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FIRST CAMPAIGN FIGHT PULLED OFF AT SALUDA

A BIG CROWD AND A BIG BLEASE DAY.

Governor Receives Big Ovation—Sheriff Sample's Brother Knocks Down Evans Supporter.

Saluda, July 24.—The first fight of the campaign, a big Blease day, and the favors Judge Jones won from undoubtedly hostile audience, were the points of interest in the campaign meeting here today. The Blease sentiment here was stronger than in any Blease county heretofore visited.

The crowd which attended numbered about 4,000, the largest of the campaign so far.

The whole county seemed to be represented. There were men, women and children and a baby shown in the court house after the meeting.

The first fight, strange to say, was not connected with the tension existing between Jones and Blease, and stranger still, the only person hurt, was not one of the contestants in the campaign, but an outsider, a friend of B. B. Evans, one of the candidates for attorney general. The fight brought bouncing to the stand a score or so of men. It looked at this juncture like it was to be "dead men in rows," a condition that had been frequently predicted for this campaign since its beginning.

But fierce as are South Carolina's contests on the stump there is no recollection of killings on such occasions.

Governor Blease took no new turn in his speech today. He referred to several pardons and paroles granted to persons in this county. He declared that J. W. Thurmond, campaign manager for Judge Jones, had asked for clemency in several of these cases.

"Augusta Slush." "I have seen a letter," said the governor, "from Ben Tillman. Tillman remarked that he was neutral in this contest and will remain so unless they prove something on me. Tillman also declared in the letter that the slush brought in Augusta had won thousands of votes for me."

The governor received a big ovation at the close of his speech and was presented with flowers.

Judge Jones was interrupted several times during his speech and especially when he referred to the record of Governor Blease. The interruptions, however, grew less and less as he proceeded and his come backs at his interruptors found favor with the audience and he made a good impression, notwithstanding the fact that the crowd was clearly hostile to him.

An Exciting Moment.

Gunplay between Evans and the Sample brothers may or may not have been imminent for an instant during the State campaign meeting here today. Whether or not a shooting affray was impending is a hypothetical question now, because the blundering interference of a drunken bystander at the critical moment converted a situation containing elements of tragedy into a burlesque; though the aforesaid drunken bystander probably saw no humor in the incident, since it brought him an ugly bruise on the temple from the hard first of one of the principals. Evans himself denied afterward that he was armed, but other persons in the crowd on the stand wore pistols unconcealed and one eager partisan came scrambling over the rail with an open 4-inch knife in his hand. No pistols were actually drawn.

Evans had just repeated grave charges which he had elsewhere made on the stump against B. Frank Sample, sheriff of Saluda county, when he was suddenly confronted by Sheriff Sample and his brother, George Sample. "Are you referring to me?" asked the sheriff. But Evans appealed to the presiding officer. "Mr. Chairman," he said, "I am making this speech. If he wants to see me, let him come to me afterward." By this time spectators were on their feet and hasty persons of belligerent aspect were climbing to the platform from all four sides. Evans and the sheriff were facing each other in pugnacious postures, though neither made a motion as if to strike

the other or to draw a weapon. Just at this psychological moment, a diversion which saved the situation was created by Simon Coates, of Gilbert, who had brought Evans' suitcase to the stand. Coates, muttering something about "suitcase" and "pistols," rushed between Evans and the sheriff. George Sample hurled him heavily to the floor, and as he rose, staggering, knocked him down again, with a clean, straight-arm blow to the temple, which brought a copious flow of blood. Half a dozen special policemen who had come on the scene from the crowd hustled Coates away. Coates was drunk. Sheriff Sample, after a moment, retired to a seat at the rear of the stand. Special officers succeeded finally in clearing the platform.

Evans had said in part: "It is not with a faint heart that I come before a Saluda audience again. When I left Lexington yesterday it was heralded that I would not come to Saluda today. But I am here, and here to tell you what I told you two years ago, that your common school money is being stolen. I do not use the word lie, because it is unparliamentary, and I would not employ it in the presence of ladies. I have been heralded as a murderer, a liar and a forger. Any man who says I have been guilty of any crime is a defamer, a traducer and a debaucher of common decency." He said an indictment charging him with forgery had once been presented to a Saluda county grand jury, on the last day of the session. The indictment, he said, was thrown out, but the man who made the affidavit in the case was the same man whom that grand jury whitewashed when he had collected tax money and put it into his pocket, returning the tax executions marked "nulla bona."

The Melee Begun.

It was at this point that there occurred the melee consequent upon an inquiry from Sheriff Sample as to whether Evans was referring to him. After comparative quiet had been restored, Evans resumed his speech, declaring that these were matters of public record. "Everybody knows it," he said, "and they say 'everybody is doing it.'" Evans declared he was no "pistol toter." He was sorry, he said, that the meeting had been disturbed. "They said I would not come here to make these charges," he went on. "They said that if I did, I would not leave this stand alive. Well, I am alive, and I will leave this town alive." At this point a man in the audience, Walter Satcher, formerly treasurer of Saluda county, demanded to know what letter of his it was that Evans had been quoting. Evans replied that he had referred to a letter received by Mr. Satcher, in which the writer said he had paid his taxes to Sheriff Sample, that he had the check bearing Sample's endorsement, and that Sample had returned the tax execution in the case as "nulla bona."

"That is not quite correct," said Mr. Satcher.

"Well," said Evans, "it is the substance, if not a verbatim statement."

Evans, on leaving the stand, went at once to his hotel. He did not remain to hear the scathing denunciation of him which was made by the attorney general, J. Fraser Lyon.

Sample is Defended.

Before the meeting had closed, B. W. Crouch of the Saluda bar, hanc to the newspaper men present a type-written statement, signed by a number of representative citizens of Saluda, in which Sheriff Sample was defended and Evans' charges against him branded as "infamous and scurrilous."

Prosperity Circuit.

I expect to fill my appointment for next Sunday at New Hope, Children's day. The protracted meetings at Zion and Prosperity will begin on Monday, July 29, as announced. Preaching at Zion 11 a. m., and 2 p. m., and at Prosperity 4 and 8.30 p. m. each day. Rev. A. M. Gardner and Rev. Jno. E. Carlisle will do the preaching at Zion and Prosperity, respectively. There will be preaching at Prosperity Sunday night at 8.30 p. m. by the pastor. Everybody will be cordially welcomed to these services.

S. C. Morris.

Brevard, N. C., July 23, 1912.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE AT YOUNG'S GROVE

LARGE AUDIENCE ADDRESSED BY CLEMSON WORKERS.

Valuable Information Given Planters. Personal Mention and Other News of Prosperity.

Prosperity, July 25.—A large and attentive audience of business men and farmers attended on Wednesday the farmers' institute, held at Young's Grove, where a delightful barbecue was served by Messrs. Nichols & Mills, who are artists in their line.

Plain, practical talks were made by the following, who were introduced by Mr. S. M. Duncan, county agent for farmers' co-operative demonstration work of Clemson college and the bureau of plant industry: Prof. J. M. Napier, of Clemson, "Farm Crops;" Mr. Therau T. Earle, Clemson college, "Fertilizer Laws;" Prof. J. M. Burgess, Clemson college, "Live Stock;" Prof. Wilson P. Gee, Clemson college, "Insect Pests;" W. H. Barton, district agent farm demonstration work, "Cover Crops and Rotation of Crops."

Mr. Napier emphasized the importance of better seed, especially seed corn, and showed that by careful selection and breeding alone the corn crop may be increased in South Carolina anywhere from forty to sixty thousand bushels per annum. He also gave an interesting chart on hog grazing crops, by the use of which pork may be produced at 3 to 3 1-2 cents per pound. This chart of hog crops may be obtained by any one interested simply by writing Clemson college.

Mr. Earle showed how the fertilizer laws, as compiled with by the college, saves the farmer from possible fraud on the part of some fertilizer manufacturers, and showed the farmer how to avail himself of the provisions of this law, protect himself and get what he pays for.

Mr. Burgess emphasized the importance of more and better live stock, but warned against getting the cart before the horse—first produce stock food, and then get the stock, remembering that the best of bred stock can not live on scant food and poor attention. The animal is the best market for farm crops and the best factory for making fertilizer, or "cowana," as Mr. Burgess puts it.

Mr. Gee was certainly the "buggiest, tickiest" representative present. He is an eye-opener on his subject. He showed the danger and damage of the "typhoid fly," the "malaria mosquito," and presented methods for dealing with these enemies to public health and wealth. He also gave simple and inexpensive remedies for treatment of cotton caterpillar, army worm, the different corn worm pests, and warned the farmers of the approach of the cotton boll weevil.

Printed information on all these subjects may be had by writing Clemson college.

Mr. Barton recommended vetch and rye as a winter cover crop, and showed that by turning such cover crops in spring under a three-year rotation of crops, we could add annually to the fertility of our soils, over and above the production of crops each year, a net gain in fertility of the soil of \$2.60 per acre, or \$15,600,000 for South Carolina. He said that the cover crop means soil conservation and soil building—our present system means soil robbery and eventual failure.

Prof. Boineast Dominick, of Kinards, is the guest of his brothers, Dr. J. J. and Mr. T. A. Dominick.

Mrs. W. K. Douglas, of Due West, spent last week with Mrs. G. D. Brown.

Miss Lucile Epting, of Savannah, spent last Friday with her aunt, Mrs. G. M. Able.

Judge Thos. S. Sease and family, of Spartanburg, spent the week-end with Dr. and Mrs. C. T. Wyche.

Miss Lena Lester, of the Columbia hospital, is home for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Boland, Mr. Ray Scott and Miss Lillian Scott have returned to Clinton, after a visit to Mr. J. B. T. Scott.

Miss Blanche Gallman, of Newberry, is the guest of Miss Bessie Bowers.

Mr. Howard Schumpert, of Atlanta, is spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. T. L. Schumpert.

Miss Mary Wright has returned to Newberry, after spending the week-end with Rev. Z. W. Bedenbaugh.

Mr. Joe H. Monts, of Columbia, spent Sunday here.

Miss Kathleen Merchant, of Columbia, is visiting her uncles, Messrs. J. L. and A. G. Wise.

Mr. C. P. Barre, of Newberry, spent Saturday and Sunday with his sister, Mrs. E. W. Werts.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Counts have returned to Little Mountain, after a visit to Prof. E. O. Counts.

Prof. W. E. Monts is spending a while in Columbia.

Miss Kittle Mayes, of Newberry, is visiting at the home of Dr. J. S. Wheeler.

Mrs. J. H. Hiers and little daughter, Dorothy, of Florence, are the guests of Miss Hattie Groseclose.

Mrs. Jack Nance and daughter, of Lake City, Fla., are visiting Mrs. C. T. Wyche.

Mr. Olin Bobb and Miss Gertrude Bobb left Tuesday for a short visit to relatives in Atlanta.

Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Leslie, Mrs. J. L. Wise, Dr. J. S. Wheeler and Mr. H. J. Rawl attended the convention in Summerland Tuesday.

Mrs. Carrie Leaphart, of Columbia, is visiting her son, Mr. W. P. Leaphart.

Mr. Maud Dawkins, of Greenwood, is visiting his relatives here.

Miss Elizabeth Sease, of Little Mountain, is spending a few days with her cousin, Miss Cairo Wyche.

Mrs. W. P. Blanton and children are visiting at the home of her father, Mr. A. A. Nates.

Misses Mamie and Willie Etheridge, of Saluda, are spending awhile with Miss Marie Counts.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Wise and little Misses Rebecca Harmon and Elizabeth spent Tuesday in Columbia.

Mrs. C. M. Harmon and little daughter, Rebecca, and Miss Mary Lizzie Wise have gone to Williamston for a week's stay.

Misses Lisette and Cathrine Counts and Master Gurden Counts have gone to Pomaria to visit their grandmother, Mrs. Lizzie Boineast.

Mrs. A. Z. Counts and children, of Greenwood, are visiting Mrs. Ira Gibson.

Mrs. J. A. Simpson spent Wednesday in Newberry.

Mrs. J. D. Quattlebaum reached home Tuesday after spending a month at Brenau conservatory.

PRESBYTERIAN CAMPAIGN.

Work for South Carolina's Share of Endowment Fund Meeting With Much Success.

In the endowment fund campaign being carried on by the Presbyterians for \$200,000, the effort is to raise \$20,000 in South Carolina. The first two days of the canvass in South Carolina shows the following result:

Church.	Amount.
Greenwood.....	\$2,676.00
Abbeville.....	1,519.00
Upper Long Cane.....	310.00
Memorial.....	125.00
Greenville.....	210.00
Donalds.....	90.00
Ninety Six.....	400.00
Hodges.....	275.00
Coronaca.....	45.00
Lebanon.....	240.00
Bethia.....	65.00
Hopewell.....	254.00
Willington.....	155.00
Little Mountain.....	302.00
New Willington.....	478.00
Rocky River.....	50.00
Aveleigh.....	600.00
Morris.....	150.00
Rock.....	129.00
Total.....	\$8,172.00

The other nine churches of the presbytery made no report for the first two days.

Death of Armand P. Hinson.

Mr. Armand P. Hinson, formerly of Newberry, died on July 3, in Nashville, Tenn., of paralysis of the brain. The immediate family of brothers and sisters were by his side when the end came.

Mr. Hinson was a 32d degree Mason and the funeral services were Masonic. Interment was in Mt. Olivet cemetery, Nashville.

County Campaign Opened At Mt. Pleasant Tuesday

LOTS OF ORATORY BY
VARIOUS CANDIDATES

300 PRESENT, IN ADDITION TO OFFICE-SEEKERS.

Speakers Were Given Marked Attention, But Applause Was Lacking. The Speeches.

(By Jno. K. Anli).

Mt. Pleasant, July 23.—In addition to the candidates, most of the sixty-nine of whom were here, about three hundred people, including about seventy-five ladies, attended the opening meeting of the Newberry county campaign held here today. The meeting was held in the pretty grove which surrounds Mt. Pleasant church and Mt. Pleasant school.

The meeting place today was about three miles from the Broad river line of the county. It is a prosperous section of the county, and the crops here this year are good. In fact, there are good crops all the way from here to Newberry, and some of them are exceptionally fine.

There were thirteen speeches made here today, in addition to the introductory remarks of County Chairman Fred. H. Dominick, in opening the campaign. All the speakers were given marked attention, but the audience was undemonstrative, so far as applause was concerned. There were at times a few scattered cheers here and there, but nothing that could be termed applause.

What few cheers there were came singly, for the most part, and occurred during the speeches of Messrs. Chappell and Evans. They were very mild cheers—in fact, it might be said the meeting was one devoid of applause.

Col. D. A. Dickert, candidate for the senate, defended Gov. Blease against attacks made upon him, and scored the investigating committee upon its Augusta session. He also attacked the legislature on its extravagance, and its unyielding opposition to the governor. Messrs. John Henry Chappell and H. H. Evans, for the house, aligned themselves with the governor, and also attacked the legislature on the expenditures of the body. Senator Johnstone and the three present members of the house consumed their time in discussing and defending their records, and did not refer to the governor's administration.

Mr. N. W. Workman, for the house, refused to commit himself, when asked if he was a Blease man, saying he was "for the man who was for the people of South Carolina." Mr. H. O. Long did not mention State politics. Mr. Sam W. Young, candidate for the house, was not present.

The four candidates for superintendent of education devoted themselves to school matters.

Preceding the speaking, a meeting of the candidates was held in the school house, at which it was decided to put the candidates for senate, house of representatives, superintendent of education, and clerk of court on the regular program, candidates for the other offices not desiring to be placed on the regular schedule for speeches. It was stated that the candidates for clerk might not want to deliver addresses at many of the meetings, and they did not speak here. They will come last at every meeting when they desire to speak. The other three offices will rotate, the senate coming first today and dropping to the foot of the list at the next meeting, which will be held at Williams' Store on Friday. The candidates spoke in alphabetical order today, and they will rotate in the same manner. The candidates for the senate are given 20 minutes each; for the house 15 minutes each; for superintendent of education 10 minutes each, and for clerk of court five minutes each.

Any of the candidates not on the schedule desiring to speak at any of the meetings, will be allowed five min-

utes at the close of the regular program.

An excellent cue was furnished today by G. H. Cromer and son.

The Meeting in Detail.

County Chairman Dominick, in opening the meeting, said he hoped this campaign would be, as other Newberry county campaigns had been, and that nothing would be said or done that would reflect other than credit upon the county and the candidates. He bespoke for each speaker a respectful hearing. He said that on account of other engagements it was probable that this would be the only meeting he would be able to attend, and in his absence the meetings would be conducted by Mr. Frank R. Hunter, secretary of the executive committee, and he asked that Mr. Hunter be shown the same respect and courtesy which had always been accorded the speaker in presiding over the meetings.

The first speaker introduced was

Col. D. A. Dickert.

candidate for the State senate against Senator Alan Johnstone. Col. Dickert said he had been living in this country, before he moved away the last time, thirty-odd years, and were it not for some issues before the people of Newberry county and before the people of South Carolina, he would not say a word today. He said he had led the Red Shirts here and commanded the Enoree rifles in this section, and the people of this community knew him and had known him long.

But he wanted to discuss the extravagance of the legislature and the disgrace it was sought to bring upon South Carolina over the shoulders of Cole. L. Blease. He said he knew Blease as a young man, and had known him since Blease entered politics, and he had never known him to do anything dishonorable. He referred to Blease's boyhood days as a barefoot boy who came from the working people, and he suggested that probably the fact that Blease had risen from the ranks accounted for some of the violent opposition to him. The legislature, through its committee, he said, (referring to the Augusta "Felder hearing") had gone out of the State to take the testimony of a confirmed black-maller, who was confessedly afraid to come into South Carolina, this committee seeking to degrade the governor and the State. Everything possible had been done in the senate and the house, he said, to defame the name of South Carolina, over the shoulders of Governor Blease. Forty years from now, said Col. Dickert, Blease would not be known out of the county, perhaps, but the proud name of South Carolina will live eternal. It is known wherever language is spoken; and he deplored what he termed the pre-election effort, which had not succeeded, to convict Blease of being a thief, a man who would sell pardons and sell his office for money—this campaign and pre-election effort being tantamount to an effort to drag the proud name of South Carolina in the mire. "If I believed Blease would sell his office, I would not vote for him," said Col. Dickert; "but I don't believe it."

Speaking of extravagance, if the people would review the acts of the legislature, they would see how their money had been squandered—and what was it for? Either seeking to degrade the governor, or because the legislature had no regard for the people, he said. 55,000 people voted for Blease because he had promised not to squander the people's money, and he had tried to keep his promise. Blease, said the speaker, saved the people \$100,000 in his own office, and what had the legislature done to try to degrade him and bring about dissatisfaction? The Secretary of State had been given \$7,770 for years, and this was raised \$1,000. The State treasurer about the same, and it had been raised \$1,300. The attorney general, in addition to an assistant at \$1,800 a year, was given \$3,000 and all the money left over from last session, \$1,300, and the legislature had voted

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