some child and her foot struck one of the skates, throwing her to the floor. As a result little Miss Saunders is laid up with a bruised arm and side for about three weeks.

TARIFF PERPLEXITIES

Basis of Assessing Values Have Not Yet Been Decided Upon.

Washington, Jan. 13.—Final discussion of the basis of assessing the import duties which are to be written into the new tariff bill was started today by Republic members of the senate finance committee. They hope to reach a decision on this, the most important and difficult phase of the whole tariff problem, before the end of next week, and then the actual work of constructing the rates will be undertaken. The hope now is that the bill can be reported to the senate around March 1. Besides discussing the American valuation plan and various substitutes with members of the tariff commission and the court of customs appeals the committee members received from the senate Republican-farm-tariff bloc recommendations as to rates on farm products. These included a suggested duty of five cents a pound on short staple cotton, which always has been on the free list, and a rate of 35 cents a pound on wool on the basis of the 25 cents proposed in the Fordney bill. Rates at increases over those in the Fordney bill on wheat, oats and many other products also were urged. In entering upon their discussion of the basis of assessing duties, the committee members had in conference with them Thomas O. Marvin and William Burgess of the tariff commission, and Judge Marion De Vries, a member of the court of customs appeals. They endorsed the plan outlined in an amendment proposed yesterday by Senator Smoot of Utah, of assessing duties on the basis of the selling price of the imported article in the American market rather than on the value of the comparable article produced in the United States, the Fordney bill proposal.

Doubly Significant.—Small boys often ask embarrassing questions. A preacher was addressing the Sunday School and explaining the significance of white. "Why," he asked, "does a bride desire to be clothed in white at her marriage?" As no one answered he went on, "Because white stands for joy, and the wedding day is the most joyous occasion in a woman's life." Immediately a little boy piped up, "Please, sir, why do the men all wear black?"—The Veteran Magazine.

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IN THE ASSEMBLY

Inside Story of the Election of Associate Justice Hardin Marion.

THE VOTE COULD NOT BE DELIVERED

Lawyers Are Making Fight Against the Re-election of Judge Bowman of Orangeburg—Blease Appears in House and Senate for First Time in Eight Years.

Correspondence, The Yorkville Enquirer. Columbia, January 14.—Here's how Senator J. Hardin Marion of Chester county, came to be elected associate justice of the South Carolina supreme court on the eighth ballot Thursday afternoon. It's a true story, since the correspondent of The Yorkville Enquirer got it from reliable sources—a man "on the inside."

The race for associate justice, it will be remembered, started at the 1920 session of the general assembly. The three leading candidates all the while have been Senator Marion of Chester, Jesse Carter of Bamberg, and Gen. M. L. Bonham of Anderson. All the while the three have been running "neck and neck," although for a time it appeared that Mr. Carter was the strongest candidate of the trio.

But at this session Carter stock and Bonham stock became a little shaky, Marion being preferred. Proctor Bonham, who is state senator from Greenville county, and a son of Gen. M. L. Bonham, the candidate, has been managing his father's campaign. Bonham knows a little of politics, but has a lot to learn. Anyway, according to the correspondent's informant, he went to the leaders of the Carter campaign after the sixth ballot Thursday, with a proposition that if the Carter forces showed up on the seventh ballot stronger than the Bonham forces then Bonham would get out. If Bonham showed up stronger than Carter, Carter was to get out and swing his strength to Bonham. The deal was made with the leaders of the Carter crowd, understood. "Proctor" Bonham didn't take into consideration the rank and file of the Carter column, thinking that one or two could swing 'em.

Well, the aforesaid rank and file did not like that kind of trading. They were willing to vote for Carter all right; but they didn't propose to let the Carter leaders tweak their noses any old way.

The seventh ballot came and Bonham ran ahead of Carter, whereupon the name of Carter was withdrawn from the race. The Bonham people were all smiles, thinking that one associate justiceship was all set for General Bonham of Anderson. In fact, it is said that one or two of the Bonham enthusiasts confidently remarked to their fellow members, that the result of the eighth ballot was a foregone conclusion and that plans and preparations for the installation of General Bonham as a member of the supreme tribunal of the state might proceed.

But the Carter people on the eighth ballot—the majority of them—quietly voted for Marion instead of Bonham and Marion was elected, the ballot being the forty-seventh taken since the election began in 1920. Which little story goes to illustrate the well known fact in politics that you never can tell until the votes are counted.

Blease On the Floor.

Cole L. Blease, ex-governor of South Carolina, was a visitor in both the house and senate the past week. It was his first appearance in either hall in eight years, he said. The governor appeared smiling and happy, greeting his friends and admirers in both bodies. He told numbers of his friends and acquaintances that he expected to be in the race for governor this summer.

Thus far there has been very little talk about the gubernatorial race of 1922 and ex-Governor Blease is the only announced candidate. Mr. George Warren of Hampton, has been in Columbia this week, and he saw many friends and acquaintances around the state house. Mr. Warren, who was defeated for a seat in the United States

senate two years ago by Senator E. D. Smith, is being talked of as a candidate for governor. He has made no statement, however, and his visit here this week was said not to have any political significance. He carried his lawyer's brief case with him and the impression was that he was here on legal business. But that's no sign of a man's intentions. Many a candidate has been in Columbia along about the meeting time of the general assembly carrying a brief case and giving the impression that he was here on legal business only.

Bowman Will Be Re-elected.

Circuit Judge J. W. Bowman of Orangeburg, who will be a candidate for re-election will be opposed by Ed C. Mann of St. Matthews. Mr. Mann is clerk of the senate. So far Judge Bowman is the only circuit judge who will be opposed for re-election, although the terms of several others will expire this year. It is said that a strong effort will be made to oust Judge Bowman, especially by the lawyer element in the assembly. The lawyers don't like Bowman. They say that he doesn't know any law. His friends say that the lawyers don't like the Orangeburg jurist because he is "hard boiled" and they can't wheedle him around as they would like to do. It is understood that the Orangeburg delegation will stand by Bowman and he will in all probability be elected. Election of judges and other state officers whose terms expire this year will start Wednesday. Other circuit judges in addition to Judge Bowman, whose terms expire this year and whom it is believed will be re-elected without opposition are: Judge Hayne F. Rice, Aiken, Second circuit; Judge John S. Wilson of Manning, Third circuit; Judge Edward McIver, of Chesterfield, Fourth circuit; Judge Ernest Moore, of Lancaster, Sixth circuit; Judge Frank E. Gory, of Abbeville, Eighth circuit and Judge Thos. J. Mauldin, of Pickens, Thirteenth circuit.

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